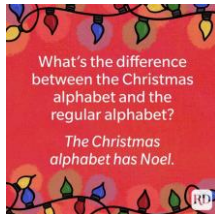


Hello from Mrs Trew



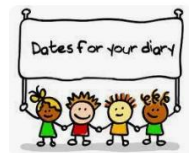
Welcome to our second newsletter of this year.

We have been working hard on a range of school priorities, including our 'Adaptive Teaching' strategy which is developing our good practice around ensuring that all our children can access their learning. We have also had a SEND Development day and had two representatives from our Trust to see what our SEN offer is like at Summerside. The team were delighted with what they saw and could clearly see how high our expectations are for all the children, no matter what their needs are. Well done to all my wonderful staff and thank you for all your hard work.

A real highlight for me has been seeing the children in their performances and singing so beautifully during the last two weeks. What a very special time of the year and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday. See you in 2025!

Highlights for families this half term:

- Infant Music Festival
- Year 4 trip to October gallery
- Parent Consultations for families
- Year 4 and 5 trip to The Lion King.
- Year 6 visit to RAF Museum
- Year 5 attend the production of Oliver by pupils of Friern Barnet School.
- Visits to Christ Church
- Winter Fair
- Christmas shows for families.



UPCOMING DATES

January Dates:	
Monday 6 th January	Start of the Spring term School re-opens to children 8.45
Friday 17 th January	Class Assembly – Pluto 3 – families are welcome!
Friday 24 th January	Class Assembly – Mars 1 – families are welcome!
Friday 31 st January	Class Assembly – Venus 4 – families are welcome!

February Dates:	
Monday 7th February	Class Assembly – Draco 5 – families are welcome
Monday 10th February	Mock SATS for Yr 6 chn
Friday 14th February	End of half term
Half Term Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	
Monday 24th February	School re-opens to children
March Dates:	
Friday 7th March	Class Assembly – Titan 4 – families are welcome!
Friday 14th March	Class Assembly – Jupiter 1 – families are welcome!
Wednesday 19th March Thursday 20th March	Parents Evening for families
Monday 24th March	Mock SATS for Yr 6 chn
Friday 28th March	Class Assembly – Neptune 2 – families are welcome!
April Dates:	
Friday 4th April	End of term – School closes at 1.30pm
Monday 7th April – Tuesday 22nd April	Easter Holidays

School Councillors

Our School Councillors have been busy this term! We have been focussing on making Summerside a better place for everyone, by collecting the views of all the children across the school!

The School Councillors held sessions in their classes, asking their classmates about any changes they would like to see to the lunch time menu. They asked for suggestions of any new dishes, as well as if the children would like any old lunch dishes to return. They then passed on the suggestions to Gerry, our chef. BBQ Chicken Pizza, Tacos and Flapjacks went back onto the menu!

They also spoke to the school's Governors about the school day. Governors asked them questions about their learning, the subjects they enjoyed and how they felt they contributed towards the school being improved.

Next term, the school councillors are going to get the views of the children about all the different ways we can fundraise in Spring!

Nursery

In Nursery we have been learning about different celebrations; Birthdays, Diwali and Christmas

We have been busy making models linked to The Most Magnificent Thing focus book.

We have learnt about showing kindness to others.

We have been learning to sing and perform songs for The Early Years Christmas Show.

We had a great time at the Arts Depot watching, The Gruffalos Child.

What a fantastic Term !



Reception

In Reception we have been learning about celebrations.

We celebrated our amazing artwork with an art show.

We planned and prepared a birthday party for Elmer the elephant and had great fun at the party.

We learned about celebrations of light including Diwali.

We learned about weddings around the world and made our own scarecrows.

We are learning about Christmas and practising for our show.



Year 1



We have had a fantastic action-packed half term. We went on a trip to the Infant Music festival and performed the songs to our families at Summerside.

We have been busy learning lots of new songs in preparation for our Winter Show. In maths we have been learning about addition and subtraction and have been making number sentences in lots of different practical ways.



In English we have been reading the Smartest Giant in Town and even created our own Thank you Letters to send to George the Giant.



In History we have been learning about people of the past, timelines and family trees. We even created our own family trees!

Year 2

In Science, we have been exploring different materials and thinking about the words opaque, translucent and transparent. We have been thinking about different materials you would use to build a playhouse.

We have had an extremely busy half term! We started our half term by going on a very exciting trip. We sang different songs at the Barnet Infant Music Festival with year one. We really enjoyed ourselves!



