

# Somerville News

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**AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**



## DIVERSITY WEEK

As part of our diversity week, we welcomed Julie from the Anthony Walker Foundation in to school. Julie delivered assemblies for years 3 and 4 and years 5 and 6. During these assemblies, Julie talked about racism and how we should treat everyone as equal. She also discussed being non-racist as well as anti-racist. The children thoroughly enjoyed the assemblies and were able to offer some great ideas which showed their level of understanding and maturity. This week we also welcomed our PCSO, Claire in to school who again worked with our KS2 children. She talked to the children about anti-social behaviour within the community and the effects of this as well as reminding the children how to keep safe on Halloween and Bonfire Night.



This week we have enjoyed chicken tikka masala and Asian noodles with spring rolls for our cooked lunches. A big thank you to our catering team for putting this on for us.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On Thursday, years 2 to 6 elected their new school councillors for the forthcoming year. As part of our British Values, the children need an understanding of democracy. The hall was used as a polling station with each class voting and they even posted their votes in the ballot box. We held an assembly at the end of the day where the children were presented with their school council badges. A BIG thank you to all the children who took the time to put themselves forwards to become a school councillor and well done to those children who have taken on the role.



## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Tuesday Yer 6 children took part in an International School council, discussing school lunches with children all over the world. Ethan, Amelia, Ava D, Florence, Sonny and Harrison represented our school and the UK brilliantly and loved the experience of meeting people from various schools in the UK, and India. They told them about our wonderful school lunches and found out lots about food at other schools too. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and it was a wonderful opportunity for them all to see what life is like in other countries and meet people who have completely different lives to them but still share similarities..



ADHD, ASD, Dyspraxia and Dyslexia all fall within the spectrum of "Neurodiversity", and although teachers adapt their teaching to cater for all children, there are times when experts in these areas can advise further. As the class teacher knows the children best, they are the people who you should speak to first, before you and them jointly submit paperwork to the NHS 0-19 team. Unfortunately, The Wirral LA do not do a full dyspraxia or dyslexia diagnosis and this is something that would need to be done independently through a private consultant.

### PARENTS EVENING

Many thanks to all the parents/carers who attended the parents' meetings last week. Alongside the termly report card that we send home, this is an excellent opportunity for teachers to keep you well informed about the progress of your child.

### CONDUCT ON SCHOOL SITE

Whilst the vast majority of parents and carers have strong relationships with school staff and communicate respectfully, unfortunately there have been several incidents recently where this has not been the case. As a reminder, Somerville Federation is a 'Zero Tolerance Zone'. Inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff will not be tolerated on school premises or over the phone. Anyone behaving in such a way will be asked to leave and their behaviour may be reported to the police.

### IMPORTANT – ALLERGIES IN SCHOOL

We need to be very clear that any child with an allergy is **WELCOME** in our school and will be well supported. We have children with life threatening allergies and as a result of this certain foods are banned from our premises and we make **no** apology for this. We are a nut free school and as a result chocolate spread is banned from our premises. Sadly, this week some parents have sent their children in with chocolate spread. Any children with chocolate spread sandwiches will have these removed and the child given a healthy alternative from our school kitchen. If there is a repeat that child's lunch box will have to come through the school office every day to be checked before it is allowed into the main building. As adults we should have compassion for these children and not be arguing for the 'right' to have chocolate spread in school. The answer will always be a resounding **NO**.

In a world where we can be anything, be kind.



## Whole school dates for the diary

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

### **Wednesday 23rd October**

Monster Mash

Reception and KS1 @ 3.00-4.00 KS2 4.30 - 5.30

### **Friday 25th October**

INSET DAY - School closed to ALL pupils.

### **Friday 27th September**

European Languages Day

### **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**

Half Term - School closed

### **Friday 15th November - Children in Need**

non uniform day - £1 donation in the bucket at the gate

### **Thursday 12th December**

Christmas Jumper Day or own clothes

### **Wednesday 18th December**

Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Movie Night  
- Christmas jumpers or own clothes

### **Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January**

School closed for Christmas holidays

### **Tuesday 7th January**

First day of term for pupils

## Reception dates for the diary

### Year 1 dates for the diary

### **Friday 13th December**

Trip to Greenacres Animal Farm

### Year 2 dates for the diary

### Year 3 dates for the diary

**Thursday 26th November** Year 3 trip to Eureka

### Year 4 dates for the diary

### Year 5 dates for the diary

### Year 6 dates for the diary

### **Tuesday 12th November**

Residential to the Conway Centre

### **Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May**

SATs week