



# Somerdale Educate Together Primary School

'Learn Together to Live Together'

Newsletter (Term 2 Week 2)

12<sup>th</sup> November 2021



Dear Families,

This week our Learn Together focus was Article 38 which explores children's right to protection and freedom from war. Classes explored this alongside Remembrance Day in an age-appropriate manner. Next week, our focus shifts to **Anti-bullying Week** and **Children in Need**. The theme for this year's Anti-bullying week is 'One Kind Word'. To mark the start of anti-bullying week, the school will participate in 'Odd Socks Day'. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to mark the importance of talking about anti-bullying issues and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need 2021. Please see more details and a link to our Just Giving page below.

## Celebration Assembly

Year Group	Somerdale Star	Rights Respecting Award	Learner of the Week
1	Lois	Ronnie	Alys
2	Mila	Addie	Teddy T
3	Oliver R	Lewis	Anwen
4	Olivia	Seth	Florence
5	Pippa	Olivia CB	Willow

## Right Respecting Topic

*Article 38: Children have the right to be free and protected from war.*

## Listening Team

Congratulations to everyone who applied for the Rights Respecting Ambassador roles. We are so proud of everyone who applied. The quality of the answers provided, both in the applications and interviews, was exceptional.

Year Group	Rights Respecting Ambassadors
1	Alice Lambkin and Charlie Ciavucco-Bates
2	Marco Vigliucci and Elias Alexander
3	Archie Fitzgerald and Sofia Burbidge
4	Natalya Tucker and Jacob Rawlings
5	Theo Underhill and Eden Craine

## Welcome to the Bumble Bees!

Every year, reception children help choose the new name for their class! We had some interesting options from Red Squirrel to Otters to Hedgehogs but the unanimous vote was for Bumble Bees! Welcome Bumble Bee Class! Classes keep their names as they progress through Somerdale, unless they vote democratically to change it at any point in the future.

## **Year 5 Lunchtime Playworker Training**

This week our wonderful Year 5 children were trained in how to promote play for the younger children during lunchtimes.



## **School Meals**

We would like to thank you for your support this week and apologise for the interruption to our normal school menu due to staff shortages. Despite, the challenges faced this week, we were still able to provide hot meals. Many thanks to Jenna (Cooking Assistant) and Office Team for their efforts this week!

## **Photographs of the Week**



## **World Children's Day 2021**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November marks a very important day. It is World Children's Day! This is marked every year to commemorate the Declaration of the Rights of the Child by the UN General Assembly in 1959.

As a Silver Rights Respecting school, and with our ethical curriculum, this day is of huge importance for the children of our school. On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, we will be marking this event by taking part in the 'World's Largest Lesson!'

Every class, from Pre-School to Year Five, will learn more about the 'Global Goals for Sustainable Development'. The day will start with a special assembly where we will watch a video featuring Malala Yousafzai who will introduce the World's Largest Lesson.

Each year group will then focus on one or two global goals where they will identify how we can raise the awareness of these, and actions we can take to support them. Children will then feedback to the whole-school in another special assembly at the end of the day.

Each class will produce something for parents to explain the global goals and things that we can do to help the planet.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, we would also love the children to come to school **wearing blue** to celebrate this important day.

We look forward to sharing our learning on the global goals on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.



### **Christmas at Somerdale Educate Together**

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm – Songs by Candlelight with Key Stage Two.**

Families of Year 3, 4 & 5 are invited to join us at 4.30pm in the playground for a warm and festive singalong! We will be singing traditional and modern-day Christmas songs together with you as families.

Christmas jumpers, scarves and mittens are all warmly encouraged!

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm – Key Stage One present 'Penguin Pete'**

Pete is fed up with getting fish for Christmas. As he travels North to tell Father Christmas, he meets Kangaroos, Monkeys and Jack Frost. He even gets to ride in Santa's new sleigh. Of course, he could always have sent a letter!