In English, we have been reading Emma Jane's aeroplane. It has been so much fun learning about different cities!



We had Field work week this half term. We spent it thinking about maps and exploring our local area.



Year 3



For our history topic this term, we have been learning all about the Stone Age. We engaged in an interactive live workshop about how the people of the Stone Age used to live.

We also had an exciting topic day where we dressed-up and became hunter-gatherers.



In English, we have been reading 'Stone Age Boy'. We role-played our favourite scenes from the story. We also wrote instructions on how to catch a woolly mammoth!

Year 4

What a busy term we have had in Year 4!

We visited the incredible October Gallery and looked at the ways we could express the feelings of the characters in 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' through art.



As part of Field Work Week, we walked up North Finchley and noted down the different types of land use we saw. We found that the land round here is mostly for residential and commercial use!



We had the best time at the immersive experience of the Christmas story. We travelled back in time and met all the main characters from the nativity!



In RE, we have been learning about symbols of Christmas. In one lesson, we even had a go at making our own Christingles!



We were so lucky to get to go and see the Lion King! It was such a fantastic show and definitely worth the late night!

Year 5

We looked at the Christmas story for R.E., examining in detail information surrounding the birth of Jesus.



In Geography, we studied the parts of rivers and how meanders and oxbow lakes are formed. We learned about the various stages of the water cycle. We learned the names of lines of latitude.

Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful production of 'Oliver', performed by Friern Barnet Secondary School. They thought the students were extremely talented at acting and singing, and found the songs and performance heart-warming and moving.



In Science, we learned many facts about the planets in our solar system including their movement in relation to the Sun. Also, we discovered the names and the appearance of the different phases of the moon.

In maths, our focus was fractions, learning how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators and how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa.



Year 6

Another busy term in Y6 with lots of exciting trips and learning taking place!

In Art, we have been learning about photography techniques inspired by artist Annie Leibovitz. We looked at lighting, emotion and editing within photos.

We were lucky enough to be part of the Barnet-wide virtual rowing competition with some top scores coming from Summerside. We are excited to hear the results!



In Science, we have been learning about the circulatory system. We played a relay game to help us remember the deoxygenated and oxygenated blood circuit and even got to visit Compton School, where we were able to dissect sheep hearts in order to physically see what we have been learning about.



To top it off, we got to run our own stalls during the Winter Fair, developing our entrepreneurial skills and raising money for the school.



Another highlight was the RAF Museum, where children got to learn about the Battle of Britain and the different types of planes used in wartime. We got to handle some artefacts from the wartime era and even had to evacuate when an air raid siren sounded. Don't we look smart in our uniforms!



Barnet Infant Music Festival

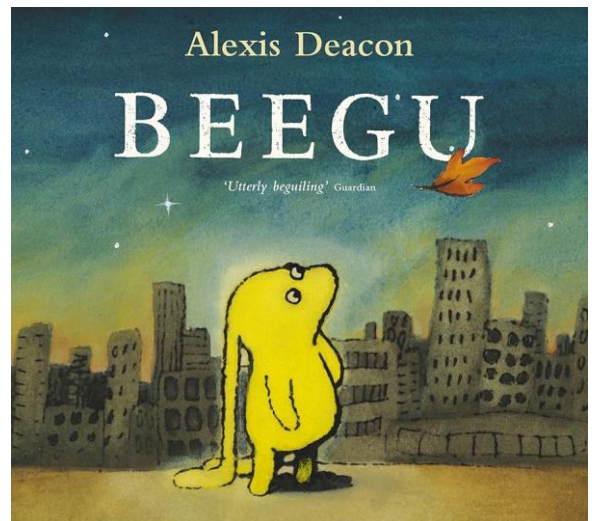
The children in Year 1 and Year 2 took part in the Barnet Infant Music Festival at Millbrook Park Primary School. We sang a range of songs, all based around a book called 'Beegu'. There were 2 other schools that took part and it was a really wonderful concert.



Our children made some wonderful aliens to take!



The children said that they loved learning the songs and performing with other schools. Well done everyone!



