

Live Learning with UK Parliament

As part of Inquisitive Classroom this term everyone was able to experience an online learning session with UK Parliament Learning.



Years 5 and 6 discovered all about laws and debating and how long it takes to get a bill through parliament. They found out about some unusual laws still in place. Did you know it is illegal to carry a ladder along a London street? The session ended with an interactive debate in which both years chose to debate the problem of homelessness. Using their great oracy skills, they put together really good points on both sides.

Renovated derelict buildings to provide homes.

Maybe some people could live on boats.

If we build new homes this will impact on the environment.



We definitely have some politicians in the making.

Years 3 and 4 discovered how parliament works and how the 650 MPs get elected and how the peers in the House of Lords are nominated. There was much discussion about the skills needed to be the Prime Minister and the attributes needed to be a peer. They had the opportunity to share their ideas of who they would nominate for the House of Lords.

A nurse who has worked hard in covid and made cakes for her neighbours.

Alicia Keys for all she does for equality.

They followed up with reasons why they should be elected as an MP.

Some very persuasive points of view were put forward.



Everyone got a copy of Discover the UK Parliament to take home.





Attendance update

Thank you to all parent/carers for supporting their child's attendance. We have re-launched our attendance tracker to support our continued improved attendance, which this term stands at **95.5%** and the national average is 96%.

We would like to remind you that you are required to report the absence of the child in your care by 9am every morning, if they are reported as absent due to sickness we require a call every day. Absences can be reported by contacting the school office absence line or via email. Please provide a full reason for absence including the symptoms.

Please remember that in accordance with The Department for Education (DfE) guidelines, holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. Families who take holidays in term time risk being issued with a Fixed Penalty notice, being referred to the EWO, or in some cases the child may lose their school place.

Parents are encouraged to make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours. When this is not possible, please ensure you bring proof of the appointment so that we can enter the correct code onto our system. For example, this could be a text message confirming an appointment or a letter with appointment date and time on.

Summerhill Academy Friends (SAF) FUNdraising

Raising funds for the kids!!

Well what a year it's been! Full of challenges around every corner. But with the success of our 'Festive Fancy Dress Day' back in December '20 and donations through Amazon Smile we have managed to raise funds that have allowed the children to enjoy some wonderful new reading books at school, as well as a selection of amazing playground equipment.

We're thrilled to say that with the easing of Lockdown we have several exciting things planned for the children to enjoy in the coming weeks, that will not only get their creative juices flowing – but will raise much needed funds as well.

One of these is our 'How many things in a Match Box' challenge, which the children will be able to do over half term. The most items fitted in a match box, as well as best decorated box and most money raised will all win a special prize. So get sponsoring and put those thinking caps on!!

As always, we cannot make these things a success without you! So we're sending you a Summerhill Academy 'Friends Request' – just like Facebook we want YOU to be part of our team. Please help us to raise as much money as we can to give back to the children and make their time at Summerhill Academy the best it can be.

There are lots of ways to get involved!!

If you'd like to join us in making our events and fundraising days a reality, please email summerhillacademyfriends@gmail.com

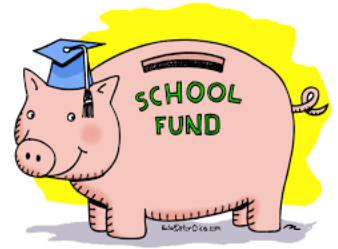
You can also add Summerhill Academy as your chosen charity to your Amazon Smile account – so every time you shop through Amazon you help us raise much needed funds.

We can't wait to see what the children come up with for the Match Box challenge!!

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals for Summerhill children

What is it and why apply for it?

To help Summerhill get extra funding! Pupil Premium funding goes directly to the school and pays for things like **school trips, breakfast clubs, or additional teachers and assistants to provide extra support and 1 to 1 tutoring - how amazing is that?!**



Bristol City Council are asking all parents whose children go to school in Bristol to find out if their child can get free schools meals and to register for Pupil Premium funding.

Pupil Premium funding is around £1320 per primary school child and around £935 per secondary school child.

This money makes a big difference to schools and the eligible pupils. We report on how we spend the money on our website.

Who is eligible to apply for this funding?

The Pupil Premium is extra funding for **every child who's eligible for free school meals** throughout their time at school.

Parents/Carers of children in Year 3 and older (including secondary schools) can apply for free school meals and Pupil Premium from Year 3 onwards if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit: if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get. This is also called the 'minimum income floor'.) If your child is eligible for free school meals they will eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in on 31 March 2023.

