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SEN NEWSLETTER

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Hello!

3rd Newsletter

Welcome back to our 3rd SEN newsletter at Selwood Academy. Hopefully you found some useful information in the last edition. Please remember this newsletter is designed to give you some awareness and ideas which may support your child and family. If you do have any feedback or suggestions for our next edition, please let us know by emailing cfinlay@selwood.mnsp.org.uk

Selwood's Offer - SEN training for staff

Schools are legally required to support children with SEND under the Children and Families Act 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice, which means staff must have the skills to meet those needs. While there is no single mandatory SEND course for all teachers, Selwood have provided the following training this academic year:

- Emotional regulation and anxiety.
- "The As" - ADHD and Autism.
- Neurodiversity - "The Ds" - dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia.
- How to support pupils who have speech and language difficulties, DLD etc.
- EpiPen training

We also provide staff with regular updates with new successful strategies for individual pupils regularly.

Upcoming Local Events

26th Feb 2026 10-12noon

The Key Centre in Frome, hosts regular drop-in sessions for families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), facilitated by the Somerset Parent Carer Forum. These sessions are FREE and no need to book - just turn up!

Community Inclusion and Activity Team Timetable- Half term

Follow the link to find a whole range of activities arrange for half term arranged by the Community Inclusion and Activity team. Activities include climbing, swimming and gymnastics.
<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/the-local-offer/leisure/activities-for-families/>

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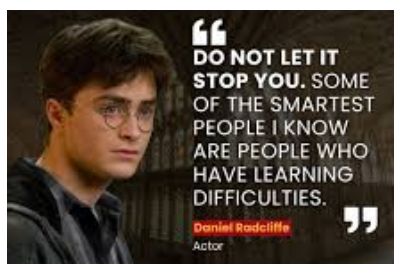
SENCo Spotlight!

Meet Miss France!!

I have been teaching for 20 years and was a primary and secondary SENCO before joining Selwood. I lived in Yorkshire for a number of years but am really happy to be being back in the South-West. I love spending time with friends and family and enjoy reading, although am often guilty of having far too many books in my 'to read' pile. I love this time of year and one of my favourite things to do is take my dog, Albert, for a walk in the woods.

Celebrity Spotlight - Daniel Radcliff

Daniel Radcliffe has openly discussed living with a mild form of dyspraxia, a neurological disorder that affects motor skills, coordination, and sometimes spatial awareness. As a child, he experienced challenges with tasks such as handwriting and tying shoelaces. Despite these struggles, he has used his platform to advocate for those with the condition, emphasizing that it did not hold him back.



Pancake Day Activities

Some children can find half term challenging due to having a different routine from term time. If your child needs an activity to keep them busy for a short time, try one of these Pancake Day theme ideas.

PANCAKE DAY!

Here are some Pancake Day activities for you to enjoy!

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE Discuss with someone at home what you already know about Pancake Day. Why is Pancake Day celebrated? Do you know how to make pancakes? Have you made pancakes before? Did you know Pancake Day is called Shrove Tuesday. Can you find out why? 	WRITING Write a set of instructions on how to make the perfect pancakes. Remember to include the exact ingredients you need, the equipment you used and step by step instructions. You can add some pictures/drawings for each step. 	CREATE Have a go at making your own pancakes. Ask a family member to help you. You can find different pancake recipes on the BBC Good Food website. What toppings will you choose? Remember to take a photo of your pancakes and send them to your teacher.
RESEARCH Visit the Newsround website to find out more about Pancake Day and answer these questions. 1. What is Pancake Day? 2. Why do we eat pancakes? 3. What is the most popular pancake topping? 4. What is lent? 	LITERACY How many words can you find within the words 'Pancake Day'? How many words can you find within the words 'Shrove Tuesday'? CHALLENGE Can you create a word search using the words you found? 	ART Draw your own perfect pancake complete with your dream pancake toppings. Complete some pancake day colouring in.

If your child completes any activities, please feel free to email them to me so we can praise them in school.

Somerset Local Offer

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/the-local-offer/>

This website provides information to families of children and young people (0 to 25) with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