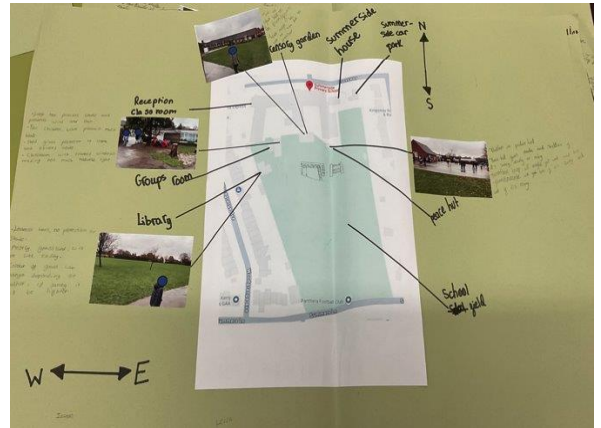
Geography - Field Work

Exploring the World through Field Work

During Field Work Week, we took the opportunity to explore the world around us. For some of us, this involved trips to places in our local area and for others it was focussing on our school environment.



We explored the human and physical features of our environment. We looked at the different ways that land gets used and made messy maps of the area. All of our learning was shared in an amazing assembly which meant we were able to find out what other children had learnt across the whole school!

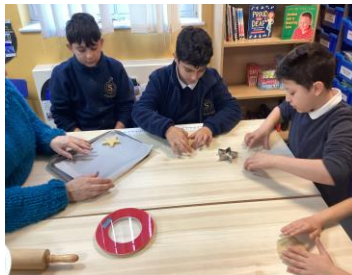


European Day of Languages 'Welcome' poster competition - winners!!!



Provision for Children who are Deaf

Christmas came to the PDC. We baked cookies, we decorated our hoop and we went to see a BSL signed show at Chickenshed. We had so much fun!



Summerside has a brand-new website:

www.summersideprimaryacademy.co.uk

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

Winter Fair

What a wonderful Winter Fair! The children had a brilliant time visiting all the different rooms playing games, crafting or trying to win a prize!

We raised £2,500 - what a fantastic amount!



Thank you to our Year 6 children who ran the games room and made up some fun activities for us all to try.



Attendance Event

All the children who had excellent attendance of 97% or above, were awarded by having some free time on the inflatables.

There were over 158 children that took part.

Let's hope there is even more next term!



The Lion King

In November, some of our Year 4 and 5 children were lucky enough to head to the West End for an evening performance of the world-famous musical, the Lion King. The children and staff had a fantastic time! They were amazed by the size of the Lyceum Theatre and the costumes, acting and singing blew them away. What a brilliant experience!



Summerside's Sports Page

Year 6 Girls and Year 5&6 Boys Football



Both our Year 6 football teams took a short hop across the road to Finchley Power League, beside Compton School, to take part in the Year 5&6 football tournaments.



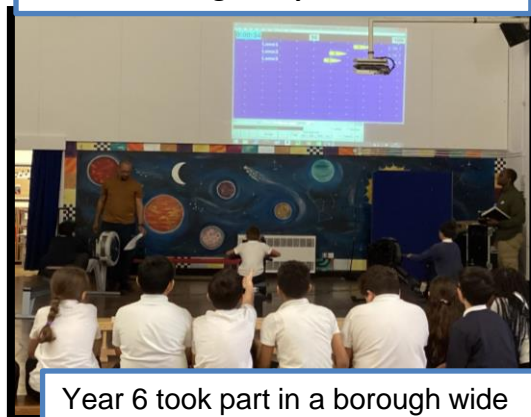
Barnet Bar No One



Children from Years 3 & 4 hopped on a bus to Hendon Leisure Centre for this sports event, filled with lots of activities such as, Bowling, Indoor Rowing, Speed Stacks and Dance

G'Row

Indoor Rowing Competition



Year 6 took part in a borough wide Indoor Rowing competition. Most of the children had never experienced being on a rowing machine before, but that didn't stop them from putting up some highly impressive scores. Staff also took part.

The winning school, child and adult are to be announced in due course, so watch this space...

Thank you, Gareth (from G'Row) for bringing your rowing machines over.

Christmas Sports Festival



Students from Year 2 brought energy and Christmas cheer to Stone X Stadium for a festive sporting festival playing lots of activities like Tennis, Bowling, Football Skittles plus more...

The Summerside Football team progressed to the next round of the cup after an exhilarating match away to Brunswick Park School, where they won 4-3.

Good Luck in the next round!



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 2)

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
Reception	87.4%
Year 1	89.1%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	95.1%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	97.1%

Next half term, children who get 97% 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 every day.

Children in Need



We asked all the children to dress up in their own clothes for Children in Need.

We raised £ 220 - 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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