



# SELWOOD ACADEMY

ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL

## News letter

### Headteacher's blog

On Thursday 20 June we held the Annual Awards Evening. We were delighted that the Mayor, Mark Dorrington, Cllr Anita Collier and Cllr Lizzie Doyle joined us in recognising the fantastic achievements of our pupils.

We were very pleased to welcome James Shone to present the pupils with their awards. James founded the charity I Can & I Am which aims to inspire confidence and to 'inflate balloons of self-belief'. He visits hundreds of schools and businesses every year speaking to educators, parents, pupils and employees. Valuable funds are raised by the charity to enable the messages of 'I Can & I Am' to be spread to as many individuals as possible across the UK and around the world. The evening was also a fantastic opportunity to share the musical talents of so many of our children. Thank you to all who contributed.



### Yr 7 Nettlecombe

Last week the Year 7 residential trip to Nettlecombe took place. Although the weather wasn't great the pupils still managed to get out and about and research a range of habitats, learn different sampling techniques, the adaptations of the organisms that live in them and how to protect them. They used the skills they learnt in the early part of the week to then create their own field study where they had to carry out their own investigation and report back to the rest of the group. Well done Year 7s - great work and great resilience with the weather.

### Mendip Adventure trip

During late May, 80 Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time at the Mendip Outdoor Pursuit Centre, near Churchill. The pupils enjoyed 3 days jam packed with adventure activities including kayaking, night walks, campfires, climbing, caving and a very wet and muddy assault course! Everyone had a brilliant time and had lots of fun stories to take home to share with family and friends.



*I would like to thank Frome Lions Club for donating games for the pupils to use when the weather is too wet to go outside during break and lunch times.*

In partnership with the Frome Rotary Club and sponsorship from Dairy Crest we were lucky enough to take 20 pupils to Longleat as part of the KidsOut campaign. The children experienced a fun filled day, visiting many of the attractions Longleat has to offer, watching the lions and crocodiles being fed was a highlight for many, and those brave enough to hold Scarlett the tarantula. The koala bears also proved a hit. Thank you to Frome Rotary Club for helping make this day happen, we all had a super day.

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

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## Selwood Athletes are Champions of Mendip!

It's been a fantastic season for the Selwood athletics teams, with almost all of our teams being crowned Champions of Mendip!

On 18 June, Yr 7 and 8 boys and girls teams travelled to Yeovil Athletics Arena along with 13 other schools. All pupils performed exceptionally well and did the Academy and themselves proud. Below are the impressive results.

Yr7 Girls = 1st Selwood; 2nd Wells Blue; 3rd Oakfield

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The Yr 6 athletics teams (Selwood Harriers and Selwood Athletic) have also been busy and brilliant! On Tuesday 25 June, they took part in the Quad Kids Athletics Event. All 8 members of the mixed gender teams have to compete in 4 events: 600m run, 75 meter sprint, vortex throw and a standing long jump. Selwood Harriers finished an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup>, narrowly missing out on 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 1 point. Selwood Athletic finish 1<sup>st</sup> overall and did so by an astonishing 400 points to become the Champions of the Mendip Schools. Well done to them all.

All winning athletics teams will represent the Mendip Schools at the Somerset School Games, where they will battle it out to become County Champions. Good luck to all involved!



Frome Carnival are running a competition to design the cover for this year's Carnival programme. If our child would like to enter please ask them to collect a form from the Art Department.

Our Year 8 pupils have created a range of figurative sculptures and Year 6 have created a range of collages to celebrate the work of J W Singer & Sons, Frome. The work will be exhibited at St Johns Baptist church on the 5 July, please do go along for a look if you can.

On Saturday 13 July Selwood pupils will be performing with the Magic Penny Theatre Company outside Frome Library at 11.30am. They have been working on a heritage project to mark the bicentenary of the birth of John Webb Singer in 1819, founder of JW Singer & Sons Art Metal Works, which at its height employed as many as 700 people in the town and cast statues and sculptures which can be found across the country and around the world. Please come along to enjoy this exciting festival experience.

Somerset County Council in partnership with The Community Council for Somerset are promoting opportunities for parents to set up local help or care enterprises (we call them Micro-providers).

To meet the current demand for local services such as cleaning, gardening, companionship, shopping we are looking for more people who would be interested in working on a flexible basis and share our passion for helping people live good lives.

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## DIARY DATES

Jul	
1	Yr 5 & 6 walk for WHY
2	Yr 4 Induction evening
3	Transfer day
5	PTA Summer Fair, 5 - 7pm
9	Yr 4 Sports transition
13	Casting the World, Frome Library, 11.30am
16	PTA Disco
17	Yr 8 Thorpe Park trip
18	Yr 8 Leavers Service, 2pm, Wesley Church
19	End of Term, 3.10pm
Aug	
1	School uniform on sale in school, 10-12noon