



Autumn 2 Newsletter 2023

Hello from Mrs Trew

We have had a very busy and highly enjoyable half term which included some very special events such as a wonderful Map Skills week and Summerside's 90th Anniversary. You can see from the 'highlights for families' section that we have had lots of fun.

The children have continued to work hard in all their subjects and have made good progress in their learning. We are very proud of our Year 6 children, who have had some excellent mock SATs results.

Several trips have also taken place which you will see when you read our class pages below and I know that the children have benefitted a great deal from these outings.

Thank you for all the lovely assemblies and performances that everyone has worked hard to produce, and I am sure that you will all agree that they have been highly memorable.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank all my wonderful staff and families for the support you have given me as I reach the end of my first term of Headship.

Have a wonderful break and we will look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Highlights for families this half term:

- Halloween disco
- Sharing our learning about Black History Month
- A visit from Cathie Payne, our CEO of Reach 2.
- Diwali hoops decorated the hall.
- Cinema trips for chn
- Several tours for our prospective Reception Parents.
- Anti Bullying week focus
- Children in Need
- Map Skills week
- PDC visit to Chicken Shed theatre
- Summerside's 90th Anniversary
- Winter Fair
- Christmas performances for families
- Christmas Dinner
- Talent Show for KS2



UPCOMING DATES

January Dates:

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| Monday 8 th January | Start of the Spring term |
| Tuesday 9 th January | Year 5 Trip to Warner Bros Studios – Harry Potter World |
| Friday 19 th January | Pluto 3 Class Assembly |
| Friday 26 th January | Titan 4 Class Assembly |
| Wednesday 31 st January | Movie Night for Year 1 – 3 |
| | Year – 4 - 6 |

February Dates:

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| Friday 2nd February | Saturn 2 Class Assembly |
| Monday 5th February | Start of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. |
| Friday 9th February | Jupiter 1 Class Assembly |
| Half Term | School finishes for half term – 3.30pm Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th February |
| Monday 19th February | School Closed for INSET Day |
| Tuesday 20th February | Children return to school: 8.45 |

School Council Updates:

This half term, Summerside's School Councillors have been tirelessly working to enhance the overall school experience. Over the past few weeks, they have been brainstorming innovative ideas to improve various aspects of our school.

In a democratic spirit, the School Council have organized votes in each class, allowing students to voice their opinions on important changes within the school. This inclusive approach empowers all our students to actively participate in shaping the environment they learn in. Additionally, our school council representatives have been doing a great job of showcasing our school's values and achievements when visitors step through our doors.

Last week, as part of our 90th Anniversary celebrations, some of our School Council members had the incredible opportunity to meet the Mayor of Barnet. During this meeting, our students posed a range of insightful questions about the Mayor's role and responsibilities. The experience served as an inspiration for our young leaders to continue making a positive impact within our school and beyond.



School Council Meeting the Mayor of Barnet

Volunteer Readers

We need your help.....

If you would be interested in listening to some children read in school or know a person who is perhaps retired, please contact the school via

admin@summersideprimary.co.uk.

Thank you very much.

Nursery



This Term, Nursery have been learning about different types of celebrations. They have made beautiful Divas for Diwali, played with Dreidels for Channukah and even made their very own beautiful 'Dear Santa' books and wrapping paper as part of their learning about Christmas.



The children went to see the play 'Dear Santa' at the Arts Depot!

Reception



This term, Reception have been learning about different types of celebrations. As part of our topic, we tried food from other cultures and countries. Our lovely parents made food for us, and we tried food from Japan, India and many other places. The sushi and sweet treats were a huge hit!

We also had Cinema and Theatre Trips to see Paw Patrol and Dear Santa! It was all great fun !



The children searched for their country's flag and looked at books about different countries.



Year 1

We have had another great half term in Year 1. Our topic this term was 'All about Me'. The children really enjoyed sharing the members of their families to their peers, as well as making their own family trees. We also learned about Mae Jemison and drew pictures of the space shuttle Endeavour.

In DT week, we learned about umbrellas. We tested which materials are waterproof and designed and made our own umbrellas.

In science we learned about our senses. We really enjoyed using different textures to make feely boards and identifying different items by their smells.



Year 2

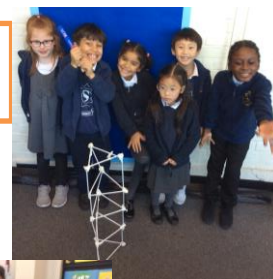
We have had another busy term in Year 2. To start off our topic 'You're in Europe', we were transported to Italy and France. We made pizzas and had hot chocolates and brioche.

In DT week, we made Terrific Towers! We designed them first and made prototypes using spaghetti and marshmallows!

