



Somerdale Educate Together  
Primary School  
'Learn Together to Live Together'  
Newsletter (Term 4 Week 6)  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Value of the Month for

March

**Justice**

Dear Families,

On behalf of everyone at Somerdale I would like to wish you all a very relaxing Easter Break! We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15 April 2024.

### **Easter Disco**

We would like to thank the members of FoSET and all of the family members who supported the Easter disco. Fun was had by all.



### **Thank You**

It has my attention that I had not formally thanked the following members of the FoSET committee for all their time, energy, and commitment to raising money for the school last year. It makes such a difference to the children and staff.

- Jo Traquair
- Heather Hawkey
- Lauren Evans
- Hayley Jones

### **Outdoor Classroom Day – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**



To celebrate the completion of our year-long project with Learning through Landscapes, we will be holding an 'Outdoor classroom day' on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. During the day, all children will spend the majority of the day outside taking parts in lots of fun, outdoor learning activities. Children from Reception – Year Six will be mixed together into 8 different groups, with pre-school joining at various points in the day as well.

Activities will include firelighting, pond dipping, den building, weaving and more! Later in the afternoon we will be inviting people from the local community and organisations that have helped us including Learning through Landscapes, The Postcode Lottery, Bupa, Canal & River Trust and FOSET so that they can see first-hand the difference their generosity has made. We will also have the official opening of the Coronation Pond.

After pick-up, there will also be a chance for children to share with families some of the activities that have been provided during the day, with FOSET providing refreshments.

We have further exciting news to share soon regarding our outdoor area, but you'll have to wait until the next newsletter to find out more!

### Curriculum

#### Turtles (Pre-School)

Pre-School have enjoyed finding out about Holi this week! We found out that it is a festival which celebrates spring and is also known as the Festival of Colour. We went on a scavenger hunt to see if we could notice any signs of spring where we found buds on the trees and some flowers starting to grow! Then we had lots of fun exploring colour. We made hearts with streamers, used marbles in paint to roll over paper to make some bunting for decorations and had a go at learning a special dance for Holi! Happy Holi to those celebrating!



#### Wildcats

Children have enjoyed exploring the signs of Spring. New flowers, buds, baby animals and changes in weather. We have been on environment walks, observed plants and insects and investigated sounds and smells which contribute to the sign of Spring! - I have loved seeing your beanstalk plant updates too! What amazing gardeners you are.



Children also enjoyed Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Exploring what makes our minds special and unique and celebrating our individuality for how we see the world.



Thank you for your continued support this term, have a wonderful Easter break.

### Hedgehogs (Year 1)

Wow, the end of Spring Term already! In Hedgehogs, we took time this week to look at the school year as a bar model- linking to our maths curriculum- and we couldn't believe how much of Year One we have already done and how far everybody has come with all their learning!

We have had a busy few weeks with end of unit writes, children in need, neurodiversity celebrations and assessment week, but team Hedgehogs have shown great growth mindset and have taken on the challenges with enthusiasm. I think everyone has enjoyed a more relaxed week this week with Easter celebrations. Our morning challenge to make an Easter Bunny proved what creative designers Hedgehog's are!

As always, I would like to send a massive thank you to all families for their continued support, I wish everyone a fantastic holiday!

### Bumblebees (Year 2)

The Bumblebees have created these wonderful birdfeeders which have been carefully placed around the school grounds.



### Puffins (Year 3)

Team Puffin have had a fantastic term and have really impressed us with their learning, teamwork, and enthusiasm! In Learn Together this term, they had to lead a class project to make school a better place. They chose to get more comic books for the library as it then helps everyone, not just themselves and it will help get children into reading (all of this came from them!). They then organised a Pick-a-Pot end of day game where they raised almost £60 to spend on comics for the school. They are also asking for some old comic books that aren't being read anymore. We've only had a couple so far, so if you have any lurking around, please do bring them in! J



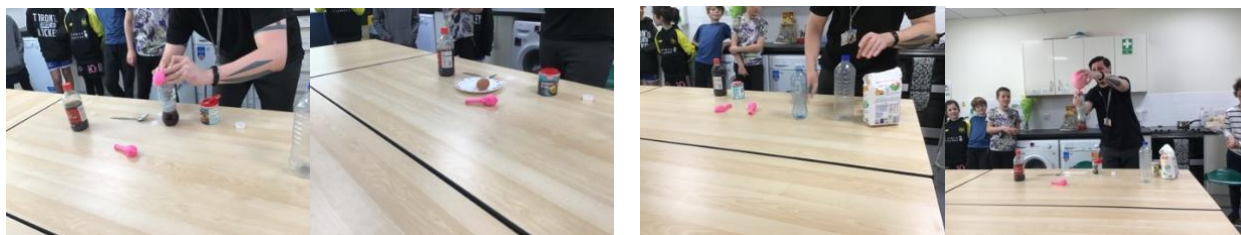
### Elephants (Year 4)

Last week, Elephants created a window display all about neurodiversity and how we can be better friends to those who are neurodiverse. We also had a fabulous time being Romans at the Roman Baths in Bath this week! We explored the grounds, handled thousands of years old artefacts, and became archaeologists underground. Have a look at some pictures!



