



TERM 4 NEWSLETTER – 2023

We've had another fantastic term here at Summerhill Academy!

The children have all been absolute superstars, as always, and really engaged well with some great learning across our curriculum. There are details below about Lantern Parades, World Book Day celebrations, hedge planting and more, but there have been trips, visits and competitions to enjoy as well (plus some English and maths too..!).

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Summerhill Academy staff who work in a range of roles across the school, because without them we wouldn't be able to provide the excellent education that we do. Above all, they care a great deal about our school, and I know that this feeling extends into our families and wider community as well.

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break. It will be a busy term 5, which includes Year 6 SATs week, so make sure children come back full of energy and enthusiasm for more great learning.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Chris Barratt, Principal

SCHOOL DAY REMINDER!

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

YEAR 4 LANTERN PARADE

This term the year 4 classes had the wonderful opportunity of taking part in a series of workshops run by the Lamplighters Arts team, to ultimately contribute to the Church Road Lantern Parade! They worked with two other local schools to create this fantastic event alongside the wider community, as a way to celebrate the world's connected skies above our heads.



The children really showed their creative skills in helping construct some brilliant lanterns. Despite the rain there were smiles and dancing throughout and the display was truly amazing!

A huge thank you to the adults that helped make this happen - it couldn't be done without you. Thanks as well to Bethesda Methodist Church for hosting the sessions. This event was



paired with Govandi Arts Festival in Mumbai, and kindly funded by British Council India and Bristol City Council.

STAY AND PLAY WARM HUB

Every Wednesday
3.30PM to 5.30PM

The Beehive Centre



Free

Drinks
Snacks
& TOAST

Games
& CRAFTS

Quiet
TABLE

A WARM PLACE FOR FAMILIES WITH PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN TO MEET AFTER SCHOOL

all children must come with an adult

STARTING 11th JANUARY
At The Beehive Centre,
19a Stretford Road,
BS5 7AW

Contact us for more info:
01179 354471 / info@thebeehivebristol.co.uk

WORLD BOOK DAY!

The school had a fantastic celebration of World Book Day this term, learning lots about the art of storytelling and celebrating our love of reading together. So many fun activities unfolded throughout the day, including a webinar with Michael Morpurgo, the children dressing up in the library photobooth as their favourite characters, and sharing their home-made finger puppets from their favourite books.

The children also had a great time sharing book recommendations with others, which led to some really interesting conversations and helped some people find some new favourites! The day ended calmly with story time with Mrs McLeod.



We'd like to say a big thank you to all the adults who came in to share some stories in the afternoon! Thanks for helping to make the day really engaging for the children.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB BOOKING AMENDMENT

Further to the large number of on the day requests for After School Club bookings we are receiving at the moment.

To allow us to ensure that we can complete this process in time **we request that all bookings are requested by 12pm** with effect from term 3.

To assist with these on the day bookings please ensure credit is available prior to sending your request.

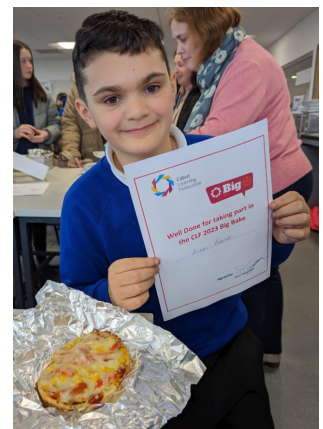
If a request is received after 12pm a late charge will be applied,

this supersedes the previous 2pm cut off time.
Thank you for your continued support.

THE BIG BAKE!

Amari from Saffron Class proudly represented Summerhill at this year's CLF Big Bake Competition!

Amari brought six fairy cakes decorated in the theme of 'environment' and made a pizza as part of the technical challenge!



One of our celebrity chefs from last year, former Junior Bake Off finalist Robbie Hedges, judged the competition. Thank you to Winterstoke Hundred Academy for hosting this year and a big well-done to Amari for taking part!

FOREST SCHOOL UPGRADE, TREES AND MORE!

This term has seen some great upgrades to the Forest School area of the field, with a fantastic new mud kitchen to help students learn about the natural world. Thanks to Mr Younger and Mr Mathers, and all who contributed to this project. It has already proved a great success with the children using it!



As part of our ongoing commitment to improving our environment through encouraging insect and plant life and developing our school grounds, a new hedge is being planted along our border with Plummers Hill. With the support of the Woodland Trust, each child will be planting their own sapling. These include hawthorn, dogwood, rowan and silver birch, which are native species designed to be good for local wildlife. We are really looking forward to seeing our saplings grow into a hedge that will provide a home for a range of insects as well as being a natural barrier from the road.

Thanks to Duncan for his support with the hedgerow planting, and please be sure to look after them and stay clear of the planting area!

ECO TIP!

Trees deliver lots of benefits in our neighbourhoods and are vital for wildlife across the UK. If you have a garden at home, why not try planting some things to help create a habitat for the local wildlife? And for those interested to know more about tree-planting across Bristol, and want to get involved with volunteering, or even sponsor a tree, you can find more info on the City Council website:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/museums-parks-sports-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/trees-and-meadows>

PARENTS EVENING

REMINDER!

Before going off on holiday this Easter, please remember to book your Parents' Evening meeting if you haven't already.

You can book through SCOPAY and need only book for one of the dates below.

Wed 19 April	3:30 — 7:00	Face-to-Face
Wed 26 April	3:30 — 5:00 pm	Online (Microsoft Teams)

TEAMMATE OF THE YEAR!

A big congratulations to Christopher Johnson in Violet Class for winning our 'Teammate of the Year' competition! He was nominated by his peers for being kind, considerate, good



at listening, and always trying his best!

He has won tickets to see Bristol Flyers play Manchester Giants.

We hope you have an amazing time!

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

We would like to politely remind all families that all medical, dental or optician appointments should be arranged for outside of school hours. Should school hours be completely unavoidable, we ask that we are given as much notice as possible and that, for our records, a form of written confirmation of the appointment is provided. We accept that hospital issued appointments are not negotiable.

There has recently been an increase in the number of children that are being collected from school early for a sibling's or parent/carer's appointment. On these occasions, we would like to encourage families to use our wrap around care provisions (breakfast and afterschool clubs) to ensure that children are present for all key learning.

Term 5

First day of term for students

Monday 17 April 2023

Last day of term for students

Friday 26 May 2023

Bank Holidays

Monday 1 May 2023

Monday 8 May 2023

Term 6

First day of term for students

Monday 5 June 2023

Last day of term for students

Friday 21 July 2023

INSET Dates

Friday 7 July 2023

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24 Term 1

First day of term for students

Tuesday 5 September 2023

Last day of term for students

Wednesday 18 October 2023

INSET Dates

Friday 1 September 2023

Monday 4 September 2023

Thursday 19 October 2023 (conf.)

Friday 20 October 2023