



# Autumn 1 Newsletter 2024

## Hello from Mrs Trew

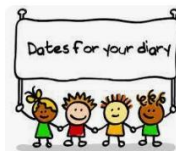
Welcome back everyone to the start of the new academic year. The children have all settled in beautifully into their new classes and have already made some excellent progress in their learning. This has been noted in our recent Pupil Progress meetings when each child is individually discussed, and ambitious targets are set for them to achieve by the end of the year.

This half term is always one of our busiest but in true Summerside style, we have had lots of events and activities taking place which I know you will enjoy reading about.



A highlight this half term for me has been the opening of our wonderful library! Ms Phillips, our Deputy Head, has worked tirelessly to get it up and running and we all LOVE it! I know that lots of you have enjoyed seeing it during the Reading Cafes.

### Highlights for families this half term:

- Meet your child's class teacher event
- Black History Month workshops
- RWI – Phonics workshop for families
- Diwali dance workshop
- Recycling Week
- Reading Cafes
- Class Assemblies



### UPCOMING DATES

Half Term Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November School closed for all children	
November Dates:	
Monday 4 Nov	Autumn 2 term <u>begins</u>
Wednesday 6 Nov	Individual class photos
Monday 11 Nov – Thursday 14 Nov	Cinema Trips for classes – letters to <u>follow</u> 
Friday 15 Nov	EYFS Parent Tour for new families joining in <u>2025</u> (Nursery families welcome)
Monday 18 Nov – Friday 22 Nov	Anti Bullying Week 
Wednesday 20 Nov from 3.35 – 7.00pm Thursday 21 Nov – 3.45 – 6.00pm	Parents Evening
Thurs 28 and Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu vaccinations for Rec – Yr6 2 <sup>nd</sup> session

December dates:	
Monday 2 – Thurs 5 Dec	Year 6 Mock SATS papers
Tuesday 3 Dec	EYFS Parent Tour for new families joining in <a href="#">2025</a> (Nursery families welcome)
Thursday 12 Dec	EYFS Parent Tour for new families joining in <a href="#">2025</a> (Nursery families welcome)
Thursday 12 Dec	Winter Fair for families 
Friday 13 Dec	Year 3 – 6 songs for families 9.30 - 10.30 am 2.00 - 3.00 pm
Friday 13 Dec	Christmas jumper day 
Tuesday 17 Dec	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity for families 9.30 - 10.30 am 2.00 - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 18 Dec	EYFS songs for families 9.30 - 10.30 am
	Christmas Lunch for all children 
Friday 20 Dec	School closes at 1.30pm for Christmas holidays
January Dates:	
Monday 8 January	Spring Term 1 begins – children back in at 8.40am

# Meet our new School Councillors

All the children in each class had the opportunity to become a school Councillors and had to give a speech as to why they deserved to be chosen. All the pupils then voted for the child they thought would do a good job of representing their class.

Well done to all the new school councillors!



# Nursery

Nursery children from last year have returned and are very confident. Lots of new children have joined the school and are now settled into school life and routines.

The children have been busy, exploring the activities from the half Term Topic, "All About Me"

They have been learning new routines, making self-portraits, making friends, talking about their families and homes, likes and dislikes and getting to know the adults in the setting  
What a GREAT start to Nursery!



# Reception

In Reception we have been learning 'All about us'. We have talked about when we were babies, our families and our friends and our local area.

We enjoyed our first Muddy Monday outside. We went for a walk to find signs of autumn, played in the mud kitchen and then made pictures and printed with leaves. We have also enjoyed reading and retelling stories and making cakes.



# Year 1

We have had a really fun, action-packed first half term in Year 1. As part of our Science 'Seasons' and Geography 'Home Sweet Home' topics, we went on a local walk to Coppetts Wood. We spotted and collected lots of autumn objects and explored the local area. We also created our own physical maps of the local area and then drew an aerial view.