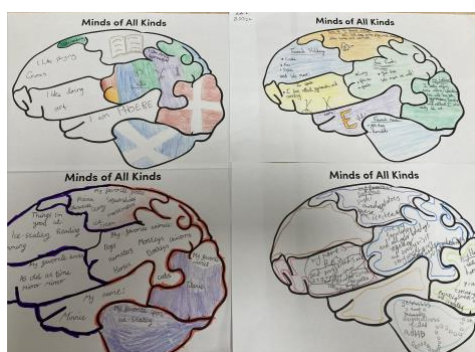
### Tigers (Year 5)

In Year 5, we wrapped up our 'Properties and Changes of Materials' topic with investigating reversible and irreversible changes boiling eggs, inflating balloons with hydrogen by mixing vinegar and baking soda, using acids to clean coins and preserving apples from oxidation with a variety of traditional preservatives such as honey, salt and sugar.



### Leopards (Year 6)

Last week, as part of Neurodiversity Week, Year 6 created posters about our minds and celebrated that we are all different.



We visited the Lifeskills Centre in Bristol for a series of real-life scenarios which help children make decisions which will keep them and others safe. The centre is an amazing resource which some lucky year 6s in the local area get to attend. They are always looking for more volunteers so if you are interested, they are advertising for more! Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter.



### Outdoors Request

We are requesting some help with the following:

- We would love any old tarpaulin, perhaps from decorating, or shower curtains you may have. This will help us to create a box of resources for den building.
- We'd also love to more delivery crates (of the sturdy kind that children can stand on)
- If you have any spare/old but still sturdy bits of decking, we'd be happy to take these off your hands as well!



If you can help at all, please drop them off at the office for the attention of Sam.

### Messages

#### Road Safety

We have had reports of cars driving too fast around the school site during the start and end of the school day. Please can you ensure that you adhere to the correct speed limits and park safely.

#### Reading Records

To ensure that we can monitor and support children's reading, it is essential that reading records and books are brought to school every day.



#### Head Lice

Please be vigilant regarding head lice and nits. The school nurse recommended reading the following article if you require advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>. You can also book an appointment with the school nurse via the school office.



3 CORRECT MAPS  
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EACH WINNER GETS  
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# EASTER EGG TRAIL

FRIDAY 29TH MAR TO  
SUNDAY 14TH APR

SUGGESTED DONATION FOR  
SOMERDALE TRAIL MAPS:  
£2 EACH / £1 FOR SIBLINGS

Available from:

School gates pick up  
(Mon 25th/Thurs 28th Mar)

School Reception

(Tues 26th/Wed 27th 10am-2pm)

Pavillion Reception

Fri 29th-Sun 14th Apr



Completed trail maps emailed to:  
[FriendsofSomerdale@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsofSomerdale@hotmail.com)

FOSET are very excited to announce the date of their summer fair.

We would like to make this years one to remember so if you have any ideas or would like to get involved in organising please let your class rep, a member of FOSET or email [friendsofsomerdale@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofsomerdale@hotmail.com)

We are looking for lots of stallholders so if you would like a stall please message us on the email above.

As always we will needs lots of volunteers to help this run smoothly so don't be shy and if you've not volunteered before maybe this could be the event for you!



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# **SEND COFFEE MORNINGS**

**26.09.2023**

**14.11.2023**

**17.01.2024**

**06.03.2024**

**17.05.2024**

**21.06.2024**

**9am in the school hall**

**Theme for each coffee morning will be announced  
nearer the time.**

# make a difference

Work with children  
Connect with your community  
Enrich lives & learn new skills

## Volunteer at Lifeskills

Join us for a taster hour!  
Learn more about lifeskills, get in touch.



**0117 922 4511**

[volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk)



# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



Anxiety  
Low Mood  
Anger  
Panic

Self-esteem  
Body Image  
Worries  
Social Anxiety

We are a team of Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) from the NHS. We work with children and young people aged 5-18 years to provide early mental health support within schools for mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

We provide:

## 1 1:1 Sessions

Talk to us about your feelings in a safe space. You will work with us for 6-8 sessions

## 2 Groups

We provide a range of group work to assist young people who are facing similar difficulties



If you would like support from an EMHP, speak to your teacher or a member of the pastoral team.