

SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Orders are now closed for **Christmas Lunch** therefore a reminder that if you have not ordered Christmas lunch for your child on the 8th December, **they must bring a packed lunch as no other food will be available from the canteen on that day.**

The children are able to wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform if they wish.

After listening to your feedback we are pleased to be able to offer a parent workshop for Sparx, Bedrock and Google Classroom. The aim of the workshop is to show you how this works and how you can best support your child/children at home with their homework. It also gives you an opportunity to ask any questions.

Mr Wilkie, Mr Crook-Wynn and Mr Littlewood will be running the workshops between 4:30pm and 5:30pm on Thursday 30th November in the hall in B Block.

To give us an idea of numbers, please could you complete the google form via the link below if you would like to attend.

<https://forms.gle/kEuR6b55C34MH6gS9>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

1st Dec - Christmas fair

7th Dec - Christmas Panto

8th Dec - Christmas jumper day

8th Dec - Christmas lunch

11th Dec - SEND coffee morning

12th Dec - Carol service

13th Dec - Yr. 5 nativity

14th Dec - Yr. 5 nativity

15th Dec - 12.05pm finish - end of term

Mr Wilkie has provided these links for pupils to discover exciting opportunities:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>

<https://www.rsb.org.uk/get-involved/rsb-competitions/photography-competition>

<https://www.livingoceansfoundation.org/education/science-without-borders-challenge/>

CHILDREN IN NEED & SEASONS ECOLOGY



Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need!

A massive £662.40 was raised during and around our mufti day, which the pupils really enjoyed!



We have very kindly been donated Bat boxes, Bird boxes and Bee houses by Seasons Ecology. One set will be put up in the school grounds and the second set are available to win on our raffle at the Christmas Fair on 1 December. We will be watching with interest over the coming months and will keep you updated on any visitors they attract.

Pictured are Rufus and Alex with the bat box and Lily and Henry with the bird box. Please take a look at the [Seasons Ecology](https://www.seasons-ecology.co.uk/) website to find out more about the work they do.

RECENT EVENTS



It was great to welcome our Year 5 children to Selwood at our recent Welcome Service, held at Frome Wesley Methodist Church. The children had prepared some songs and written poems, which they performed to parents and school staff with such confidence! Every child was warmly welcomed to our school community by Rev Andrew Prout, Mr Jefferies and Mr Pipe.



Pupils were lucky enough to do a lantern workshop in which their final products will be showcased in the Lantern Parade at the Christmas light switch on, on the 24th November!

Well done to all!



In Year 8 computing pupils are studying bitmaps. These are digital images composed of a matrix of dots. Bitmaps were used in the "classic" 1978 Space Invaders arcade game. Pupils in Mr Owen's computing class tried to tackle the invasion and failed dismally!

CHRISTMAS CARD WINNERS

Well done to all our winners of the Christmas card competition!



Rena H



Lilly H



Violet C

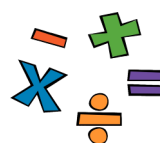


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SUBJECT NEWS



MATHS



Year 5 - We are completing our units on addition and subtraction before moving on to multiplication and division

Year 6 - We are completing our next round of assessments which will reshape some of our teaching groups and we will soon begin looking at fractions.

Year 7 - We are also moving on to our new block focusing on multiplication and division including multiplying and dividing decimals.

Year 8 - We are on to our third unit looking at statistics, graphs and charts including pie charts, scatter graphs and stem and leaf diagrams.

Parent Challenge Question:



Use bar models to help solve the following question:

535 people are asked what their favourite fruit is.

50 more people like apples than oranges.

Half as many people like pears as apples.

How many people said their favourite fruit is oranges?

SPORTS NEWS



Year 5 & 6 play Oakfield in tag rugby festival

On Wednesday 15th November we took 24 year 5 and 6 pupils to take part in a rugby match at Oakfield. As we had so many players who wanted to play we split them up into three teams so that they could play a mini tournament.

All players played two full matches giving them time to put into practice what they have been doing in training.

Both age groups worked really well and showed that their decision making and skills have grown hugely since they started training in September.

They now have a few weeks left of training and another tag tournament to look forward to in March.

Well done to all involved.

Thank you to Paul who has been helping out with rugby club and is dedicated to rugby in Frome. If anyone is interested in joining Frome Rugby club please visit their website <https://fromerfc.rfu.club/>



Former pupil Izzie has recently competed in the World Championships for trampolining.

This was a home game and the first in 15 years in this country.

Izzie came 8th in the world!

This is an incredible achievement for her and as one of our former pupils we are immensely proud, well done Izzie!

CAREERS UPDATE



If you are already thinking about the future and possible careers there is a quick and easy way you can find out key information which may help you when considering opportunities for the future. Follow the [link](#) to first careers website where you can search and find out about different careers.

In addition you may also find it useful to access @The Buzz Quiz via the [link](#) which is a personality quiz designed to increase your awareness of your natural strengths, how you might work in teams and what courses or jobs might suit you best.

I hope you find this information useful and informative.