In Maths we explored place value and discovered lots of different ways to represent numbers.



We also took part in an exciting Diwali dance workshop!



# Year 2

At the beginning of the term, we went to Chalkwell Beach! It was a fun-packed day with lots of sandcastle building, wading and splashing about in the shallow waves, whilst cooling down with delicious ice creams!



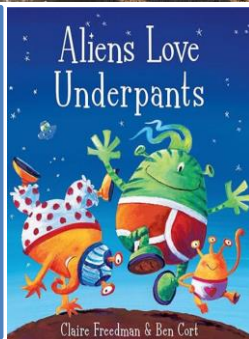
In History, we have been learning about Our Local Area - Finchley. We visited the famous Queen Victoria statue in Friary Park, and have learnt about other famous landmarks in Barnet, as well as how the transport has changed over time.



For this term's Science, we have been investigating materials used in playground equipment. We have had lots of fun testing them out...!



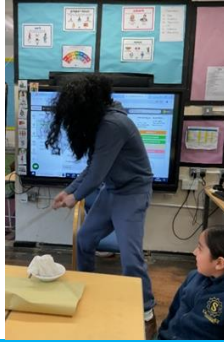
In our English lessons, we have been reading and writing about 'Aliens Love Underpants!' It's about some wacky, mischievous aliens that travel to planet earth to play in our underpants!



# Year 3

The children re-enacted scenes from *The Twits*. Then, we freeze framed a moment from a variety of chapters and discussed the characters' thoughts and feelings.

Later, the diabolical Twits decided to visit us at school, and we dared to pose our questions! It was utterly terrifying!



# Year 4

This term we have loved learning all about Roman Britain. We recreated the Army battle formations and talked about how this made the Romans one of the hardest armies to defeat.

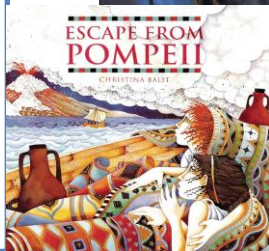


We went on a fantastic trip to the London Mithraeum where we saw the real ruins of a Roman Temple. We saw pictures from the dig where they discovered the temple and got to see hundreds of artefacts displayed.



We used lots of roleplay in our English to understand the text 'Escape From Pompeii'.

We really thought about the feelings of the characters at different points in the story and made sure to include some of this in our writing.



# Year 5



Swimming lessons were one of the highlights of this half-term. We improved not only swimming skills, but also our Road Safety knowledge on the walks to and from the pool. Our final lesson was extra fun as, dressed in pyjamas, we learned life-saving skills.

Year 5 have had a busy, productive start to the year. Our first History topic was the Tudors. On Topic day we dressed as Tudors. We sampled a Tudor dish of ginger and honey bread and we performed Tudor dances. We also learned about The Battles of Barnet and Bosworth.



During our Science Topic we investigated the properties of materials. We enjoyed testing the electrical conductivity and insulation of metal, plastic and wood.



**Black History Month**  
We explored the lives of Black Tudors who had important roles in society: John Blanke and Jacques Francis. We also took part in a workshop celebrating the achievements of modern day black British people and their contributions to society.

As an RE enrichment activity, we took part in art, craft and dance sessions to celebrate Diwali.

# Year 6

Year 6 have started off the year with a jam-packed term, filled with fun learning. Our first topic in Geography was Biomes; we got to experience these first hand at Kew Gardens, a one-of-a-kind experience for all of us. We enjoyed entering different biomes and observing all the different flora found there. We even got to view the gardens from the canopy – about 15 meters off the ground!



As part of Diwali, we learnt about the Diwali traditions and we got to learn a dance about the story of Rama and Sita! Some of us created rangoli-inspired designs out of tissue paper.



As much of our learning has been related to the rainforests, we made dioramas to demonstrate our knowledge of the different layers and the animals and plants that inhabit them.



