



SELWOOD ACADEMY

N e w s l e t t e r



Friday 9 October 2022
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End of Term reminders:

- * 15 December - Christmas Carol Service, 7pm, St John's Church
- * 16 December - Term ends, 12.45pm
- * 2 January - Bank Holiday
- * 3 January - INSET Day
- * 4 January - Term 3 begins, 8.40am

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas with your children and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



Important

We are experiencing a high volume of visits/calls/emails due to forgotten items/change of arrangements

Emails

Please note, when emailing the Academy or any of its staff we will endeavour to respond or forward your query within 48hrs but during busy times this may not be achievable. Therefore, if your message is an emergency please call instead.

Visits

Should you need to visit the Academy, we politely ask that you make an appointment in advance. However, if this is not possible please be advised that you may have to wait to see a staff member to discuss your query. We will always endeavour to keep the wait as short as possible but should this not always be possible we ask for your patience and cooperation.

Messages for Children during the Day

It is extremely important that you make your child aware of their after school arrangements and that they have all that they require for the day before they leave in the morning please. We are unable to guarantee that messages passed to us in the day will get to your child and they often have questions that we are unable to answer if they are told of changes. This is especially if we receive messages after 12 noon! It is your responsibility to help your child prepare fully for the school day and feel secure in their arrangements out of school. Should you need to change things last minute this is not something that we can take responsibility for unless an absolute emergency, so please avoid doing this.

Thank you for your assistance.



Thank You

Love & Hugs,
Melissa Davenport

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to all who donated, helped
or came along to our Fair last Friday.
We raised over £1300!



Well done to Year 5 for
their fantastic Nativity
this week! We were
delighted to see so
many parents and
carers come along to
watch. Thank you to
the pupils, staff and
parents for their
support.

Year 5 & 6 had an exciting morning on Thursday when a Pantomime company came to Selwood! They were treated to a performance of Aladdin! Even Mr Jeffries, Miss Mould and Miss Ibbitson joined in!



SPORTS



Well done to all the pupils who took part in this terms interform. Each tutor group represented themselves brilliantly and all showed great sportsmanship.



On Tuesday 29 November our year 6 boys football team took part in the Mendip area 6 a side football tournament. Selwood Academy hosted the tournament that was ran by the Somerset Activity Sports Partnership (SASP). There were a total of five schools that took part, Oakfield A, Oakfield 1, Fairlands Middle school, Springmead, and us. The boys did fantastically well winning all of their games. This took them through to the final against Oakfield A who they beat with the last kick of the match. The team now go through to represent Mendip at the county finals in January. Well done we are very proud of your efforts.



The Girls Hockey Team played at Millfield Senior School on 22 November against 10 other schools in Hockey. Our team played some brilliant hockey with player of the match being awarded to Lily C, Myla R, Yvaine S and India S. Well done to the whole team, you did Selwood proud.

The Boys Hockey Team also played at Millfield Senior School on 29 November against 10 other schools. The Selwood Team had some amazing goals throughout the tournament and played very well as a team, player of the match was awarded to Charlie P, George B and Chase C.

Both the Girls Netball Team and Mixed Hockey Team have played friendlies against Oakfield. The PE department would like to thank all the pupils who have committed to both of these clubs, represented their school in a tournament or friendly. This shows great dedication to your sport and school. We are very proud of you all.

Gifts

As we approach the end of term and the holiday season, we're aware of the heightened financial pressures that many of us are facing at the moment. If you do wish to give a gift, our staff are very grateful and appreciate the gesture. However, we want to emphasise that you are not obliged to give 'thank you' gifts and our staff are not expecting any gifts from pupils and parents. We would like to wish you and your family well over this holiday season.

Thank you to all who donated to the RBL Poppy Appeal by buying their poppies at Selwood. We raised £130.15.



Congratulations to Izzie H in Year 8 who has been selected for the Great Britain junior national squad for double mini tramp. This is a massive achievement for her and way beyond her goal for this season!

