11th September 2020

Upcoming Events:
18th September: Jeans for Genes day—Children wear jeans and donate £1 for charity.
24th September: Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 virtual meeting for parents and carers.
8th October: Individual photographs
8th October Year 3 and year 4 virtual meeting for parents and carers.

Mr Barker’s Science Investigation
1: Squeeze lemon juice into a bowl and add a few drops of water.
2: Dip a cotton bud into the mixture and write a secret message on a sheet of white paper.
3: Let the juice dry
4: With the help of an adult, hold the message over a candle or light bulb and heat the paper until the message begins to appear.

Are there any other liquids that work? Milk, Honey, Vinegar?

Miss Singaram’s Art Attack
This week, we have been exploring our thoughts and feelings of being at school, during the Covid-19 pandemic. Your Art challenge is to create a poster that promotes safety in our school, based on your experiences and observations this week. All you need is paper or card, colours/paint and your own creative ideas!

Vocabulary corner
“My only defence is the acquisition of vocabulary.”
— Margaret Edison, Wit

Eloquent = fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing.
Example: “The child eloquently outlined their understanding of World War 2.”

How many other sentences can you generate using eloquent?

Messages from the Head of School
Good afternoon everyone,
This week has provided the school with an opportunity to refine some of our strategies for drop off and collection times and whilst we have seen significant improvement; most notably during the morning drop off period there are still some minor adjustments we want to make to ease congestion at the end of the school day.
We informed you all via email that from Wednesday Nursery, reception and years 1-3 will all be dismissed at 3:20pm and years 4-6 3:30pm. This will remain the same however, we would like you to know that there is a minimum 10 minute window for each of these collection times. Therefore Nursery, reception and years 1-3 can be collected from 3:20—3:40pm whilst years 4-6 can be collected from 3:30—3:40pm. We hope that you will stagger your collection within those periods to prevent large numbers of parents and carers waiting for the gates to open.

I would like to thank all of those parents and carers collecting children from the school for your patience and understanding during this challenging period of time.
I would also like to thank those parents and carers who attended our first virtual coffee morning today, where we explored our recovery curriculum and the intentions we have to promote wellbeing and education in our school.
It has been lovely to hear positive feedback from a number of parents who have shared that their children are thrilled to be back at school and arrive at school daily with a smile on their face. We hope this continues and will be the case for all pupils at Selwyn Primary School.
Have a great weekend,
Mr Livie.

Master Craftsman At Work
We would like to share with you these pictures of Alessio in Y5 who alongside his father created a bird house for our Forest school area. I think we have a carpenter in the making!

Mrs Akhtar’s Computing Quiz
This week, I would like you to test your knowledge of online safety. Try the following quiz: http://home.bt.com/tech-gadgets/internet/the-right-click-internet-safety-matters-quiz-11364037744542

Something to read this week:
You may be familiar with the house that Jack built? What about the house that Jane built? This is the story of Jane Addams, an American woman who transformed a poor neighbourhood in Chicago by opening up her house as a community centre: https://www.storylineonline.net/books/house-that-jane-built/