



SELWOOD ACADEMY
ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL
N e w s l e t t e r

Headteacher's Blog

ADDITIONAL INSET DAY - TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020
Pupils will return to school on Wednesday 8 January

I would like to thank the children for their amazing hard work throughout this very busy term. They have made excellent progress across the curriculum and so many have also engaged in a wealth of additional curriculum opportunities. This has all been made possible by the hard work and dedication of the staff at Selwood who have worked tirelessly to encourage your children. It is always with great sadness therefore when we have to say farewell to staff. Next term Ms Smith will be starting a new school and we wish her every success. Mrs Kempshall will also be taking on a new role after working with the children at Selwood since 2012, first as a Learning Support Assistant and then as Parent & Family Support Advisor. She will also be greatly missed but we wish her well in her new post. At the end of 2019 we also say farewell to an amazing lady who has given 23 years of service to the Academy. Watch out in the next newsletter for a full report on the dedicated work of Mrs Angie Bishop.



Turkey & Tinsel!

We had a delicious Christmas lunch on Tuesday! Thank you to the kitchen staff who worked so hard to provide a fantastic Christmas meal.

Each child was given a felt Christmas hat instead of the usual cracker in an attempt to create less waste.

There were some splendid Christmas jumpers being worn too!

Yr 5 Christmas Play

Well done to our Year 5 pupils who put on a fantastic show for their families this week.

Entitled 'One Night in Bethlehem' the Christmas story was told with beautiful singing and enthusiastic performances.



WOW Wall!

Well done to all pupils who have had their work displayed on the WOW! wall this term. Pictures can be viewed on our website. Click the link below

<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/pupils/wow-wall>



We wish all our pupils, parents, carers and staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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

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Festive Fun in the Library

Pupils have been very busy designing an angel for Library Christmas tree - it was such a difficult job for the Head boy, Deputy Head girl and boy to judge all the fabulous entries. Raya's angel was declared the winner with 5 runner's up being chosen.



Christmas Karaoke Poetry

The Library had a "Hygge" cosy atmosphere this week. In front of a roaring fire, 14 pupils read out the famous Christmas poem "The Night before Christmas" to start the POETRY KARAOKE session. Pupils then went on to read out their own Christmassy poems. Well done to all who wrote or researched their poems, to perform in front of a large appreciative audience.



Sports News

The Year 7 Hockey Team competed in the Mendip tournament with 5 local Schools on 28th November at Wells Blue School. All the girls worked really hard and played some excellent hockey, winning 2 games and drawing 3 games. The top two teams represented Mendip in the County Final.

- 1st - Wells Blue
- 2nd - Selwood
- 3rd - Fairlands
- 4th - H Sexey's
- 5th - Oakfield
- 6th - Crispin

Selwood Year 7 Hockey team represented Mendip on 17th December at Millfield School in the Somerset School Games. The girls played extremely well, great goals being scored by Lexie H and Jenna W, player of the match awarded to Sienna ST. The Year 7 team came third place in their pool on the day, Selwood Academy is very proud of all the team. Well Done.



A coach full of excited year 7 and 8 pupils headed to Twickenham Stadium, London on Thursday 12 December. They were joining 1000's of school children from across the country who wanted to cheer on the either Oxford or Cambridge University in the prestigious Varsity Rugby Match, an annual fixture since 1872! Despite the poor weather, Selwood pupils enjoyed the opportunity to watch some high class athletes battle it out at the home of English rugby. Cambridge were victorious on this occasion, much to the delight of Macauley and Megan who won prizes for guessing the correct final score. Many thanks to all the staff who volunteered to support the trip.



Congratulations to Ayla S, picture left, in Year 7 who won the Frome Junior section of the Rotary Photography competition and Amelie V, picture right, in Year 8 who received a high commended award for her photos The





Selwood Academy PTA

Our Christmas Fair was a huge success this year. We raised an amazing £1447. Thank to all who supported this event, it was a fantastic start to the festive season.

The Children's Disco on Tuesday was also very well attended. Huge thanks to Mr Moore and Declan for their excellent DJ skills! We raised a fantastic £891.

Look out for our next event - BINGO! in March.



Selwood Choir sing at Wells Cathedral

On Monday 9 December 20 students from the Selwood Choir teamed up with Frome College Choir to take part in the annual Somerset Music Carol Concert at Wells Cathedral. They rehearsed at the cathedral during the day before performing to an audience of around 1500 in the evening, singing Mary Did You Know and Away In A Manger. It was a truly magical evening and all the pupils involved were a real credit to the school.



Christmassy Misty

Our lovely reading dog Misty, arrived in all her festive splendour, for her weekly visit to listen to pupils read in the Library.

Knife crime and County Lines Workshop

Year 8 pupils took part in a workshop as part of a joint community and school based project to promote awareness around knife crime and County Lines. involving young people. This is a nationwide project and is being coordinated in Somerset by Avon and Somerset Police. Selwood had the privilege of being the first school of many to undertake the workshop. The workshop was highly informative and fully interactive with pupils using their required knowledge and understanding to produce podcasts and YouTube feeds.

The Sun newspaper has launched a "Books for Schools" campaign, which gives schools the chance to get more than 100 free books. It would be lovely if parents and pupils could help us to collect tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday, between Saturday November 23 2019 and Saturday January 18 2020. If you have any tokens, please bring them to the Library.



DIARY DATES

Dec	
20	Term 2 ends, 3.10pm
Jan	
6 & 7	INSET Days (School closed to pupils)
8	Term 3 begins (8.40am)



Vacancy

We are looking for a cleaner to join our team at Selwood.
Mon - Friday, 5.15 - 7.45am, Term time only + 5 days to be worked in the Summer break for deep clean.

£9 per hour

Please contact the school for more details