In DT, we learnt about how cushions have changed throughout the ages, before experimenting with different stuffings and fabrics. We then made four designs for our own cushion, and chose our favourite. We learnt some basic stitch techniques to make our cushion then added applique and embellishments. They look great!



In Science, we have been learning about light. We have carried out many experiments over the weeks, but our favourite had to be making our own working periscopes, to be able to see round corners and above surfaces.



# Black History Month

Reclaiming narratives

We had the pleasure of welcoming Big Foot Arts education to run some fantastic workshops across the school. Reception and Year 1 learnt a story called 'Around the World with Boone' which was all about a banana realising how different all the fruits and vegetables are but how they can all work together.



Years 2 – 6 had workshops all about being Black and British. They learnt about some inspiring Black British people and everything they have done for the country. This workshop was based in drama and dance which made the learning super exciting and interactive!

## Showing Racism the Red Card

On Friday the 18th October we took part in Showing Racism the Red Card. We wore red to show our support in being proudly anti-racist and every class had discussions about how we can be actively anti-racist in society.

Thank you for all the donations to this fantastic cause!

Each year group had a lesson based around a part of their history or geography topic that should be 'reclaimed'. In Year 4, they learnt about the Ivory Bangle lady whose discovery changed the way historians think about Roman Britain. They looked at sources and found she would have been from North Africa and an incredibly wealthy lady.

# WEAR RED DAY 2024



Each class created beautiful door displays based around the books that they had. The children really enjoyed learning about the different stories and discussing such a diverse range of narratives.

# Diwali

To celebrate Diwali, the children had the exciting opportunity to take part in a dance workshop led by Westend in Schools. The children learned about the Hindu story of Rama and Sita through creative dance movements, bringing this ancient tale to life in a fun and engaging way. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm!

They also worked on creating beautiful rangoli patterns, using vibrant colours and designs to celebrate the festival of lights. These artistic creations not only added a festive touch to our classroom but also gave the children a deeper appreciation and understanding for the traditions of Diwali.

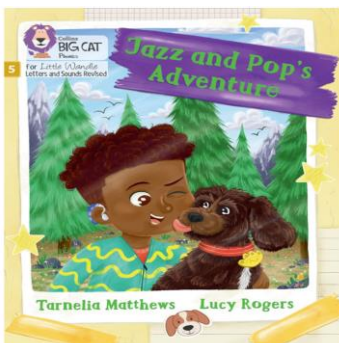


We would like to wish all our Hindu families a happy and bright Diwali! Hope you enjoy celebrating next week!



# Provision for Deaf Children

This term we have celebrated Black History Month by looking at a book about Hearing Dogs for the Deaf with black deaf characters in. We learned some of the signs from the book, and looked at the great work hearing dogs do for deaf people.



WE LOVE BOOKS WITH DEAF CHARACTERS



# Reading at Summerside

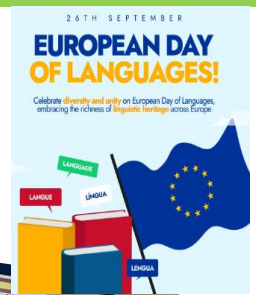
## Our New Library

This term we have been really excited to welcome children and parents to our new library. Libraries offer a space where children can escape, dive into fantastic new worlds and discover new things about worlds they have not encountered. We hope that as the year progresses parents will continue to join us at Reading Cafés which are held throughout the year and that the children are able to enjoy and borrow books.



This half term we had the first, we hope of many, author visits. Kai Harper joined us in Year 6 to talk to the children about his books and help them create their own wonderful creative stories.

# European Day of Languages - 'Welcome' poster competition



All the children were asked to create a poster illustrating the theme of WELCOME in a variety of languages. We had an amazing response, with posters which really showcased the children's language skills and creativity. The winners for KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 will be announced, and the prizes awarded, when the children return to school after half-term. The posters will go on display so that everyone will have an opportunity to enjoy them.



