



Somerdale Educate Together
Primary School
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 5 Week 3)
Friday 3rd May 2024

Value of the Month for

May

Empathy

Dear Families,

Somerdale's World Cultural Diversity Day is back! Last year this was a huge success with so many families coming in to host a stall/table and share with the children about your family's heritage and culture and we want to do it all again! Please let the office know if you would like to sign up to have a table/stall. This worked well last year with you and your child manning the table for the afternoon and sharing images, photos, drinks, food, materials, flags, crafts etc from your particular country. We can't wait to share and show off all off the countries our families represent!

SOMERDALE EDUCATE TOGETHER PRESENTS

WORLD CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

CELEBRATING FOOD AND CULTURE IN SOMERDALE

FOOD / GAMES / MUSIC
CRAFTS / DANCING

THURSDAY 23RD MAY | 1 - 3 PM
PLEASE LET THE OFFICE/CAPRICE KNOW IF
YOU ARE ABLE TO COME ALONG AND HELP



Somerdale
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Outdoor Classroom Day Celebration

As we get nearer to our Outdoor Classroom Day and official opening of our Coronation Pond on Wednesday 22nd May, we are busy building packs and resources so that we have some 'pick up and go' kits that classes can use for outdoor learning. There are a couple of things that we hope you might have lying around unused that could be donated for our outdoor learning box...

We would LOVE some binoculars for children to use and some picnic rugs that we can use. If you can help, please drop them off into the school office for the attention of Sam. It would be amazing if we could have some rugs and binoculars ready for our outdoor classroom day!



Don't forget to keep Wednesday 22nd May in your diary, as from 3.15pm, families are invited to come and look at the different outdoor activities the children have been up to and explore our nature area and wildlife pond. The wonderful Friends of Somerdale Educate Together will also be there with teas and coffees!

Rail Safety Education

Children in EYFS – KS2 have been learning about how to keep safe when using the railways. The presentations that were presented to the children can be accessed via the links below.

KS1 [Network Rail Key Stage 1 primary school safety talk – Learn Live \(learnliveuk.com\)](https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-key-stage-1-primary-school-safety-talk)

KS2 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>

Somerdale Sports Day 2024

Another date to save into your diaries, calendars, and Alexa reminders folks – Sports Day 2024 will follow a similar format to last year. Our younger children from EYFS and KS1 will have their sports day events in the morning before lunch - (we are looking to hold a separate event schedule for Preschool and Reception first thing to support those individuals who are sensitive to being overwhelmed). KS2's events will then be held in the afternoon. Further details of what, when and how will follow early Term 6.

Somerdale Sports Day 2024 – Friday 5th July.

Turtles (Pre-School)

Pre-School have had so much fun exploring all the signs of spring this week! We have been on a "Spring Colour Hunt" to use our observational skills in our environment. The children loved matching the colours to those on their sheet and we found out that it can be tricky for flowers to grow under trees as there isn't much sun!



Wildcats (Reception)

Something crash landed in our classroom!!!



We were shocked to find something from outer space had landed in our classroom. The children became investigators to work out what could have happened. Some children called it a 'red moon', some said 'it is mars' others thought it could have been 'an asteroid' - it's a mystery!

The children have enjoyed learning all about space these past 2 weeks and this week we will be learning about people from the past such as Neil Armstrong, we will also be exploring space themed artwork such as Starry Night by Van Gogh.

We are excited for the term ahead!

Bumblebees (Year 2)

Year 2 has learning about London! In our English lessons, we've been researching about London and writing fantastic reports about it! In our Enquiry lessons, we've been diving into the exciting story of the Great Fire of London and how London has changed ever since!

Puffins (Year 3)

We have been busy immersing ourselves in George's Marvellous Medicine this term. This past week, we have been very imaginative, planning an alternative ending. We have had some great suggestions including levitating Grandmas and hedgehog Grandmas! I thoroughly look forward to reading them next week!

