

Somerville News

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AIMING HIGH TOGETHER



ACTIVE TRAVEL DAY - BLING YOUR RIDE

Wow, wow, wow! What a success last Friday was. As a school we did not expect the number of children that would be scooting and riding to school. This is on top of all of the children who walked. We were absolutely thrilled to see the children active travelling, smiling and energised for their day. It made such a difference. The school grounds were full of bikes and scooters. The blinged rides were absolutely fabulous and we loved looking at each and every one during the parade in the afternoon. The police came to do some bike marking. They expected to be in and out within half an hour. They stayed for four hours due to the number of bikes that parents / carers wanted marking. They completed 56 bikes. This is the most that team have done in a school.



We had a competition for the blinged rides and a winner was chosen from every year group. It was a very tough call as the creativity was flowing across the school. The overall winning blinged ride winner was from year 3. The theme was anti racism. The staff LOVED the theme as it embraced fully the ethos of our school. DIVERSITY is welcome at Somerville. It is just lovely that this message is being spread by our children

At the end of the newsletter we have included a range of photos from the day.



YEAR 5 TRIP TO SIKH GURDWARA IN MANCHESTER

Year 5 had a wonderful day exploring Sikh Culture when they visited the Guru Gobind Singh Gurdwara in Manchester. Luckvear, a volunteer, explained all about the Sikh gurus, the 5KS (the Sikh uniform) and about daily life as a Sikh.

The children were a credit to the school, incredibly respectful and curious about the Sikh way of life. They were fantastic ambassadors of Somerville and Wirral with their impeccable behaviour and respect for the gurdwara and the volunteers there, who were fantastic with us. The children also had the chance to try some food at the Langar (community eating space where anyone is welcome to eat if they contribute and are respectful). It was a fantastic experience for all the children and we look forward to future visits there.

The gurwara visit is part of our Religious Education programme in school. Throughout, a child's school life at Somerville we visit places of worship from a range of religions to learn about other faiths and cultures and to learn about the faiths and cultures of our school and community families.



READING BOOKS

Over the weekend could everyone have a hunt around their house for school reading books and reading for pleasure library books and return to school on Monday allowing us to return books to year group shelves ready for September. Many thanks



READING OVER SUMMER

Reading is one of those lovely activities that can be done all year round without it feeling like learning and lessons. Every time a young child has a story read to them or an older child reads their own chapter book it enriches their vocabulary. Research shows that a wide vocabulary is a good predictor of future exam success and even job opportunities in adulthood. Vocabulary is picked up and absorbed in the primary school age range, so together let's give our children that chance to get ahead. The national Summer Reading Challenge is a good way to get your child motivated to read over the summer. Go to www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for more information. School is also going to run its own reading challenge. Details of this will be sent out separately. We would LOVE as many children as possible to take part. Who doesn't love to be in with a chance to win a prize?

Join in NOW!

Take on the Summer Reading Challenge!

This year it is all about getting CREATIVE. Music, junk-modelling, photography, dancing, story-writing... the possibilities are endless.

Discover fantastic new books, unlock rewards along the way, and achieve something amazing this summer.

Create your profile or sign in on the home page.

Meet the characters!

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

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Marvellous Makers

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STAFF CROSS FEDERATION LEAVERS

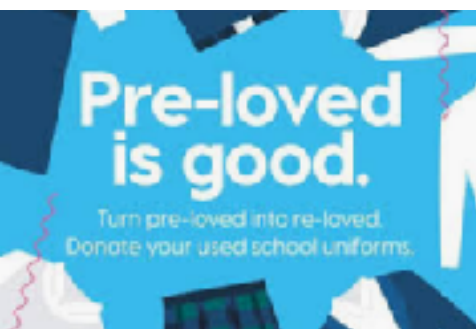
Last week we shared the staff who are leaving from school. This week we also say goodbye also to Miss Bowker. Miss Bowker has worked across our federation in both the nursery school and the primary school, in our reception classes. Exciting times lie ahead for her as she starts her teacher training in September. We wish her every success as she pursues a career in teaching. We would like to thank her for her work in the early years.

