



SELWOOD ACADEMY
ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL



N e w s l e t t e r

STUDENT TAKEOVER EDITION



Year 6 Archaeology

Our year 6 year-group had the amazing opportunity at the beginning of term to have a visit from professional archaeologists to expand on their history curriculum of analysing and evaluating archaeological evidence.

There was a range of fantastic activities imitating the skills an archaeologist uses in their career, we had a brilliant time!



"Let your light shine before others" *Matthew 5 v 19*

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

What is e-safety?



E-Safety in the simplest form means being safe on the internet. At the speed that technology is evolving can make it difficult to know what to include when talking about the safe use of the internet.

Why is E-safety important?

E-safety is important because it provides The internet and online technology opportunities for the youth. But, it may also expose these users to more risks. E-safety should play an important role in schools and further to provide their safety online.

E-safety rules:

- Do NOT leave your device unattended.
- Click with caution.
- Be aware of the links you enter
- Never share your password or private information.
- Be wary of using social sites.
- Be a good citizen to the community.



Selwood academy has got tickets to see Wicked ! For years 7 and 8 .

At the end we get to do a Q and A (stay tuned for our next edition). We are hoping to run 2 trips!

The story is set to make you feel sorry for the villain with their tragic backstory. The musical is based on Elphaba, the bad witch with green skin, and Glinda who is a good witch with beautiful blonde hair . this is a twisted tale of wizard of the Wizard of Oz.

By Neisha and Izzy



Finbar Hawkins interview!

Years 7 and 8 had the amazing opportunity for the author Finbar Hawkins to come into Selwood and interact his journey and process of becoming an author. Some of us even had the chance to interview Hawkins!



What's your favourite book genre?

‘I like fantasy and magical realism.’

What's your favourite book you have written and why?

‘Probably Stone’, Hawkins stated ‘Each book is a different beast, but I enjoy how personal Stone is to me so that would have to be my favourite book.’

What's your least favourite part of being an author?

‘There is never enough time. Sometimes it's a bit of a battle but yes time is the hardest.’

Are any of your books based on real life? (experiences)

‘Yes in Stone there are scenes I've witnessed, been in and heard. With Witch it was inspired by things that are happening now like the war in Ukraine and people fleeing their cities and being killed.’

Who inspires you the most in this world?

‘Family members, my sister, my parents who were children's authors and it was hugely inspiring. Also other writers.’



Mary Poppins (jr)

Mary Poppins is a reimagining of the original show. There are some differences because you obviously can't go into a painting but those songs are still in there and as good as the original (maybe not as good as the original.)

The performances are COMING UP so **DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS!!!!!!**

By Oli Scovell

POLISH CULTURE !

BY WIKTORIA W



What is the main culture and religion in Poland?

Polish culture and religion are intertwined. Poland is a predominantly Catholic country, with around 90% of Polish people identifying as Roman Catholics. This means that Catholic values and the Catholic Church influence social, artistic, and political life. Close to 1% of the Polish population is Eastern Orthodox.

What do Polish people normally eat?

Polish people normally eat:

Bigos - A much-loved Polish stew made from sauerkraut, meat and a variety of vegetables (hunter's stew).

Pierogi - Pierogi are filled dumplings containing either meat, vegetables, cheese, fruit or chocolate (dumplings).

Kotlet schabowy - It's like meat with mashed potatoes (pork chop).

Kaszanka - It's like rice with BBQ sauce (blood sausage).

Racuchy - They are pancakes with apples in them (apple pancakes).

Placki ziemniaczane - they are pancakes with potatoes in them (potato pancakes).

Torun's gingerbread - they normal gingerbread.

Polish food is really good. You should try it if I were you!

The Polish language!

Polish is a really hard language.

Languages of Poland:

The country's official language is Polish (together with other Lechitic languages and Czech, Slovak, and Upper and Lower Sorbian), and belongs to the West Slavic branch of Slavic languages.



Rainbow Cookies

Sadie

- 1.Heat oven to 200C/180c fan/ gas 6.
- 2.Mix butter,sugar,egg yolk and vanilla until creamy
- 3.Then mix in flour in two batches
- 4.Stir in the zest
- 5.Roll dough into walnut sized balls and sit them on baking paper
- 6.Cook for 15 minutes until golden brown then leave to cool
- 7.Meanwhile, mix the icing sugar with orange juice to make it creamy
- 8.Dip each biscuit in icing and sprinkles, leave to set & enjoy!



