



Summerhill Academy

Term 2 Newsletter



December 2024

Here we are at the end of 2024! What an incredible couple of terms we've had so far this academic year. The children have been a pleasure to teach, as always, and I am very proud of our entire Summerhill team for the work they do every day to support our Community.

Becoming a Voice 21 Oracy Centre of Excellence, as well as achieving the highest Year 6 SATs results in Bristol for the second year running, have been two highlights of 2024, but there are daily moments of greatness from the children that are the real reason we all do our jobs.

We couldn't do this without your support, so thank you! It was so nice to see many of you at our Winter Fayre last week in support of SAF, and also meet some of our newer families at the Year 3 Nativity shows this week.

However you are planning to spend the next couple of weeks, we hope you have a lovely break, and look forward to seeing you again in 2025.

Chris Barratt

Principal



Bikeability!

Well done to all those who participated in this year's Bikeability Courses! Year 4 and Year 6 took on the challenge of boosting their bike skills, and completed their Level 1 or Level 2 Course. We saw a fantastic effort from all the children.



In term 4, we will be running a 'Learn to Ride' course for year 4 and 5 to support with teaching basic bike skills. Please keep an eye out for further details closer to the time.

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 to support them and get involved.



Year 4 Viking Visitor!

Year 4 had a visitor from the past this term! The Viking workshop took the children back in time and immersed them in the world of Viking culture. They explored their origin, learned about how they lived, wrote, and fought. Testing their javelin skills, handling artefacts and weapons, writing in runes, the children engaged in a whole range of fun activities across the day to enhance their history learning.



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Year 4 behaved exceptionally for the whole day and loved every minute of it. Thanks to the Year 4 Team for arranging this special visit, and to History in Schools for sending in their expert Viking!

East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood Trial Scheme

A Message from Bristol City Council

Bristol City Council are currently installing trial measures in Barton Hill and parts of Redfield and St George to help to make the area safer, healthier and greener by achieving a better balance between how local streets are used for transport and people.

This includes point closures (modal filters and pocket parks) and bus gates. The Council expects there to be disruption during the installation of the measures but that over a longer period of time, traffic should settle down as new routes are established and more people choose public transport, walking and wheeling in the longer-term. You can find out more about the scheme and how it is being monitored at: www.bristol.gov.uk/eastbristolliveableneighbourhood

Let's Get Talking!

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

GRATITUDE PROMPTS

1. A **strength** of mine for which I am grateful is...
2. Something **money can't buy** that I'm grateful for is...
3. Something that **comforts me** that I'm grateful for is...
4. Something that's **funny** for which I'm grateful for is...
5. Something **in nature** that I'm grateful for is...
6. A **memory** I'm grateful for is....
7. Something that **changes** that I'm grateful for is....
8. A **challenge** I'm grateful for is....
9. Something **interesting** that I'm grateful for is...
10. Something **beautiful** I'm grateful for is...



Drop-In Sessions with our School Health Nurse

This year we are running a series of drop-in Coffee Mornings and afternoon sessions. These are hosted by our School Health Nurse team, and are designed for general discussion about any health or well-being concerns you may have about your child.



NEXT SESSION DATE:

Wednesday 15 January

9:00 - 9:45am Coffee Morning

2:30 - 3pm Focused Session 'Your Child and Healthy Eating'

Multi-School Athletics Event

Some lucky year 5 and 6 children took part in a sports hall athletics event at City Academy this term. Unsurprisingly, we are very proud of our Summerhill athletes! Summerhill came a respectable 4th place out of 8 schools. The children all performed amazingly in their events but as always, we were particularly impressed with the way they conducted themselves. Win or lose, they showed empathy, kindness, great teamwork and had a thoroughly good time!!



Eco Tip for December

FOOD

- Plan your meals so food doesn't go to waste. Leftovers can make some of the tastiest meals!
- Shop local. Are there ingredients for your Christmas dinner that you can source from local farms or shops?



- Compost your vegetable waste.
- Try out some veggie and vegan alternatives to cut down on meat and dairy.



Festive dinners!

The school celebrated Christmas jumper day this term, and enjoyed a fabulous festive dinner! Children and adults joined together in the dining hall to share some food and show off their finest festive knitware.

We'd like to send out a big thank you to the entire lunchtime team for making this such a special day.

Year 3 Nativity!

Well done to Year 3 for putting on two amazing performances of their Nativity show this term! Weeks of rehearsals and preparations paid off as friends and family were invited in to enjoy a delightful show. The children have put in a fantastic effort this year. The school is really proud - well done Year 3!

And, a group of amazing Year 3's were invited to visit St Georges Care Home to share some Nativity songs with the residents. Needless to say, they did a brilliant job of representing the school and spreading festive cheer within the community. Thank you Ms Pomeroy and Mrs McNamara for all of your hard work in making this happen!



Year 3 Nativity performance



Festive Dinner!



Winter Fayre!



This term saw the return of the annual Summerhill Winter Fayre! Families joined us for an afternoon of festive fun, which included hot drinks, cake stalls, games, a tombola, and some wonderful performances from every year group! Congratulations to the winners of this year's raffle! A jolly time was had by all.

A big thank you to all the helpers, bakers, and prize donators for your support. And a special thank you to SAF and Ms Lowther for organising the fayre. In total we raised **an incredible £1041.75!** Thank you to all families for attending and for your incredibly generous donations. Your ongoing support greatly enhances the resources and opportunities we can provide here at Summerhill.



Donations This Term



For Break the Rules Day, we raised an impressive £300! Thank you to SAF for organising this.

And on Pyjama Day, we have raised a huge £173 for BBC Children In Need!

Thank you for all of your generous donations!



Best festive wishes from Becks the Christmas Pudding!

Term Dates

2024 - 2025

Term 3	
First day of term for students	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Last day of term for students	Friday 14th February 2025
INSET Dates	Monday 6th January 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

Have a wonderful break and we will see you in the New Year!