## Year 5 Swimming

This term, Year 5 children have been extremely lucky as they have attended a two week intensive swimming course at Finchley Lido Leisure Centre. The children had a chance to explore different swimming strokes and learnt how to stay safe in the water. Although some of the pupils at first felt a bit hesitant about trying new techniques, they soon grew in confidence and tried their very best. We are extremely proud and impressed with all the children and in particular, at how resilient they have become. We hope they have all enjoyed the experience and now have a real passion for swimming.



**Summerside has a brand new website:**

[www.summersideprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.summersideprimaryacademy.co.uk)

We hope you enjoy looking through it and find it easier to navigate around.

# Halloween Disco

What a fabulous event!

I am sure that your children would have come home and told you that a suspicious character, dressed as a witch STOLE all of the lovely goody bags and replaced them with MOULDY CARROTS!!! Mrs Trew was so CROSS and was going to cancel the disco unless the children helped to identify who had done it.

The children all worked hard in their English lessons to write detailed descriptive 'Wanted' posters, newspaper reports or poems to try to work out who was responsible!

Luckily, Mrs Trew decided that we could still go ahead with the disco and we had a fantastic time. During the disco for Years 4 – 6, the culprit returned and was identified as

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MRS TREW!!!!!!!!!!  
What an evil trick to play on us all!



# Food Bank Collection

Thank you so much to all our families that donated food and toiletries to our harvest food bank collection. Our new School Councillors delivered all the donations this week. Your generosity was very gratefully received by the Food Bank Hub in North Finchley.



## Music at Summerside

We have been so delighted to form a partnership with Piano Fun Club who have been able to offer music lessons for our children. Children can learn to play the piano or guitar and have their music lessons at school. Some of our children have been taking part in recorder and guitar clubs at lunchtime.



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



# Summerside's Sports Page

## **SUMMERSIDE SPORT AMBASSADORS**



Four children in Years 5 & 6 took a trip to Hendon Leisure Centre for training to become: Summerside Sports Ambassadors. They have already put their training into practise by delivering play equipment to children during playtimes as well organising games for our Year 1 & 2 children during lunchtime. They have done an amazing job so far!

## **YEAR 4 DODGEBALL FESTIVAL**



Students from Year 4 took a trip to Cophall Leisure Centre to show one of their favourite games to other primary schools at the schools Dodgeball Festival.

## **TENPIN BOWLING**



Students from Years 4 & 5 went off to show their bowling skills at Hollywood Bowl for a Tenpin bowling competition against other Barnet school children. They did very well and collected a lovely medal at the end.

## **SUMMERSIDE FOOTBALL**



After a 4 year absence, Summerside is back in the schools football league. Playing two games already and more to come. Good Luck!

# Lateness

Well done to all our children who arrive at 8.45 so that they can get started on their learning.

Please can I ask that ALL children ensure that they arrive no later than 8.55 so that our lessons can begin at 9am.

We have seen too many children who are not coming to school on time and they will be getting a letter to improve.

# Attendance (Autumn 1)

Attendance continues to be below Summerside's expectations (97%). 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	Attendance
Year 1	90.6%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	96.3%

Next half term, children who get 100% attendance will be celebrated and rewarded with a special attendance event! So please ensure that your child does not miss out by coming to school everyday.

# Mc Millan Coffee Morning

The staff at Summerside took part in a Mc Millan Coffee morning to raise money for the Mc Millan Cancer charity.

Staff made some delicious cakes and we paid a donation to enjoy a slice (or 3!!!!)

**We raised £109**

Well done everyone!

# Show Racism the Red Card

We asked all the children to wear red and pay a donation to the charity 'Show Racism the Red card'

**We raised £190** - well done everyone!

# Parking

We remind all our families to be respectful of our neighbours by parking responsibly and not over people's driveways or on the double yellow lines. Your support is appreciated.

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