Ingredients:

- 175g softened butter
- 50g golden caster sugar
- 50g icing sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 300g plain flour
- Zest and juice of 1 orange
- 140g icing sugar sifted
- Sprinkles, to decorate

College Transition



Our year 8 students will be transitioning into college this year, sadly. At the start of term, they had taste sessions in subjects such as: photography, media, dance, food-tech, PE, music, technology, media studies, sociology, health and social care.

We will be so sad to say goodbye to our year 8 students this year but we do have some fun activities planned before they go for example.. The battlefields trip in June and we have Thorpe park at the very end of the year as well.

Moving back to the college talk, we have sent a letter home regarding the option choices, you will also have a password on there to get onto the college website.

The Year 8 students were given the choice of two optional subjects that are held in Frome College. The students will then had 2 sessions on January 11th period 5. They were able to experience what they'll be learning, achieving and potential careers that could benefit from this subject.

Houses

At Frome College, there are not only tutor groups but there are houses too! Each house is different with values to names and who is the leader of the house.

For example:

Mars

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.” - Albert Einstein.

Values: Creativity, Inquisitive, Intelligence and Devotion.

This house is run by Mr J Forrest who is a science and chemistry teacher.



Archaeology Interview

We, the pupils of Selwood Academy, interviewed two archaeologists on the 12th January 2023! We asked questions which we planned the day before!

Why did you want to become an archaeologist?

“I wanted to do lots of different things like art and history. Archaeology covers so many subjects.”

What do you enjoy about your job?

“The same as above really. The variety. No two days are the same and you find exciting things.”

Can anyone become an archaeologist or do you need special experience/training?

“You do need training and do a degree/specialise but anyone could do it.”

Why is archaeology useful?

“Knowing about the past is useful because without this understanding we would not be where we are now.”

What is the oldest thing you’ve found?

“Our daughter found something in a playground which was from approximately 10-4000 BC.”



Have you found any dinosaur bones?

“No, we don't dig for dinosaur bones. Palaeontologists do.”

What would you say to people who are wanting to become an archaeologist?

“Do it. I think it's fascinating. You can join the young archaeology club if you're interested.”

Valentines day

Valentine's day, beloved by most, feared by aromantics. Valentine's day is infamous for causing certain individuals to be swarmed with questions of 'will you be my valentine' and left feeling guilty that they have to reject fifty people. Whilst the other side of the coin is left totally destroyed that literally no one asked them.

It's celebrated annually on February 14 originally, as a Christian feast day honouring early Christian martyr Saint Valentine, and has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

Here in Frome we have our own valentine's celebration.

One of Frome's most romantic landmarks, the Valentine Lamp is located at the top of Catherine Hill. It is dedicated to the memory of St. Valentine, remembering him, and the lamp is lit at a special ceremony every Valentine's Day. On the right, you'll see a photo of the resident 'love lamp'.

There's a sort of tradition surrounding this lamp. The lamp was painstakingly restored to working order by a man named Reg Ling. Each year Reg, dressed in period costume, signals the start of the ceremony by setting off a rocket at 5.30pm. Then at 6pm he starts the lighting ceremony using an original Victorian lamplighter's pole.

I've never attended, but I may go this year for research purposes. Admittedly, it is a very interesting artefact, considering it is at present, the only working oil lamp in Somerset. Thanks Reg.

By Asia



SWEET BREAD RECIPE

Ingredients

.200ml warm water
.50g raisins {optional}
.230g caster sugar
.450g strong white bread flour
.50g strong wholemeal bread flour
.10g instant yeast
. $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
.100ml semi-skimmed milk
.40g unsalted butter
.30g runny honey
.1 tsp vanilla paste
.1 medium free-range egg

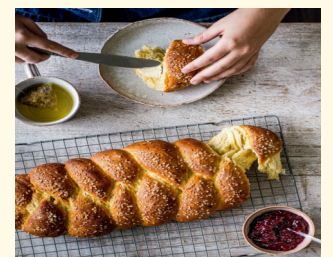
1. Toss the flours, yeast and salt together, add the milk and mix to form a dough. Cover and rest for 15 minutes.