Selwood Academy are consulting on their 2024/25 admission arrangements. The proposed arrangements can be viewed via the school website and on <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation2024>

Comments can be submitted by email to clare.cardnell@selwood-academy.co.uk. The consultation will end on 23 January 2023 and the final determined arrangements will be published on the website by 15 March 2023.

This newsletter and other letters from school are available to read on our website <https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/>

2022 Prayer Writing Competition

The Methodist Church team are creating a new 2023/2024 Methodist Prayer Handbook titled Hidden Treasures

They are running a competition for pupils around the country to write a prayer to be included in their book. Runners up entries will be used to create 'Selwood Prayer book'.

You are invited to submit a prayer around this theme of Hidden Treasures; based on how God supports us in the most difficult of times. You may choose to highlight how it can feel challenging to follow God when the way ahead seems less clear, but we believe that God's hidden treasures are present, often in the most unexpected places and unexpected people.

This video explains the parable:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygxm9AHxp8g>

Rules

Please feel free to craft a prayer that is creative, or poetic in style and includes reflection.

You are welcome to focus on a topic of particular interest to you or one that is currently of a concern to you e.g. caring for the environment or praying for people with specific needs.

Please start your prayer with 'Dear Lord' or 'Dear God' and end with 'Amen'.

Prayers should not exceed 120 words.

Excellent written prayers will also be made into a Selwood Prayer book.

Deadline for the prayers to be in school is January 5th 2023.

All pupils that submit a prayer into school and it goes into our school prayer book will earn 4 achievement points.

Pupils that have their prayer included in the Methodist Church book will earn 8 achievement points!

Please hand in your entries to Mrs Hooper in B2.

Good Luck!

Selwood Academy After School Clubs

Clubs have now finished for the term.
Look out for some NEW clubs next term, including
A new list will be sent to parents and carers via email, and published on
our website in January.



SELWOOD ACADEMY'S

CAROL CONCERT

Thursday 15th
December 2022

St John's Church
7pm

Join us for an evening of Christmas performances,
readings and congregational carols.

Black Swan Arts YOUNG OPEN

2023

The largest young art competition in the South West
is now open for entries aged 5-19 years

For more information and to apply visit
blackswanarts.org.uk

Closing date for entries
Friday 3 February 2023

Exhibition dates
4 March - 16 April 2023

Mon - Sun 10am-4pm
2 Bridge Street, Frome BA11 1BB
blackswanarts.org.uk

 **BSA Young Open**



SPORTS OFFER

for 10 - 16 yr olds

in Frome

19th - 22nd December 2022



Closing date
for booking:
14th December



Monday 19th December

Tennis

Frome Tennis Club

12 - 3pm

Lunch Provided

Advance Booking required

Play and receive coaching
rackets available

£3 for the whole session (incl. lunch)
(free to children on free school meals)



Tuesday 20th December

Football

Frome YMCA 3G

12 - 3pm

No booking required

Come for a kick about, bring
a friend, mixed session

Supervised by FA Coaches

Free to play - stay for an
hour or the whole session



Closing date
for booking:
14th December

Wednesday & Thursday

21st & 22nd December

MULTI-SPORTS

Frome YMCA - All Facilities

12 - 3pm :Lunch provided

Advance Booking Required

Choice of sports activities

Supervised by qualified
coaches

£3 per day (including lunch)
(free to children on free school meals)

SASP is working with Frome Tennis Club and Frome YMCA to offer young people aged 10 - 16 the chance to Get Active during the Winter holiday break. These activities are part of the Young People's Sport and Physical Activity project in Frome funded through Frome Town Council and SASP as part of the Frome Local Community Network pilot.

TO BOOK for Tennis and Multi-Sports:

Hand in your consent form to FROME YMCA (pay your £3 on the day, children on FREE SCHOOL MEALS attend for free) or complete a booking form by scanning the QR code or online @ <https://www.sasp.co.uk/talk-activity-frome>



For queries or further information email: CGoodwin@sasp.co.uk