



# Summerhill Academy Term 3 Newsletter



February 2024

We can't quite believe we're at the end of another term! It has been a very busy, but very enjoyable and successful six weeks. Children across the school have enjoyed all sorts of learning activities, becoming artists, astronomers, biologists, athletes and many more. Year 3 have been introduced to Forest School, and the family forest school event this week was a particular highlight!

We had some visitors to school last week from another group of schools based in London, who has heard about our work on oracy as part of Voice 21. Their team were very impressed with how amazing your children are. One of our guests took some time to write a thankyou, including the following:

*I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the incredible confidence and pride your children have shown in being part of the Summerhill community. It was truly a pleasure to witness the strong sense of belonging that has been created. Their enthusiasm and unity are inspiring, and it was a joy to see them embrace their roles as citizens of Summerhill.*

What a great piece of feedback for our Summerhill Community. You should all be very proud. Have a lovely, restful half term, and we look forward to seeing you in term 4.

Chris Barratt, Principal

## Family Forest School!

This term, as part of their outdoor learning, it was Year 3's turn for Family Forest School! It was a lovely morning - the children really enjoyed sharing their learning with family, and everyone had fun going on a mini-beast hunt together. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend!



## Summerhill Academy Friends



CAN  
YOU  
HELP ?

Be a part of SAF, the team that invents fun and creative ways to help raise funds for the school. This is a project where everyone can join in and every offer of help will be valued.

Email them at  
[summerhillacademyfriends@gmail.com](mailto:summerhillacademyfriends@gmail.com)  
to support them and get involved.

## Year 5 Stargazing



Year 5 had the fantastic opportunity of attending an evening of astronomy this term! Thank you to the Year 5 team for your organisation and support of the event. It was a perfect night for stargazing, as they were lucky enough to have clear skies.

We'd like to say a massive thank you to all the adults who dedicated their evening to provide a wonderful experience for our Year 5 children. They had an amazing time and were incredibly engaged, and did not want the evening to end. We really appreciate all those who gave up their time to provide this experience and which will live long in their memories.



## Let's Get Talking!

Oracy is a key skill for all children in the Summerhill community. Please encourage your child to use their oracy skills at home by discussing this talking point:

**What I am most proud of so far this year**



Here are some possible sentence starts you may find useful:

*This year, I am most proud of...*  
*I worked really hard at...*  
*My biggest achievement this year was...*

## Multisports

Some pupils from years 5 & 6 had a wonderful time at City Academy this term, taking part in the multi-sports School Games event. They enjoyed playing Mario Kart, Crash Bandicoot, Quidditch and more! The children were so well behaved, demonstrating great sportsmanship and listening skills. We are extremely proud!



## Eco Tip

Did you know the UK wastes approximately 9.52 million tonnes of food every year? That's a big problem! Lots of perfectly good food goes to waste, and the stuff that gets thrown away creates greenhouse gas emissions. The good news is that we can all help solve this. Why not try **keeping a weekly food waste diary**, recording what food goes to waste and why? This can help to identify areas where waste can be reduced.



## Term Dates

2024 - 2025

Term 4	
First day of term for students	Tuesday 25th February 2025
Last day of term for students	Friday 4th April 2025
INSET Dates	Monday 24th February 2025
Term 5	
First day of term for students	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Last day of term for students	Friday 23rd May 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 21st April Monday 5th May
Term 6	
First day of term for students	Monday 2nd June 2025
Last day of term for students	Tuesday 22nd July 2025
INSET Dates	Friday 4th July 2025 Monday 7th July 2025