How do I apply?

Applying online is the easiest way. You'll get an immediate decision or we'll tell you if we need more information.

Apply here:

<https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals>

There's still time to take part in the Big Walk/Big Run - up until Mon 31 May 2021!



Our CLF Big Walk and Run started as a running event that staff took part in annually at the Bristol 10k. In recent years the event has spiralled and is now a firm highlight of our Big Calendar. This year, we are attempting to run 11,622 miles (a mile for every child in our trust) and raise the equivalent in funding (£11,662) for our most disadvantaged children.

We are running throughout the month of May and our staff and children are committing to walking or running a number of miles towards the cause. The event promotes mental health and wellbeing through activity to support our children to engage with education on a deeper level following the fairly challenging year we have all had. Our curriculum offer supports children to prepare for healthy lifestyles in a variety of ways; being physically active, learning the skills and knowledge associated with being an athlete, taking care of our wellbeing and understanding supportive strategies to maintain good mental health; this event speaks to all of these priorities.

Each staff participant receives a t shirt which we wear and share proudly in selfies via social media throughout the event, look out for the hashtags #CLFBigRun or #CLFBigWalk on social sites throughout to see how we are getting on.

In addition to our staff and children pledging miles, we have also been joined by some celebrity friends of the trust who are supporting us in raising the profile of this event and boosting our fundraising totals. This year we are joined by Charlie Cox, Romy Gill, Ben Smith, Roger Black, The Bristol Flyers Basketball Team and Mr Motivator, who will be sharing their Big Run pledges and stories of support via social media. Mr Motivator is also running a special training session to get us all in the mood for some activity!

How can I get involved?

If you are a member of Staff or a Student you can submit your miles to help us get to our goal of 11,662 miles over the month of May. You can also support us by donating.

Donate here: https://www.gofundme.com/f/clf-big-events?utm_campaign=p_cp_url&utm_medium=os&utm_source=customer

Submit miles here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ViObpySMlkm0IMbibQtAkVHWDj4iYKRKpzGMX0fttwZUQzRTSFFORjBGQ0k2TTA3VVVZRkpXR DhNVi4u>

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Summer Hill Academy has a temporary vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol. Would you be interested in getting involved and taking on this role. At the moment the current Lollipop Lady is not available and we are looking for someone who would be prepared to stand in until she can come back and into the future to cover any other absences.

This is a term time only role that helps your school community. It is a paid position and you are paid for ten hours per week term time. The hourly rate is £9.30 and the hours are annualised as they are for other school roles. Full training and uniform will be provided.

You will need to be a good communicator with an ability and understanding of working with the general public.

Perhaps you could share the job, maybe a friend could cover the morning shifts and you the afternoons, or perhaps you could do Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and then a friend take over on Thursday and Friday. We are open to discuss with you how the vacancy might be managed.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Frances Dansie on 07500120320 or by email road.safety@bristol.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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MAY TERM HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Tue 1st - Fri 5th June 9am - 4pm

based at **Begbrook Primary Academy**

open to children from any school

visit www.myshine.co.uk to book now

Holiday Club Fun Day!
Loads of different fun sports and activities throughout the day.

Wraparound Care from 7:45am - 5:55pm available.

A note from the office team...

- ◆ Please remember, if you have an end of day password set up for your child you will not need to notify the office that another adult will be collecting your child at the end of the day. Please just ensure that the person collecting is over the age of 18 and has the password.
- ◆ Could we please ask that you support the office team by avoiding calling the office during peak times, i.e. before 9.30am and after 2.30pm, **unless your call is urgent or regarding absence**. For any other queries, please call between 9.30am and 2.30pm wherever possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for the Diary

Term 5

Last day of term for students Friday 28 May 2021

Term 6

First day of term for students Monday 7 June 2021

Eco Committee applications Wednesday 9 June 2021

Bikeability Year 6 (for those with booked places) Weds 7 & Thurs 8 July 2021

Bikeability Year 4 (for those with booked places) Thursday 8 July 2021

Last day of term for students Wednesday 21 July 2021

INSET Day Friday 2 July 2021

Term 1 2021-2022

First day of term for students Monday 6 September 2021

Last day of term for students Wednesday 20 October 2021

INSET Dates
Thursday 2 September 2021
Friday 3 September 2021
Thursday 21 October 2021
Friday 22 October 2021

To view full term and holiday dates for the 2021-2022 academic year, please visit:
<https://summerhillacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/term-dates/>