

# SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

21st March 2025 - Issue 11

## IN THIS EDITION

- Sports News
- Subject News
- Recent Events
- Easter Bingo
- Wizard of Oz
- Useful info

## REMINDERS

Join us for our Easter Bingo tonight from 6pm! This is a **CASH ONLY** event! Please see further details in the newsletter!

### END OF TERM

The last day of term is **Friday 4th April**. We return to school on **Tuesday 22nd April**. We will return on WEEK 2.

### LOST PROPERTY

We will be emptying lost property at the end of term on Friday 4th April. Please encourage your child to look for any lost items. Parents and carers are welcome to come and look through lost property before or after school, please report to reception upon arrival.

### SCHOOL TRANSPORT

A reminder that for any concerns, issues or questions in relation to school transport please contact Somerset Council directly. Details can be found on their website below:

**[Somerset Council School Transport](#)**

## DIARY DATES

### MARCH 2025

21st - Year 7 Easter Service - 2pm

21st - Easter Bingo - 6pm

26th, 27th, 28th, 29th - Wizard of Oz - Merlin Theatre

### APRIL 2025

1st - Year 5 & 7 Paris Trip

3rd - Year 5 & 6 Author Visit

4th - End of term 4 - 3.10pm

## PAYMENT DEADLINES

- Year 7 & 8 Ski Trip 2026 (Deposit) - **23rd March**
- Year 6 Portsmouth Historic Dockyards Trip - **28th March**
- Year 8 Geography Wells Trip - **28th March**
- School Production Cast Contribution - **29th March**
- Year 8 Thorpe Park - **16th May**
- Year 6 Mendip Camp - **23rd May**

# SPORTS NEWS

## Year 7 & 8 Netball

We've had some awesome matches in Year 7 and 8, both at home and away. Year 8 represented Selwood Academy at a Bath Tournament, competing against Ralph Allen, St Gregs, and Oldfield. We've also played some home matches against Oakfield and Gillingham while wearing our new netball dresses. Both year groups have been working really hard in preparation for the upcoming county Netball Tournaments in the next two weeks. I'd like to encourage all pupils in KS2 & KS3 to join the local Frome Netball Club on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. If you're interested, please contact [fromenetballclubjuniors@outlook.com](mailto:fromenetballclubjuniors@outlook.com) to sign up now!



SELWOOD ACADEMY, BERKLEY ROAD, FROME, BA11 2EF 01373 462798

[HTTPS://SELWOOD.SOMERSET.SCH.UK/](https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/)

CLICK TO FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA: [FACEBOOK](#) & [INSTAGRAM](#)

# SUBJECT NEWS

## Author Visit - Year 5 & 6

Ash Bond, author of 'Peregrine Quinn and The Cosmic Realm' will be back on **April 3rd** to celebrate the launch of the second Peregrine Quinn adventure, 'Peregrine Quinn and the Mask Of Chaos'. Copies of Peregrine Quinn and The Mask of Chaos (Hardback) will be also be available to buy at the specially discounted rate of **£10.99**. This is also available on ParentPay.

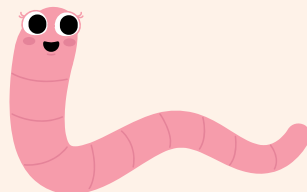
**A Games. A thief. A mechanical lioness. It's just another week in the Cosmic Realm!** The city of Cosmopolis is buzzing with excitement. The Cosmic Games are fast approaching, and eight champions are about to compete for a magical golden apple and a lifetime of glory. It's the event of a generation! But behind the scenes tensions within Olympus Inc. are running high as they struggle to hide signs of a rebellion, and the fact that a mysterious figure is trying to sabotage the Games. Who are they, and what do they want?

## Forest School

We are very proud of our Forest School at Selwood and the variety of activities that take place throughout the year. We have many different categories of activities that include Den Building, Team building, Fire Building (and cooking), nature crafts, living things and their habitats and Gardening



Here are a couple of some amazing bug hotels and nature mandalas that 5F made in Forest School recently.



# RECENT EVENTS

## World Book Day

Thursday 6th March 2025 was World Book Day and Selwood did a great job at getting involved with filling our school with so many interesting characters! Here our just some of the costumes!



**Well done to all pupils and staff for their fantastic costumes!**



# RECENT EVENTS

## Frome Lions - Sponsored Swim

Congratulations to our Selwood Swimmers for their incredible performance at the Lions Club sponsored swim on Sunday 16th March 2025! We are so proud of all our swimmers that took part and helped raise money for Selwood Academy and Frome Birth Talk. Our staff team swam 50 lengths and the pupil team swam an amazing 45 lengths!

We have raised almost **£400** so far and there is still time to donate, please see the link below.



**Thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to this fantastic cause. Together, we made a difference!**



**Staff Team:** Mr Jeffries, Mrs Martin-Scott, Ms Presley, Mr Rafferty, Dr Owens, Mr Wilkie and Mrs Hooper.  
**Pupil Team:** Emma, Thomas, Daisy, Ben, Rachel and Ruby.