SUMMER FAIR – THANK YOU

The summer fair was a huge success. Thank you so much to all of the parents / carers and children who donated and attended. Thank you to the staff who set it all up and give up their own time to run the fair. We raised over £2000 and we could not have done this without you all. We really do have the best families and team here at Somerville.



UNIFORM DONATIONS



On the last day of term we are having a non uniform day in return for unwanted school jumpers, cardigans, white shirts and polo shirts. We do appreciate that sometimes uniform is passed on to younger brothers and sisters or is just no longer wearable. **YEAR 6 MUST** come to school in their uniforms for their assembly and then they can get changed. Please make sure the items you donate have been through the wash and have lots of wear left in them. Your donations each year really are a life saver for some of our families. There will be big buckets outside school on Tuesday for your donations. Thank you

COATS

Coats can be a very expensive part of school winter uniform. We do have approximately 20 coats of various sizes. If you need a coat and this would help you out, get in touch with the school office on Monday with the size required. We will then give you a call to let you know if we have one in that size.



HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER BREAK

This is the last newsletter of the school year. This year has been such a successful one for Somerville. We have had a successful Ofsted, won awards, had a bumper set of year 6 SATs results and made many positive changes along the way. All of this is only possible because we have the best staff team here who have a real sense of 'BEING A TEAM'. What we do, we do as a collective. Supporting each other as we do allows us to provide the best possible support for our families. Each and every one of us takes joy from helping and watching your children grow and develop each year. It means so much to us that you choose to keep your children here. We hope you all have a lovely summer, keep your fingers crossed that we do get some sunshine along the way! We really do look forward to seeing you all again in September. Stay safe!

EXCITING NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER...

Mr Dickson has been working on some exciting plans for the playground. The children have been telling staff that they do not have enough room to play good games on the playground. They have also said although they love the adventure playground there are too many hidden spaces and they feel the equipment could be better and fit more of them on. The school council have worked with Mr Dickson on the final design of the new playground which gives them everything they have asked for. The children are correct and do need more space. The fencing that separates the adventure areas from the playground needs to be permanently removed so the children can free flow around the space.

The area can **ONLY** be used by Somerville children **under the supervision of Somerville staff at play time and lunchtimes.** We are falling in line with other schools where the expectation after school is that parents and carers are expected to keep their children with them at all times ensuring their own child's safety and keeping them **OFF** the equipment and away from that area. Our children should be allowed to have the best possible playground for their playtimes and lunchtimes which should not be sacrificed due to parents not supervising their children properly. It would be a health, safety and safeguarding concern if children are allowed on the play equipment by parents outside of break time and lunchtime. This means that children are not being adequately supervised by the parent / carer and are at potential risk of harm.

We are investing heavily in this project so our children can really enjoy break times and lunchtimes. There will also be quiet spaces available outside for those who get overwhelmed. Please see some pictures of the designs below. Work will start in the summer holidays.



Key Stage 1

Key Stage 2



Dates for your Diary - Year 6

Monday 22nd July 4.30 - 6.30 pm Year 6 Leaver's RAVE - GLOW STICKS AT THE READY!

Tuesday 23rd July. 9.30-10.30 am Year 6 Leavers assembly for Year 6 parents

Tuesday 23rd July Year 6 to come to school in their **full** school uniform. They may change into their own clothes **after** assembly.

Whole school dates for the diary

Tuesday 23rd July Non uniform day in return for school jumpers, cardigans and white polo shirts. Please hand unwanted uniform for September into the big buckets outside of school on Tuesday (Apart from Year 6 who need to wear theirs for assembly. Year 6 parents please let your child know which uniform, when changed, they can put in the buckets. WE go through a lot of uniform in the year, very donation helps. Many thanks.

Tuesday 23rd July Last day of term

Monday 2nd September Inset Day

Tuesday 3rd September Inset Day

Wednesday 4th September. First day of school for pupils

Wednesday 4th September. Meet your teacher for parents and carers. Children welcome to stay. Straight after school in your child's new classroom.

Friday 6th September. Club letters out

Monday 9th September. Club letters need to be returned to secure a place

Monday 16th September. Clubs start and will finish the last week in November. No clubs will run in December