Families of Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to join us at 2.15pm to watch this wonderful rendition of Penguin Pete.

#### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am - EYFS present 'The Greatest Journey'**

Families of Pre-School and Reception are invited to join us at 9.30am to watch a lovely interpretation of the Nativity story.

### **Positive Covid-19 Cases - Reporting Procedures**

Please inform the school immediately if your child has a positive PCR test. Whilst the guidance in the Covid-19 Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan does not require classes to isolate, the school will still report positive PCR cases to families for their reference via email.

For children who are isolating, but are feeling well in themselves, you will find information about remote learning in the weekly overviews which each class teacher uploads by Sunday every week on the Google Drive class folders. You can find links to all the class folders on our website under the 'Our Classes' tab. Please upload learning onto your child's Seesaw account, or Tapestry if in the EYFS.

### **Fed up with your Christmas Jumpers?!!!**

On 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Winter Wonderland, FOSET will be having a 'Christmas jumper stall'. Children and adult jumpers will be available to buy for a small donation to the school. For this stall to run successfully, we require **donations** of Christmas jumpers in all sizes. Please bring your clean old Christmas jumpers to the school office on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> or Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**.

### **Reception Tours for 2022-23**

The school will be running tours for families wishing to apply for reception places in 2022-23 on the following dates. Places must be booked via the school office.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10:00am

### **Child Absence**

Should your child be unwell, please ensure that you let us know by 9am so that we can complete our registers. You can e-mail [info@somerdaleet.org.uk](mailto:info@somerdaleet.org.uk) or call 0117 3790888 and leave a message. Please remember to inform the office by 9am of each subsequent day of absence until they are well enough to return to school.

Best Wishes

Chris Thomas-Unsworth  
(Headteacher)

### **Dates for the Diary**

#### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day!**

To mark the start of anti-bullying week the school will participate in 'Odd Socks Day'. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day>



#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need 2021**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November marks Children in Need 2021 and for a suggested donation of £1, we are inviting children to dress up in their best fancy dress for the day. Please click on the link for our 'Somerdale Children in Need 2021 Dressing Up Day - Just Giving' page.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/somerdale-educate-together4?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=somerdale-educate-together4&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=4fe1fa71bd3d4327ac9d57d9cea1ad83](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/somerdale-educate-together4?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=somerdale-educate-together4&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=4fe1fa71bd3d4327ac9d57d9cea1ad83).



<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/>

#### **World Children's Day 2021**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, we would love the children to come to school wearing blue to celebrate World Children's Day 2021.

#### **Christmas Fair (FOSET)**

We have taken the decision to alter the format of the Christmas Fair this year due to concerns around the pandemic and the potential of having to cancel the event at short notice. We understand that as a community we will all have differing viewpoints on how the school should proceed, but our main concern is that children do not miss out on a special Christmas experience. Therefore, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November children will be able to visit the Somerdale Winter Wonderland and Christmas disco! More details will follow in the FOSET newsletter next week. The event will be bubble based.

## **General**

Please can we politely remind parents to label all clothes to ensure that lost property items can be returned to the correct child. Thank you.

## **FOSET**

Friends of Somerdale Educate Together need your help! Sign up to easyfundraising & raise FREE donations every time you shop online with over 6,000 retailers. John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay and many more are waiting to give a free donation. Plus once you've signed up and raised £15 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £15 bonus donation!

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Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week – Theme – One Kind Word
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Wear 'Odd Socks' to school for Anti-Bullying week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need 2021 – Dressing Up Day
Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Somerdale Road Safety Week
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Wear something 'blue' to school in support of World Children's Day
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Somerdale Winter Wonderland and disco
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 'Songs by Candlelight' @ 4.30pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance 'Penguin Pete' @ 2.15pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-School and Reception – 'The Greatest Journey' @ 9.30am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner

*Equality Based, Co-Educational, Child Centred, Democratically Run*