## Year 7 & 8 - Author Visit

This week, Year 7 and 8 had an author visit from the fabulous Monique Turner, who spoke to them about her debut novel 'Island of Influencers'. She discussed what led her to a career as an author, from her time as an actor and working for online influencers, as well as reading from the novel.



It was a fantastically inspiring event and ended with a book signing with the author. Thank you to everyone involved!  
Happy Reading!



# RECENT EVENTS

## Year 7 Emergency First Aid Training

The Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity came to Selwood last week to equip our Year 7 pupils with the invaluable essentials of emergency first aid. The training covered a variety of crucial topics, including how to perform CPR, the correct procedures for dealing with choking, and how to treat minor injuries such as cuts and burns.



Pupils were introduced to the important role of air ambulances in emergency medical services, gaining a deeper understanding of how these life-saving helicopters assist in providing urgent care. The hands-on nature of the session allowed pupils to practice techniques with the support of the instructor and their tutor, ensuring they felt confident in their ability to respond in emergency situations.

The Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance instructor shared real-life scenarios and practical advice, encouraging pupils to stay calm and act quickly in stressful situations. We're so grateful to the team for their expert guidance and for taking the time to provide such a crucial learning opportunity for our pupils.



# EASTER BINGO

Our Annual Easter Bingo will be held at the school **TONIGHT Friday 21st March 2025** from **6pm**. Please note this is a **CASH ONLY** event. Refreshments will be available and all proceeds will go towards projects that benefit our pupils. We will also be selling pre-loved uniform during the event.

# BINGO!

**Bingo Book - £5**

**CASH Flyer Game - £2**

**Backward Raffle - £1**

**(prize for the last one standing!)**

**REFRESHMENTS  
AVAILABLE**

**CASH  
ONLY!**



# WIZARD OF OZ

TICKET WARNING! With under 100 tickets left and some performances already sold out, make sure you get your tickets by clicking on the link below!

[BOOK TICKETS HERE](#)

Selwood Academy presents

## THE WIZARD of OZ

By L. Frank Baum  
With Music and Lyrics by  
Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg  
Background Music by  
Herbert Stothart  
Dance and Vocal Arrangements  
by Peter Howard  
Orchestration by Larry Wilcox  
Adapted by John Kane  
for the Royal Shakespeare Company  
Based upon the Classic Motion  
Picture owned by Turner  
Entertainment Co. and distributed in  
all media by Warner Bros.

YOUTH EDITION

26th - 29th March 2025

The Merlin Theatre

Frome





Black Swan Arts

# Young Open 2025

Ages 8-19

Open for entries  
**11 December 2024**

Entries close  
**01 March 2025**

Exhibition  
**22 March 2025 - 27 April 2025**

Mon - Sun 10am-4pm  
2 Bridge Street, Frome BA11 1BB  
[blackswanarts.org.uk](http://blackswanarts.org.uk)



 **BlackSwanArts**  
Galleries | Studios | Shop | Cafe



Here for young people  
Here for communities  
Here for you

# Frome Youth & Community Centre RELAUNCH PARTY!

**FREE  
EVENT!**

Disco, hair and face  
glitter, photo booth, face  
painting & tuck shop  
available  
Open to all 10-14 year  
olds

When:

Saturday, 5th April  
6.30 - 8.30pm

Where:

Frome Youth &  
Community Centre (FYCC)  
Vallis Road, Frome  
BA11 3EF

Book your space here  
with a parent/guardian



**YMCA BRUNEL GROUP**

BATH | BRISTOL | WILTSHIRE | EAST &  
SOUTH SOMERSET

**BASSBEATZ**

# YMCA BRUNEL GROUP

BATH | BRISTOL | WILTSHIRE | EAST &  
SOUTH SOMERSET

# FROME YOUTH CLUB

## Free open day for 10-19s.

See the brand new space, meet  
your youth workers and see what  
we do. Parents and guardians  
welcome!

**29th March 2025, 12-3pm**  
**@ Frome Youth & Community  
Centre**



**Crafts, sports &  
games on all day!**  
**Free refreshments  
available!**



Stay up to date about our club.  
Join our Facebook group!  
Scan the QR code to join

**For more information contact: [ChiaraDocherty@ymca-bg.org](mailto:ChiaraDocherty@ymca-bg.org)**  
**[www.ymca-bg.org](http://www.ymca-bg.org)**

# YMCA

Here for young people  
Here for communities  
Here for you

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION  
PEGI  
7

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

### MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

### IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

### ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

### RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

### SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

### PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

### TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

## Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



#WakeUpWednesday®

The National College®

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

### NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

### FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

### UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

### MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

### ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME



If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

### CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.

### DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera “shout outs” and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

### SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday®

The National College®

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/streamers>