2. Knead for 1 minute in the bowl. Add butter and honey. Knead until incorporated and smooth {15 minutes}. Add raisins and knead. Cover and leave in a warm place until doubled in size {1 hour}.

3. Knock back the dough and decide how you want to shape the bread.

4. Put the loaf on a lined baking tray, cover with an oiled piece of baking paper and put in the oven until doubled in size {30 minutes but don't worry if it takes longer}. Heat the oven to 200°C

5. Beat the eggs, then use a soft brush to egg wash the plait. Sprinkle it with sugar. Bake for 5 minutes, then reduce the temperature of the oven to 180°C/gas mark 6. Bake for a further 25 minutes. Cool slightly before eating.



Valentines day

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- LOVE
- COUPLE
- DESIRE
- CHOCOLATE
- TOGETHER
- FANCY
- VALENTINES
- ADMIRE
- POEM
- SWEETHEART
- BLISS
- RING
- SONGS
- ATTRACT
- SOULMATE
- GIFTS
- CRUSH
- CARDS

Thank you to all pupils who contributed to this newsletter, and to Louisa Martin who runs the Journalism club. We look forward to hearing more from them next term.



PARKING

We are aware that parking outside of the school continues to be an issue. Despite repeated requests, some parents are still parking illegally and dangerously. Please can we ask that if you witness any parking or driving that concerns you, that you report it to Somerset County Council via this link <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/>. This will assist us greatly in trying to deal with this ongoing problem.

We have an arrangement with Frome Town Football Club to use their car park at school drop off and pick up times. Pupils can then walk to the crossing and cross safely into school. Please use this facility.

Please be considerate of others, it is not acceptable to abuse staff or members of the public in trying to keep everyone safe.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Dates and Reminders

February

- 10 End of Term
- 20 Term 4 starts
- 20 Yr 6 Practice SATs revision week

March

- 2 Possible Strike day - more details will follow
- 3 World Book Day Dress Up
- 10 Easter Bingo



Izzy H in Year 8 continued her Gymnastics success at a regional open recently, her first time competing two double somersaults linked. This puts her in the top couple of children for her age in the country. She will be attending her first GB squad in March at Lilleshall.

Pictured is Izzy in her in her GB kit.





Tickets are selling fast!

Book yours by clicking this link:

<http://www.merlintheatre.co.uk/whats-on/performances/mary-poppins-jr/>

Can you help?

We are looking for the following items to be used as props in the show:

- ♦ *Unwanted or broken umbrellas*
 - ♦ *A large carpet bag*
 - ♦ *Flat caps*
 - ♦ *Old unwanted waistcoats*
- ♦ *A black briefcase (not plastic)*

Please contact the school if you have any of the above.

Many thanks

Selwood Academy



BINGO

Friday 10th March 2023

6.30pm—Doors open

7.00pm—Eyes down!

**Luxury Hampers,
Chocolate Eggs and
Cash Prizes to be
won!**

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Selwood pupils have been busy creating Artwork for the Black Swan Arts Young Open. Here a just a few.



February Half Term Sports Camp

Monday 13th - Tuesday 14th February 2023

Offer for 9-13 Year Olds

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.

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FOOTBALL
SHOES!



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FOOTBALL

FROME LESIURE CENTRE, FROME, BA11 2SA

MONDAY 13TH FEBUARY

12PM-3PM

LUNCH PROVIDED

FA QUALIFIED COACHES

BASKETBALL

MENDIP YMCA, VALLIS ROAD, FROME, BA11 3EF

TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

12PM-3PM

LUNCH PROVIDED

EBBA QUALIFIED COACHES

Fundraising in aid of

why...

we hear you

Cancer
Counselling

Registered Charity No. 105899

Silent disco

Fri 10th Feb 2023

Three Swans

Frome

8pm

bit.ly/silent-disco-feb

in aid of We Hear You (WHY)

Valentines day

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R	O	G	R	L	L	I	T	V	P	E	A	FANCY
N	O	A	O	A	O	E	N	A	O	H	D	VALENTINES
T	C	S	T	E	R	V	C	G	E	T	M	ADMIRE
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