

Somerville News

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AIMING HIGH TOGETHER



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book to share. Children could wear an outfit, face paint, design a t shirt or even just wear a hat to represent their favourite character. Each class will be gifted a surprise book to share together on the day.



You know how passionate we are at Somerville about learning to read and reading for pleasure!

YEAR 3 / 4 FOOTBALL

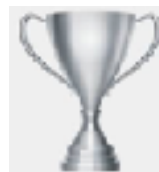


During a gloomy, dark afternoon shone a bright light over Millfields Primary in Eastham, where some children in Years 3/4 took part in a football competition. The skills and the sportsmanship were outstanding. Somerville played three games; winning, losing, and drawing. In the final game they battled their way to victory in a superb manner.

At the end of each game the children shook their opponents' hands without any prompting, showing their fabulous manners as well as skill.

GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

What a week it has been for girls football at Somerville!



On Wednesday, our girls football team competed in Liverpool FC's Premier League All Star competition against other schools and came out winners!

They played five group games and finished top, ensuring a place in the final. The final was a tense affair, with Somerville taking an early one nil lead and spending the rest of the game trying to get the second one to ensure an easy finish.

Then in the last minute, St Margaret's had a chance to equalize. Luckily for us, the shot went wide, ensuring Somerville came back to school as Champions with a new trophy for the cabinet!

Our school will be Liverpool Football Club's representatives at the prestigious Premier League tournament that will be held at Elland Road, home of Leeds United.

Dates for you Diary

February

Friday 17th

School closes for half term.

Monday 27th

School reopens to pupils.

March

Friday 31st

School closes to pupil for Spring break.

April

Monday 17th

School opens to pupils for summer term.



PARKING

Currently, the parking situation in the roads around school is at times dangerous and selfish. The zigzags, which are there to keep our children safe are being parked on. Some adults are actually driving along the pavement to park on the pavement to get close to school. Three point turns are happening blocking the roads and at times with no regard to whoever may be crossing. To combat this we are contacting the local authority and asking them to send their enforcement officers on a more regular basis to ensure and maintain the safety of ALL of our children.



ATTENDANCE

School is currently reviewing the attendance of every pupil. Some families may receive letters to come into school for a meeting. Please be advised that if your child's attendance is 90% or below they are classed as a persistent absentee by the Department for Education and the Local Authority. An attendance rate of 90% and below triggers a set of procedures. Our first aim is to always **support** our families where needed. If you receive a letter for a meeting about attendance and do not attend, the process carries on and your child moves through the stages. E.g If you did not attend a stage 1 initial meeting and your child's attendance has not improved then they move automatically into stage 2. If there is non engagement throughout all stages the below paragraphs are taken from the LA letters explaining fully the process.

'Please note that parents who refuse to cooperate with School Attendance Panels may be referred to the Wirral Attendance Service who may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid within 28 days. Parents who do not pay the Fixed Penalty Notice may be prosecuted under Education Act 1996, Section 444 or the Local Authority may apply for an Education Supervision Order.'

In addition to, or instead of, the above enforcement options, and to ensure that we have explored all avenues of possible support, school may also seek advice from the Vulnerable Children's meeting, a multi-disciplinary panel who meet regularly to discuss such cases. The panel includes health, social care and education colleagues so that we can look at any additional support that may benefit the family and enable your child to attend school on a more regular basis. You may receive a telephone call from a health professional prior to your child being discussed at this meeting.'

Please be advised that children are not marked as absent on strike days. This is coded differently and does not count towards the attendance procedures that will be put in place for persistent absentees.