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Selwood Academy

SEN NEWSLETTER

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Hello!

5th Newsletter

Welcome back to our 5th 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 - Pastoral Support

After some queries, we would like to clarify that Oasis is specifically a social and communication intervention designed to support our pupils' interpersonal development. It is important to note that some children refer to the Base as the "Oasis Room" because that is where much of their pastoral work takes place, even though the room is officially designated as the Base.

We utilize both the Base and the Compass Centre for student support. This is due to the Base not being staffed at all times, so we work with the wider pastoral team to ensure consistent coverage. By integrating these spaces and teams, we provide a reliable and holistic support network for all children.

The Community Inclusion & Activities Team
May Activities Calendar is OUT NOW!

The Community Inclusion & Activities Team have released their May Holidays Inclusive Activities Calendar, and it's packed with amazing opportunities for children and young people with a disability and/or additional need.

Here's a sneak peek at what's on offer:

- Tabletop games including board games and Pokemon trading card game
- Nature based activities
- Campfire games
- Boulder rooms - climbing activities

The full calendar is on the local offer:
<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/.../activities-for-families/>



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SEN TA Spotlight

Meet Mrs Sheldon!

I have been working at Selwood for over 10 years now. I started off as an apprentice, qualified as a TA and I'm now a Senior Teaching Assistant. I run our Oasis group, SALT sessions (speech and language therapy), and 1-1 sessions with pupils to support their mental health and wellbeing, as well as supporting in the classroom. I feel very passionate about children's wellbeing and feel proud of the work I do.

When I'm not working, I like to spend time with my family and my dog Paddy. I'm married to Nick who is known for his big beard, my oldest son Lewis is in the Navy and my youngest son Josh is an apprentice electrician. My dog Paddy is a 13 year old border terrier. My favourite thing ever is when we are all together.

I enjoy movies and going to the cinema and I love curling up with a good book. Love a good thriller! I also enjoy monthly craft nights with my mum and sisters. My dream is to spend a summer travelling through Italy one day.



May Activities

The weather this half term looks like a mixture: some sun, clouds and rain. So try and go on a nature walk over your week off. Here is a scavenger hunt for you to do while out and about. If you would like a paper copy, please ask.

- Find three different coloured stones
- Find an insect with six legs
- Find something that is prickly
- Find two different types of leaves
- Find something that is alive
- Find something that is colourful
- Find something that grows
- Find something that makes noise
- Find something that comes from a tree
- Find a spider web
- Find a long piece of grass
- Find a feather
- Find a puddle
- Find something that has a smell
- Find something that is green
- Find a bug that is red
- Name two things in nature that are taller than you
- Find something that can fly
- Find something that needs water
- Find something that crawls
- Find something that is soft
- Find a bird's nest. (no touching!)
- Find three different coloured flowers
- Find a pine needle
- Find two different sticks
- Find a piece of bark
- Find a pinecone
- Find a tree stump
- Spot a squirrel
- Spot a butterfly
- Find something that is smooth
- Find a mushroom
- Spot three different clouds
- Find a piece of litter and throw it away
- Find a dandelion
- Find something with veins
- Find something with a hole in it
- Find something that flies
- Find something starting to grow
- Find something you think is pretty
- Find roots
- Spot a bunny
- Find a footprint
- Find a plant that is dead
- Find something that is blue
- Find something that needs the sunshine
- Find something that needs water
- Find a clover
- Find a berry
- Find something shaped like a circle

Please feel free to send in pictures of what you find. The most unique will win a prize!

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.

