



Term 6 Newsletter 2021– 2022

What an amazing year we have had!

This has been my first full academic year as Principal at Summerhill Academy, and it has been an absolute pleasure to be part of the community. Having lived in the local area until recently, I knew that it was a special place to be, but I am still impressed and delighted on a daily basis by how brilliant you all are. Thank you for letting me be a part of it.

There have been some key milestones that we have achieved along the way. The Ofsted inspection went very well, with the school being graded 'Good' in all areas and 'Outstanding' in the area of Personal Development. The inspection team wrote about the 'infectious energy' in the academy and spoke of the children being 'ambassadors' for the school. We couldn't be prouder of them. Year 6 SATs results were also well above national average, and a strong improvement on the last results from 2019. Well done to the whole team (children, families and adults in school) for this fantastic achievement.

We will continue to push hard for educational excellence in the next academic year. Our curriculum offer goes from strength to strength, and we have some great plans for 2022/23, including all year groups going on a range of exciting visits to support their learning.

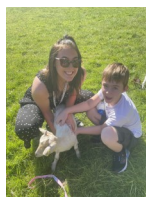
We are saying goodbye to some amazing colleagues this week, and I am sure you will join me in thanking them all for their dedication, enthusiasm, care and friendship during their time at Summerhill. They will always be part of our Summerhill Community.

Have a fantastic, well-deserved summer break, and we look forward to more success in the future.

Chris Barratt, Principal.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School has been a big hit again this term, with many of the children having an opportunity to take part in activities.



Miss Lowther has lead some very exciting experiences, we have had a visit



from some Pygmy Goats, explored the use of reflections in nature and even battled through the rain to make dens for soft toys.



DIVERSITY WEEK

As part of the UK-wide celebration, Diversity Week at Summerhill Academy was a lot of fun and very informative. All of the children were involved and contributed to creating a LGBTQ+ diversity logo for the school. We gained a whole new perspective of what diversity means and how we can continue to kind and respectful to all people from all backgrounds or walks of life.



DEANFIELD RESIDENTIAL CAMP

Another very successful end of year trip to Deanfield Activity Centre for our Year 6 children!

During their week away the Year 6's were able to experience a whole range of activities! From shelter building to climbing! Every individual showed a great deal of resilience and bravery (particularly on the high ropes). The Year 6 teachers were and are so proud of the way that the children were able to comfort and support each other, assisting their friends to overcome internal thoughts, feelings and fears.

"I cannot express in words how amazing the children are. I've treasured every hour in their company and I can honestly say I don't want to say goodbye to them on Thursday" - Miss Coombes



REMINDER

Year Groups	Start Time	Finish Time
3 & 6	08:30	15:00
4 & 5	08:40	15:10

As of the end of March our drop off and pick up one way system has been reversed.

We are using the lowest playground gate as the main entrance for families.

The exit gate remains the same.

CLEAN AIR DAY

We were recognised for how many of our students use active travel to get to school. Summerhill Academy came 13th in the country with 97% of our children travelling to school by bike or by foot.

CLF FESTIVAL OF SPORT

The CLF hosted a fantastic Festival of Sport this term and a handful of our Summerhill students were lucky enough to take part.

The festival was a great opportunity for the children to not only gain experience in sporting activities that they may not have the chance to do in school, but they were also able to meet and work with children from other academies. There were all kinds of events from backwards sprinting to trampolining.

All of the children involved were incredible representatives for our school and really did us proud!



SUMMER SAFE PLAY

As tempting as it is to stay inside to play on devices or watch TV, this warmer weather is the perfect reason to get outdoors this summer. While there is so much fun to be had outdoors, precautions must be taken to ensure that the experience is enjoyable and safe.

STAY HYDRATED

LATHER ON THE SUNSCREEN AND BUG SPRAY

MONITOR GRILLING, BARBEQUING AND CAMPFIRES

BE ALERT AROUND WATER

STAY UP TO DATE ON SEVERE WEATHER

Term 1	
First day of term for students	Monday 5 September 2022
Last day of term for students	Wednesday 19 October 2022
INSET Dates	Thursday 1 September 2022 Friday 2 September 2022 Thursday 20 October 2022 Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2	
First day of term for students	Monday 31 October 2022
Last day of term for students	Friday 16 December 2022
Term 3	
First day of term for students	Wednesday 4 January 2023
Last day of term for students	Friday 10 February 2023
INSET dates	Tuesday 3 January 2023