



Spring 2 Newsletter 2024

Hello from Mrs Trew

Another short but incredibly busy half term for all the children and staff at Summerside.

Our curriculum continues to develop and grow from strength to strength. During a recent learning walk by 8 Headteachers from our Reach2 Academy Trust, maths was observed across the school. The children were very enthused and were making excellent progress in their lessons.

The children have also been benefitting from a new structure to their reading lessons and we are seeing improvements in their understanding of vocabulary and fluency. Please support us by continuing to hear your child read everyday.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter break and see you all on the 15th April.

Highlights for families this half term:

- Visits to the local Church for the retelling of the Easter story for pupils in Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5.
- British Science Week - theme this year was 'Time'
- World Book Day
- Comic Relief
- Iftar for families
- Easter bonnet parade and decorated egg competition.

UPCOMING DATES

April Dates	
Friday 29 th March to Friday 12 th April	School is closed for the Easter holidays
Monday 15 th April	Start of the Summer term – school reopens for children
Friday 26 th April	Class Assembly – Neptune 2
May Dates	
Friday 3 rd May	Class Assembly – Pluto 3
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 7 th May	International Day Food event for families from 3pm – 5pm
Friday 10 th May	Class Assembly – Titan 4
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 17 th May	Class Assembly – Saturn 2
Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th May	Residential Trip to Isle of White for Year 6 children.
Friday 24 th May	Class Assembly – Jupiter 1
	Last day of Summer 1
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half term – School closed

June Dates:

Monday 3 rd June	School reopens for children
Friday 21 st June	Windrush Day Assembly
Thursday 27 th June	Inflatables Day for children
Friday 28 th June	Class Assembly – Comet 6

July Dates:

Friday 7 th July	Class Assembly – Mercury 6
Thursday 11 th and Friday 12 th July	Sleeping under the Stars – Camping event for Year 5 children
Friday 14 th July	Class Assembly – Mars 1
End of term events - TBC	Sports Day Year 6 Leavers Assembly Year 6 Prom for children

School Council

Summerside's School Council have been extremely busy this half-term!

Since January, we have been thinking carefully about how we can make behaviour even better at Summerside, and how we can celebrate all the fantastic behaviour across our school.

We produced 6 brand new behaviour focuses and each week we concentrate on a specific one.

Our focuses are:

- Calm Corridors
- Epic Eaters
- Mindful Manners
- Awesome Assemblies
- Legendary Lining up
- Perfect Playtimes



All the adults then spend the week looking for the class that is impressing them the most for that focus. So far, the winners have been Draco 5 for 'Calm Corridors', Jupiter 1 for 'Epic Eaters' and Orion 3 for 'Mindful Manners'. All three of these classes have enjoyed some extra playtime outside!

Nursery

In Nursery, we explored science through a magic show during Science week.

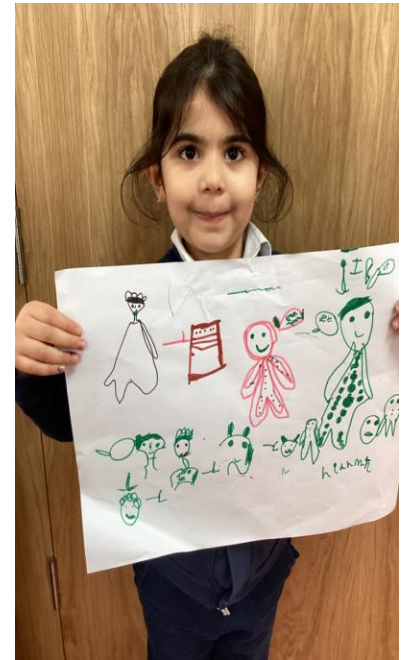
We also had a go at making bread like the Little Red Hen did. Here we are tasting it!



Reception



We have been reading Traditional Tales such as 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'The Little Red Hen'. The children have been re-telling the story using puppets and creating their very own story maps. We have also made Gingerbread biscuits and bread from scratch. Yum!

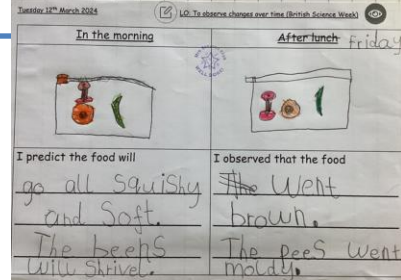


Year 1

In Science, we learnt about everyday materials. We learnt the names of common materials, that an object can be made using more than one type of material and that some objects are magnetic. We made and played our own magnetic game.