In science, we made habitats for different creatures and discussed how they would adapt to living there.

On map skills day, we followed a treasure map in the playground and then we drew our own maps of Summerside.

Terrific Towers in DT week



Science Habitats



You're in Europe – Topic Day!



Map Skills Day



Year 3

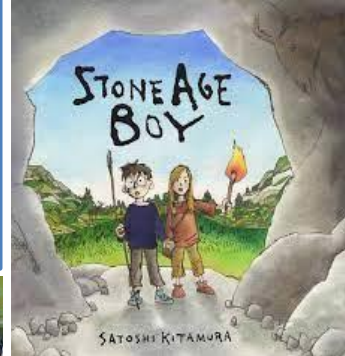


For our History topic this term, we have been learning all about the Stone Age!
We went on a trip to Hamstead Heath and learnt about how the people of the Stone Age used to live.
We got to make fire using a cotton wool and fire steel.
We also got to create our own shelter using wood sticks.



Making fire out of cotton wool and fire steel!

In English, we have been reading 'Stone Age Boy'. We went on an adventure around the school to look for a mammoth. We also got to write instructions on how to catch a woolly mammoth and a recount of the story!



Year 4



Special Visitor

In English, we read a fascinating and emotional book called 'The Boy at the Back of the Class', which is about a refugee boy called Ahmet. We learnt so much about the lives of refugees and feel that there should be more done to help support them!
We had a visit from a special guest - Miss Farah's mum, who was a refugee! She told us all about her journey from Somalia to the UK after the civil war. We had the chance to ask her questions, just like reporters, which helped us write our own newspaper reports.



October Gallery landscapes

Year 4 went on an incredible trip to The October Gallery, where they learnt about the sculptor El Anatsui. The children were inspired by his depictions to produce their own mountainous landscapes. This linked well to their topic for the term of Magnificent Mountains.

Year 5

What a busy half-term this has been! One of the highlights in Year 5 this half term was DT Week, when we worked, in teams, on a DT project, planning and creating magnificent marble runs using recycled materials. We were constantly evaluating our progress and had to make a LOT of adjustments so that our runs would work efficiently. There were many failures before our triumphant successes!



Our Geography topic this half term was Raging Rivers. We learned a rap to help us understand and explain the water cycle, then located key rivers around the world and discovered interesting facts about them. We also explored how rivers change shape over time. Another memorable event was Map Skills Day, which was a fantastic opportunity to build on our knowledge of the different types of maps that exist and their uses. We revised compass points and applied the knowledge to locating major towns and cities in the UK. Finally, we created our own scaled map of the local area.



The Christmas Songs Concert gave us the opportunity to showcase how well our spoken (and sung) French skills are progressing, as we performed 'Vive le Vent', sung to the tune of 'Jingle Bells', as one of our Year 5 songs. We learned a lot of new vocabulary in the process, in addition to completing this term's French unit, 'Je me présente'.

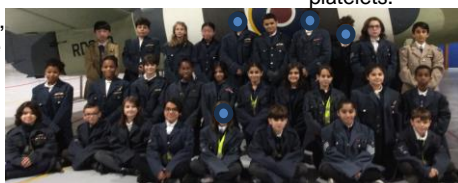
Year 6

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This term, we have learnt about World War 2. For our school trip, we went to the Royal Air Force Museum. We saw many different types of planes, including boat planes, Spitfires, missile planes and a Blackhawk! When we entered, we went to an amazing workshop where a lady showed us a (diffused) pneumatic bomb which gets hot when it's dropped. Soon after, we reacted to an air raid siren, quickly rushing to an air raid shelter for safety.

We learnt that the war began when Adolf Hitler invaded Poland. When Germany refused to withdraw their troops, England and France declared war on Germany. Also, we learnt about different types of food that were rationed, such as meat, eggs, cheese, margarine, jam, tea, sugar and sweets. Some of our work on topic day was to decide which food was most important to us!

Year 6 were honoured to help out at the Winter Fair by planning stalls to entertain families. This was such an enjoyable afternoon, some highlights including hunting for jelly beans in the baked beans, hook a duck and designing your own stickers!



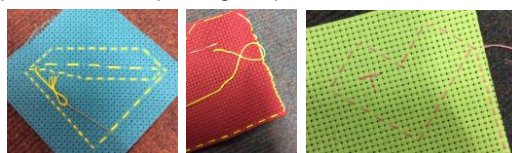
In English, we wrote a newspaper report about a girl called Rose Blanche, who went missing in Germany, having been seen chasing a lorry into a forest. We then wrote an evacuee narrative in the first person. It was amazing to write as if we were an evacuee.