**Weekly Careers Email for
Secondary Schools & Colleges**
15 Nov 2023

Somerset
CAREERS HUB

THE CAREERS &
ENTERPRISE
COMPANY

Employer Engagement – BM 5 & PAL

Ringway - Work closely with National Highways. Focus on getting young females in to the industry. Will support with careers fairs, STEM events, WEX, green skills – environmental is a big focus. Will help schools around Ilminster, Taunton & Wellington (Wadham/ Yeovil Schools should be fine) [Email](#).

Workplace Experiences

- Learn more about tax or consulting- [PwC's online work experience day Dec 5th](#). 10-12:30pm
[PwC](#) is 1 of the biggest professional service firms, specialising in areas including finance, accountancy (audit), advisory, tax & technology. Age 16+.

Next Steps

- [MPCT](#) – A **Military Preparation Academy** (Independent Training Provider -BM7!) various locations inc Bristol. Offer L2 Military Preparation & L3 Public Services- last 10 months. Enrol any time of year ie on Fri & start the following Monday! Big focus on physical training & offer functional Skills in English & Maths. 16-19 focus but 19-24s can apply. Great for students who don't like a classroom environment. Sian Fawcett will come into school & deliver sessions. [Email](#). [Poster](#). [Prospectus](#).
- [LinkedIn](#) – Do make sure that Y13 leave having had a [LinkedIn session](#) as so key to job market. When setting up their accounts, ask them to [link to your school & previous schools](#) which creates an **alumni network** for you for future speakers etc & collecting **destination data**.

Careers In Curriculum

For Maths Week England, [Digdata](#) & [GSK](#) are hosting live session "[Digging into data](#)": [How maths can save lives!](#) Thurs 16 Nov 3.15 - 4pm. Intro into; How Digdata are working with leading employers to develop free career resources. Assist teachers in meeting Gatsby benchmarks. Develop key employability skills - Problem solving, data literacy, story telling & presentation to students. [CPD- forward to Maths teachers](#)

Labour Market Info – BM2

- The [Buzz Quiz](#) is back! Great for younger students. [If is on your website – change link](#)
- [First Careers](#) great website to show students & [parents in newsletter](#), [add to website](#)

Options

Amazing Apprenticeships [Subject resource bundles](#); help with options decisions. [Forward to Heads of Dept](#)

University

Medical School Entry Requirements – [MSC](#); excellent page! [Newsletter](#) & [Y12 considering medicine](#).

Apprenticeships

[AAT Accounting Apprenticeship](#)

Hinkley Point C Apprenticeships Recruitment Open Evening, 22 Nov 5–7:30pm [Info](#). [Tell students/ parents](#)



Selwood Academy presents
our annual

Carol Service

2023

Tuesday 12th December 7pm
Christ Church, Frome





Christmas Fair

Friday 1 December, 5pm

We are looking for donations of:

- * Bottles**
- * Biscuits/chocolates/sweets**
- * Teddies - clean please!**
- * Cakes - in original packaging or with allergen info**
 - * Raffle prizes**
 - * Tombola prizes**
- * Second hand school uniform - clean please!**

Please bring to reception, thank you



SAVE THE DATE
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



SELWOOD ACADEMY NEEDS YOU!

Be part of inspiring our pupils future careers

JOIN US FOR OUR CAREERS DAY
20TH JUNE 2024

We are seeking a variety of people and companies to be a part of our Careers Day. If you, or someone you know is interested, keep an eye out for upcoming details or get in touch via email on either

molly.smith@selwood-academy.co.uk OR
andy.ellett@selwood-academy.co.uk

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My teammates
are always
there for me

♥ playing together

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POSITIVE
THOUGHTS



All ages & abilities
welcome



Girls Rugby Hub
at Frome RFC
Saturdays from 10am

t: 07553858977
e: thomasculshaw@hotmail.co.uk

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NEW!

Bookable Pilot Focus Group

Thursday 16th November

Rossetti House

9am - 11am

This session is a chance to seek support in specific areas you are finding challenging.

Please email fromeautism.adhdparentforum@gmail.com



Frome
Autism & ADHD
Parent Forum

We are a friendly, welcoming support group for families of children with additional needs.

We offer a monthly group session where we can provide support, advice and signpost to other useful organisations.

Dates for 2024

January 15th 10am -12pm

February 12th 10am-12pm

March 18th 10am-12pm

April 15th 10am-12pm

May 20th 10am-12pm

June 17th 10am-12pm

July 15th 10am-12pm

September 16th 10am-12pm

October 21st 10am-12pm

November 18th 10am-12pm

December 16th 10am-12pm

Venue - Frome Town Hall Cafe

Come along for a cuppa, make new friends and share experiences in a private and safe space.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Any questions please email-
fromeautism.adhdparentforum@gmail.com
or join us on Facebook.



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Online and Face-to-Face

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SOMERSET SKILLS & LEARNING

What do I need to know?

- ✓ Courses available from now, through to Easter 2024
- ✓ Range of dates and times available
- ✓ For beginners and the more experienced
- ✓ Zoom access required for online courses
- ✓ Search our website for courses and enrol online via the QR code below

*Please see our website for eligibility information.



Scan with your smartphone camera to visit our website