Elephants (Year 4)

So far this term, we have been exploring Roald Dahl's 'Danny the Champion of the World'. The children have been writing their own adventure tales based on Danny's adventures with his dad which have been fabulous to read! As you know, our afternoons have been very water-based over the past couple of weeks. I am so proud of the Elephants and how they all demonstrated such a fabulous Growth Mindset during this exhausting period! They did so well and all demonstrated a huge improvement with their swimming and water confidence – well done!!



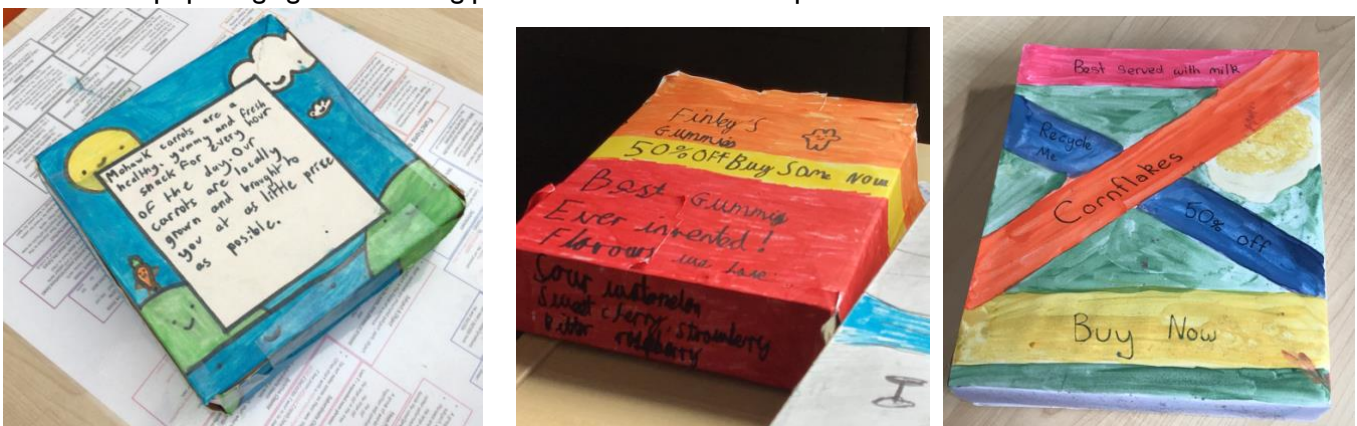
Tigers (Year 5)

In Year 5, we have been busy making use of our outdoor learning spaces and enjoying the fairer weather. These last couple of weeks, we have got stuck into some awesome statistics learning using the tennis equipment to collect data on a keepie-ups challenge. We also more recently used the playground to revise orientation and direction skills for shapes! Take a look below:



Leopards (Year 6)

In Art and Design Year 6 have been developing their own products and packaging with creative flair! Some groups chose to adapt packaging from existing products to suit their own product as shown below!



Pupil Voice

Listening Team Term 5 Update

Message from our Listening Team:

Dear families,

We would like to create a display in our school which celebrates our diversity. If your family have roots in different countries around the world, please send us a photograph and we will add it to our world map. Email: info@somerdaleet.org.uk



Messages

Attendance

A new page has been added to the school website to support attendance at school.

<https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/school-information/attendance/>

Reading Records

To ensure that we can monitor and support children's reading, it is essential that reading records and books are brought to school every day.








Head Lice

Please be vigilant regarding head lice and nits. The school nurse recommended reading the following article if you require advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>. You can also book an appointment with the school nurse via the school office.

Voice Box Request

We have had a request in the voice box that the children would like some Barbie dolls for breakfast and after-school club. If you have any spare, please do drop them into the school office. Of course, we don't want to exclude Ken either, Ken's are, I am sure, also appreciated!