In Science, we learnt about the human body, most specifically, the circulatory system. We were taught that when you look at a diagram of a heart it is actually flipped around! We created a model of our blood using cheerios to represent red blood cells, marshmallows to represent white blood cells, yellow water to represent plasma and glitter to represent platelets.



As well as this, we enjoyed performing dances to our VIP guests in the 90th Anniversary assembly, to Great Balls of Fire and Mamma Mia.

Our DT week was a lot of fun, designing cushions and exploring materials with which to make them. We practiced our stitching techniques and came up with great products!



Summerside's 90th Anniversary

Wednesday 13th December was Summerside's 90th Anniversary. The school was opened in 1933 by the then Mayor of Finchley.

We had a very special assembly with all the children from Year 2 – Year 6 and some very important visitors which included the Mayor of Barnet, previous staff members and some ex-pupils. One of our ex-pupils was aged 94 years old.

During the assembly, the children spoke of the work that they had completed in History week in the Summer term. Each year group told us all about a decade in time and the events that took place at Summerside.

In between each year group speaking, we had a wonderful performance of a song from that decade.

Some of the songs were signed in BSL, some were sung by the children and our fantastic Year 6 children performed dances.



Our wonderful ex-pupil Eileen, who is 94 years old.



In EYFS and Year 1, they sang Happy Birthday in many different languages and our EYFS classes also made a cake for the Mayor. Our visitors loved seeing both performances.

Our fantastic playlist:

- 1930s – We'll Meet Again – Vera Lynn
- 1940s – White Christmas- Bing Crosby
- 1950s – Great Balls Of Fire – Jerry Lee Lewis
- 1960s – Golden Slumbers & Let it Be by the Beatles.
- 1970s – Mamma Mia – ABBA
- 1980s – Never Gonna Give You Up – Rick Astley
- 1990s – Wonderwall - Oasis
- 2000s – Somewhere Only We Know - Keane
- 2010s – Let It Go – Frozen / Disney



Summerside's Winter Fayre



Well done
Father
Christmas – you
were very busy
with 214
children to see!



Just giving page:

Please click on the link below to continue to raise money for our playground equipment. Every penny counts....

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Summerside>

What a fantastic time we all had at Summerside's first Winter Fayre. It was such a fun event and the children loved the roller skating and visiting the grotto.

A huge thank you to Lisa (our FOSS Chair) who organised the event, and to the staff and volunteers that supported the different areas and activities.

We raised over £3500 (expenses to be taken off) but this is a staggering amount – well done everyone!



Summerside's Sports Report

Year 5/6 Football Tournament



Chelsea FC organised a borough wide search for young talent by hosting a Barnet school's football tournament at Mill Hill Power League.

YEAR 4 DODGEBALL COMPETITION



Children took to the courts at Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre to showcase their Dodgeball skills against other Barnet primary schools.



Barnet Bar No One



12 children across the year groups at Summerside took part in a fantastic sporting event, participating in activities such as Indoor Rowing, Basketball, Cricket, Boccia, Football and many more!



Virtual Skipping Challenge



Year 6 Barnet Winners

- 1st Damon - 171 jumps - GOLD
- 2nd Lydia - 157 jumps - SILVER

- 1st Summerside - 1317 jumps
- 2nd Monkfrith - 1169 jumps
- 3rd St John's N11 - 932 jumps

Year 5 Barnet Winners

- 1st Oliwia - 210 jumps - GOLD
- 2nd Ayah - 195 jumps - SILVER
- 3rd Amyia - 171 jumps - BRONZE

Up next is year 4....

Cross Country

Keenya, receiving a Gold Medal after winning the girls Cross Country



AND FINALLY...

We have a football star in the making!!
Lexie-May in year 6 not only got selected for the Girls' Barnet District Football Team but was also made captain. Good Luck!