As part of Science Week, we looked at what happens when we leave fruits and vegetables over a few days. We drew and wrote about the changes we saw.



Our topic has been "First Flight". We learnt about the Wright brothers who are famous for inventing and testing the first aeroplane. We visited the RAF Museum to learn about how planes have changed over the past 100 years.



Year 2

We have had a very busy half term in Year 2.

We have been on lots of exciting trips. Firstly, we went on an immersive trip to the Church where we learnt all about the Easter story. Secondly, we spent time recapping our knowledge on 'Nurturing Nurses' by going to the Florence Nightingale Museum!

In Science this term we have been learning about the life cycle of plants. We planted our own broad beans and watched them grow.

Science Week



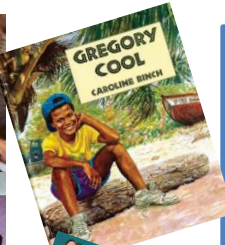
The Florence Nightingale Museum



We explored lots of different things during Science Week. We took part in a 'Magic vs. Science' workshop and made our own marble runs.

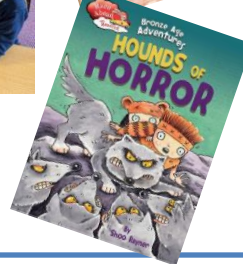
Year 3

We have had a spectacular Spring term! We celebrated British Science Week 2024's theme of 'Time' with the Science v Magic show, designed and created boats that could float and stand the test of time. After that, we dissected plants and compared them to buds. Our exciting week ended with a wonderful trip to the Science Museum to see how technology has changed throughout time, how forces can affect slides and pulleys, and how electricity plays a part in everyday life, amongst many other fascinating exhibits!



In our English lessons, we read 'Gregory Cool' and wrote an informal letter to his family describing his stay in Tobago whilst making comparisons with England.

We also studied the 'Bronze Age Adventures: Hounds of Horror' narrative and wrote a newspaper report about a benevolent wolf that rescued a young brother and sister from a pack of marauding wolves.



During our History topic on the 'Bronze Age to the Iron Age', we learned all about the types of houses the people lived in, how they hunted food and the clothes they wore. We also made some pottery containers with clay!



Year 4

This term, we have had so much fun learning about and researching Spectacular Spain!

On Topic Day, we created art inspired by the incredibly talented Antoni Gaudi.

They participated in flamenco dancing and relished discovering further information on Spanish festivals and traditions. La Tomatina quickly became Year 4's favourite festival.

Barcelona went to the top of the classes dream destination list as they explored Las Ramblas, La Sagrada and Camp Nou. Children looked at these human features alongside geographical features. Later work charting the climate of Barcelona compared to London left us searching for the best route!

In RE lessons, we have been learning about Christianity. We all thoroughly enjoyed visiting a local church. Once there we were provided with an immersive experience. Children visited Jerusalem at the time of Jesus and heard the Easter story retold in a captivating way.



Year 5

Our PSHE focus was 'Healthy me'. We learned how to stay calm and get help in emergency situations plus how to put into practice emergency first aid procedures, including the recovery position. We also explored how the media, social media and celebrity culture promote certain body images and recognised how important it is to accept and respect ourselves the way we are.



'Living things and their habitats' was this term's Science topic. Our lessons were filled with practical activities, such as dissecting flowers to see, first-hand, what the male and female gametes look like and understand more about what their purpose is. While learning about propagation, we took cuttings of mature plants (rosemary, spider plants, spring onions and lettuce) to make new ones. Observing the new growth has been fascinating, particularly to see how the spider plants are thriving just as well.



Geography this half term was COOL COASTS. We learned that a coast is where the land meets the ocean and that these geographical features can take very different forms, from cliffs to beaches. We saw evidence of how their shape can change over time, sometimes dramatically, due to erosion. Locating beaches around the world was fun, particularly discovering where less familiar countries are on our world map.



Year 6

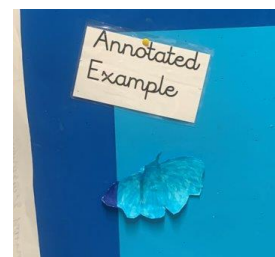
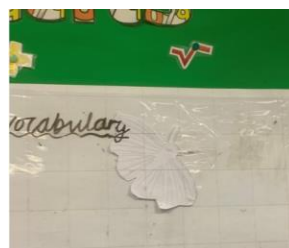
This term, we have worked arduously in our mock SATs and revision lessons, in preparation for our SATS tests in May. By practising incessantly, everyone in the class is feeling ready for the real deal. We did revision before and after each paper to prepare for the next test on the same day or the next day. From arithmetic and reasoning to spellings and Grammar, the class put in their best efforts to get their best scores!