Week Beginning	Week	Rights Focus	Global Goal Link	Event(s)
15/04	1	Article 42: Everyone must know about children's rights.		National Gardening Day Year 4 Swimming Primary Place Offer Day September 2024 (16.04.24)
22/04	2	Article 29: I have the right to an education which develops my personality, talents and abilities.		Year 4 Swimming Earth Day (22.04.24) St George's Day (23.04.24) FoSET Coffee Morning (25.04.24).
29/04	3	Article: Class Choice.		
06/05	4	Article 29: I have the right to an education which develops my personality, talents and abilities.		May Day Bank Holiday (06.04.24) Rags to Riches – Clothes Donation (FoSET).
13/05	5	Article 31: I have a right to rest, relax and play. Article 13: I have the right to find out and share information		Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs Week. SATs Breakfast Club. Census Day (16.05.24) Rights Respecting Team Application Deadline (17.04.24) SEND Coffee Morning (17.05.2024)
20/05	6	Article 31: I have a right to rest, relax and play.		World Culture Diversity Day @ Somerdale (21.05.24) Year 4 Sports Festival @ Ashton Gate (21.05.24) Outdoor Learning Day (22.05.24) St George's Choir Trip (23.05.24) Rights Respecting Team Interviews (24.05.24)

HALF TERM

Term 5 and 6 – Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
20.05.24	Emergency First Aid training for all year groups (Wiltshire Air Ambulance)
23.05.24	Preludes Choir Trip to St George's World cultural diversity day event
24.05.24	Fire and Water Safety session for Year 6 (Avon Fire Brigade)
03-07.06.24	Year 6 swimming
11-12.06.24	Tender Drama Workshop Year 6: Healthy Relationships
3.06.24 - 14.06.24	Year 4 Multiplication Check Window
10.06.24 - 14.06.24	Year 1 & 2 Phonics Screening Check Week
15.06.24	FOSET Summer Fair
17.06.24	Year 6 Camp Week
05.07.24	Sport Week – EYFS & KS1 Sports Day
05.07.24	Sport Week – KS2 Sports Day
21.06.24	SEND Coffee Morning
09.07.24	KS2 Production (PM)
10.07.24	KS2 Production (PM) / KS2 Production Evening Performance
12.07.24	School Reports Sent Home.
17.07.24	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
19.07.24	Last Day of Term

Friends of Somerdale Educate Together

FOSET are very excited to announce the date of their summer fair.

We would like to make this years one to remember so if you have any ideas or would like to get involved in organising please let your class rep, a member of FOSET or email friendsofsomerdale@hotmail.com

We are looking for lots of stallholders so if you would like a stall please message us on the email above.

As always we will needs lots of volunteers to help this run smoothly so don't be shy and if you've not volunteered before maybe this could be the event for you!



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Beyond the Mix Families

Join our Monthly Meet-up for Mixed Heritage Families in Bristol for connection, support and community

Join our community

Are you part of a mixed heritage family in Bristol, eager to celebrate the richness of your diverse backgrounds? Look no further!

We warmly invite you to our monthly gathering, where like-minded families come together to connect, share, make friends, and explore the beauty of identity in a fun-filled atmosphere.

To find out more join us on our socials
Instagram: @_beyond_the_mix_families
or drop us an email at caprice@beyondthemix.org

We can't wait to meet you!



Beyond the Mix Families



SEND COFFEE MORNINGS

26.09.2023

14.11.2023

17.01.2024

06.03.2024

17.05.2024

21.06.2024

9am in the school hall

**Theme for each coffee morning will be announced
nearer the time.**

make a difference

Work with children
Connect with your community
Enrich lives & learn new skills

Volunteer at Lifeskills

Join us for a taster hour!
Learn more about lifeskills, get in touch.



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volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



Anxiety
Low Mood
Anger
Panic

Self-esteem
Body Image
Worries
Social Anxiety

We are a team of Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) from the NHS. We work with children and young people aged 5-18 years to provide early mental health support within schools for mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

We provide:

1 1:1 Sessions

Talk to us about your feelings in a safe space. You will work with us for 6-8 sessions

2 Groups

We provide a range of group work to assist young people who are facing similar difficulties



If you would like support from an EMHP, speak to your teacher or a member of the pastoral team.