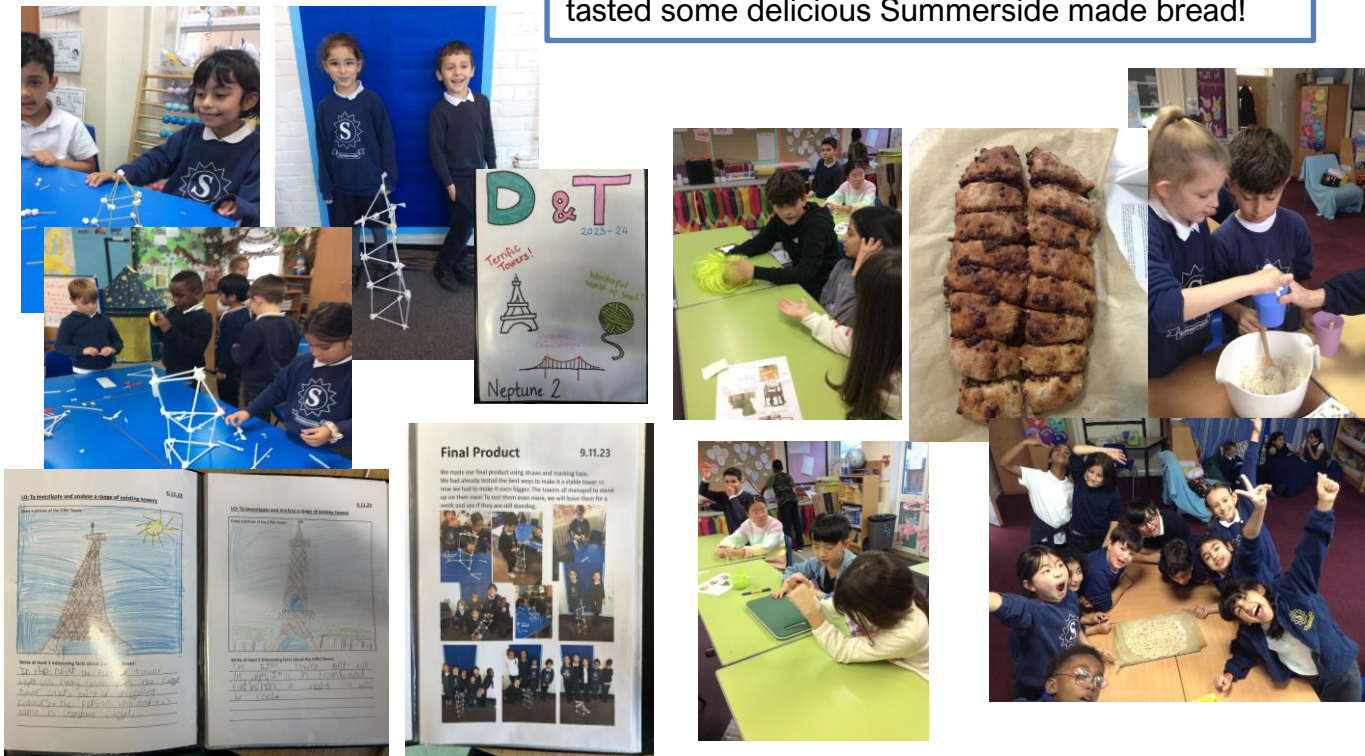
Map Skills Day

Throughout the W/C 20.11.23, all classes participated in an amazing day full of exploring maps and creating their own maps of the local area. Below, we have shared some of the fantastic work that the children created.



Design Technology

This term we have had a big focus on our DT topics and the children have had such a wonderful time planning, designing and testing out prototypes of towers and umbrellas. They have even baked and tasted some delicious Summerside made bread!



Provision for Children who are Deaf

We have had a very exciting half term here in the PDC. First, we celebrated Children in Need day. The children watched Pudsey Bear learning to sign and then he taught them to sign Pudsey Bear. We made an amazing hoop to decorate the hall of the poem The Night Before Christmas and the children added the BSL sign for all the characters. The highlight of this half term has been our annual visit to Chicken shed inclusive theatre to see a signed performance of the Toy Makers Child which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and wish everyone a restful holiday and a very Happy New Year.



Governors

Hello 🖐️

I'm Jayne and am the vice chair of the local governing body at Summerside, where I have been a governor since 2016. I also happened to have worked as a Headteacher myself for nearly 20 years now. Just before half term in October, I popped into Summerside to see Mrs Trew and visit classrooms. I'm always so impressed by the welcome I receive from all the children! One child even asked if I was from the government - I wasn't sure if that was a good or bad thing?! I arrived during lunchtime & was treated to a delicious lunch courtesy of Gerry and his team. There was a lovely atmosphere as the children chattered and played before the afternoon lessons began. After lunch, we popped into a number of different classrooms, including nursery, and saw the school council in action ready to feedback to their classes. What struck me was the warm and friendly atmosphere in every class and the way everyone wanted to share their work and celebrate what their class was enjoying that week. A huge thank you to all the incredible staff at school for the extra mile they all take for the pupils at Summerside and to all the parents, families and carers who do whatever they can to support their child's learning journey.

I look forward to seeing more of the school's success in 2024!

Jayne

Attendance (Autumn 2)

Attendance continues to be below Summerside's expectations in some year groups. 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.



Children can learn to play the piano or guitar and have their music lessons at school.

| Year Group | Attendance |
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| Year 1 | 88.1% |
| Year 2 | 92.0% |
| Year 3 | 93.0% |
| Year 4 | 95.4% |
| Year 5 | 95.4% |
| Year 6 | 94.5% |

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