We have been learning about classification of living things and producing branching diagrams to sort organisms. Through lots of practice, we have got really good at this, and even designed and classified our own creatures! During Science week, we explored technology through time, and communicated messages in morse code using a circuit! We then camouflaged butterflies into the environment (the classroom), linking with our previous topic of Evolution and Inheritance. Can you spot any?!



The beginning of the term brought an exciting trip to the Natural History Museum in central London. The children participated in an evolution workshop, exploring how animals have adapted to their environments through fossils, before exploring the fossil exhibits and observing how organisms have adapted over millions of years.



Provision for Children who are Deaf

We have had a great half term. We celebrated Sign Language Week 18.3.24 to 22.3.24 and all the classes in the school took part in the largest Sign Language lesson. We also had a visit from Jo who did some baking of hand biscuits with the children.



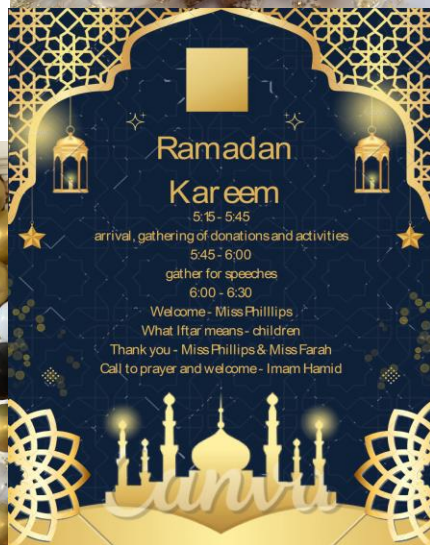
We had a great time during Science week and joined in with the workshops.

We had Jeremy from the Ewing Foundation come for his twice yearly visit to check all our technology.



Iftar

This half term Summerside enjoyed and hosted it's very own and first Iftar! The evening started with many activities that the children enjoyed, such as colouring, playing in our homemade mosque and bracelet making. After everyone had gathered and all the delicious food was collected, we heard from our amazing pupils. The children told us all how important this month of Ramadan is, their favourite thing to eat for Iftar and some even recited from the Quran. All the children were incredible, but it was particularly heartwarming to hear the Year 6 children talk about how special it was to have their first and last Iftar here at Summerside with their friends. Imam Hamid from North Finchley Mosque also joined us and spoke a few words about how he was touched to be invited, how special he thought the evening was and then led everyone in prayer. After dates and some water, it was finally time to tuck into all the amazing food. A huge thank you to all the parents and children who came, donated food, helped set up and took part in the evening and to Imam Hamid and Miss Farah for making it all so special. The prizes for the raffle will be announced after the holiday and the donation page on parent pay will remain open until then (raising money for Islamic Relief and Summerside). Thank you again for attending and Eid Mubarak when it comes in the holiday!



Easter at Summerside

The Story of Easter

Year 2, 4 and 5 visited St. Barnabas Church, in North Finchley, to learn all about the history of Easter. They met characters from the Easter story who spoke to them about what life was like two-thousand years ago. We also had an assembly for Years 1 to 6 where we heard the Easter story.

Egg Decoration Competition

We can see that lots of the children have been extremely busy decorating eggs for our competition. We have had a wide variety of different eggs, including Minion eggs, a whole football match of eggs, bunny eggs, fluffy eggs, multi coloured eggs and even a Spiderman egg! Thank you to everyone who decorated one of these excellent eggs!

Easter Bonnet Parade

We really enjoyed showing off the children's brilliant Easter bonnets in our parade. The children put a huge amount of work into making their hats and there was lots of variety.



World Book Day

World book day is an annual celebration of reading, which we look forward to every year at Summerside. This year, across the school, we embraced the day by dressing up as our favourite story characters and sharing our love of reading and books!

On the day, we stayed prepared for the 'Drop Everything And Read' bell by carrying around our books wherever we went. As soon as the bell rang, we dropped whatever subject we were doing, regardless of it was maths or history, and picked up a book to read.

This year, we had the Scholastic Book Fair return to our school and children loved using their World book day tokens to purchase a new book to read and share.



Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March, we dressed up to raise money for Comic Relief. The children enjoyed wearing red clothes and some even came in with jokes to read to the rest of their class!

We raised a superb £220 for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who donated!



Our Parent Survey - THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all the families that took part in our survey. We had the most amazing response and I am so proud of the results.

1. My child is happy at this school.

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

● Strongly agree	81
● Agree	37
● Disagree	0
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	0



2. My child feels safe at this school.

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

● Strongly agree	90
● Agree	27
● Disagree	1
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	0



These questions are taken from the OFSTED parent survey that is carried out during inspection.

5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

● Strongly agree	72
● Agree	43
● Disagree	1
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	0



Please remember that my door is always open and we welcome any opportunity to discuss an issue, should one occur so that your child continues to feel happy and safe.

15. I would recommend this school to another parent.

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● Strongly agree	62
● Agree	53
● Disagree	0
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	2



Summerside's Sports Review

Year 3+4 Girls' Football Festival 2024

Nine girls from Year 3 & 4 competed against over 20 other Barnet schools in a 6 a-side football tournament at Compton School Power League.



Cross Country + Fun Run 2024



Fifteen of our children took part in the Barnet schools Cross Country + Fun Run event at Oak Hill Park. Each race was 1-mile, running through wet and muddy grass (apologies for the muddy trainers!)

Future Olympian, K eenyah, com fortably winn ing a Gold medal



BARNET DANCE FESTIVAL 2024



Every year in March, Barnet schools comes together to showcase a dance routine at Barnet's Dance Festival in North Finchley's Arts Depot.

This year, we were fortunate to be assisted by Miss Reid from Non-Stop Action, who choreographed a wonderful performance which was called.... 'This Is Me!'

It was a performance to celebrate our own uniqueness, especially when under the spotlight.

'Self love is the best love!' ❤️

For the first time in over 15 years, Summerside opened the Dance Festival by being the first school on stage at the Arts Depot, under the bright lights in front of an audience of over 400 people, and WOW!!! - they put on a stunning performance! The children worked hard throughout their rehearsals at our after-school Dance club and the dance took over two months to perfect.

Well done to you all! we are sooooo proud of you!!!

Huge thanks to the children's dance tutor Miss Reid for her hard work and dedication to get the best out of the children in probably their most memorable moment they have experienced so far at school. They will have the chance to watch it again very soon as it was professionally recorded. We will also be showing it off to the rest of the school!

British Science Week at Summerside

In Reception, we linked this theme with our focus book, The Three Little Pigs, and the building of houses.

Today we built on prior learning about the different materials used to build houses and looked at images of 'past' houses built a very long time ago, and 'present' or newer houses and discussed how materials to build houses has changed over many years.

As part of science week, we were invited to see some science and magic in a show in the main hall at school.

We found out about how submarines sink and surface, how to blow bubbles and the scientist put smoke into the bubbles and showed us what happens when they popped.

He also added in a couple of dramatic demonstrations with fire.

The children were asked to vote on Science Versus the Magic Demonstrations. It was a visually entertaining show, and the children were engaged and participant.



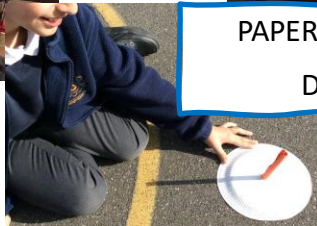
Frozen in Time



SCIENCE MUSEUM



PAPER PLATE SUN DIALS



Technology through time!



Morse code communication



RULER DROP TEST



Music at Summerside

Click on the link for more details:
<https://www.pianofunclub.co.uk/>



A message from our Governor - Jenni Stone

For those of you who don't already know me, I am lucky enough to be one of the school's parent governors. This half term I had the pleasure of getting insight into the procedures for pupil medical needs plans and check that they are being followed throughout the school. I'm aware of course that we have pupils who may need medication whilst at school, and some who have allergies, but it was enlightening to see how all this is managed throughout normal school days.

I was really pleased to see how well thought through the system is for each child, each has a clear plan, and all relevant staff have a copy. There are also back-up plans and contingencies for staff absence and school trips. It's clear that there is so much care and thought gone into it. I was also impressed by the sometimes-extraordinary lengths the school and staff go to ensure all children are well cared for and no pupil misses out.

The whole school staff play a role in this, but I would like to give a special shout out to Mary in the medical room and Gerry and the kitchen staff for their hard work and support they give behind the scenes that we might not be aware of.

We will be doing periodic reviews to ensure these high standards of care continue.

Attendance (Spring 2)

Attendance continues to be below Summerside's expectations (95%). Poor attendance at Summerside will be challenged as it causes pupils to fall behind with their learning. Holidays during term time will not be authorised and may lead to a fine on your return.

Year Group	Present R/C: Marks
Year 1	92.6%
Year 2	93.6%
Year 3	94.0%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	95.0%
Year 6	93.3%

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