



# Somerdale Educate Together Primary School

'Learn Together to Live Together'

Newsletter (Term 2 Week 4)

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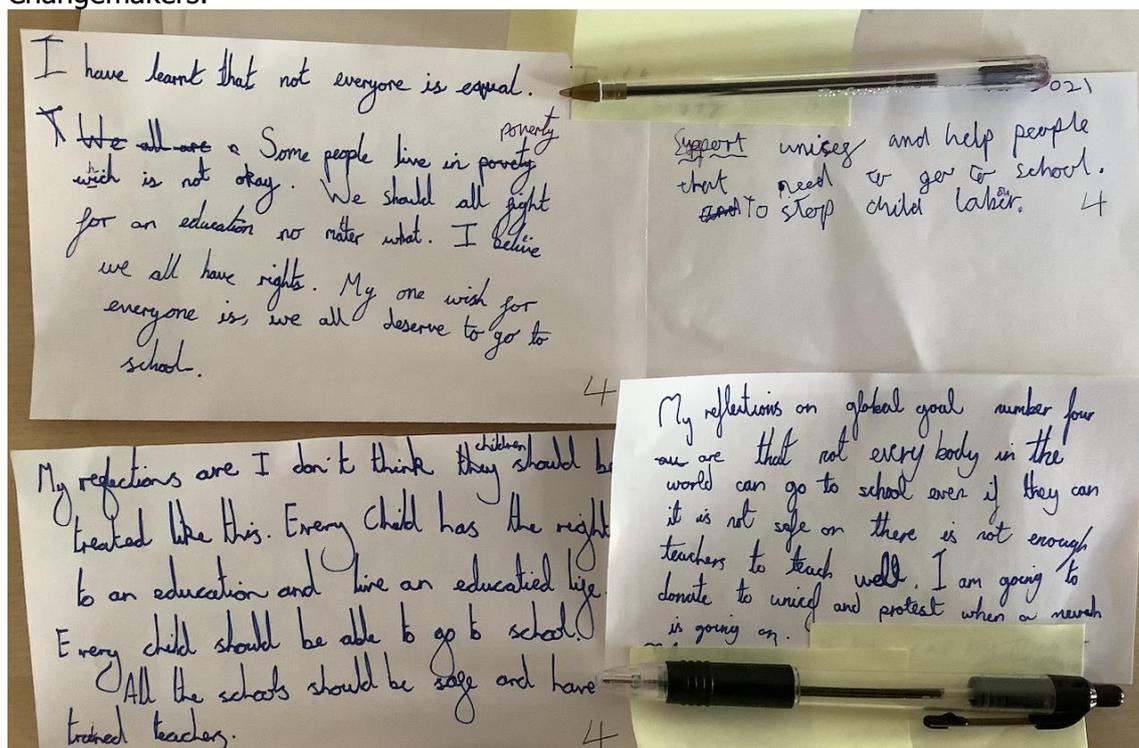
Dear Families,

This week our Learn Together focus was Article 17: The right to get information that is important to your wellbeing. On Monday the whole school took part in the World's Largest Lesson for World Children's Day where we learnt all about the UN Global Goals. The day started off with a whole-school assembly before we headed off to our year groups to focus on some different global goals. Each teacher has put a snapshot of the day's learning below!



## Year 5

Year 5 focused on Global Goal number 4, Quality Education. Year 5 explored how many millions of children around the world do not have access to education and why that might be. We read biographies about different children's life stories telling us why they did not have access to quality education. These biographies discussed discrimination based on gender (focusing on Malala's story of trying to go to school despite the Taliban's rules in Pakistan, and Myness' story of child marriage in Malawi). We also discussed how poverty, conflict and war can change your access to education. The children reflected at the end of the morning by discussing some ways in which they could be Changemakers.



## Year 4

The Year 4 children discuss Global Goal 5 which is based around promoting gender equality.

## Year 3

To celebrate World Children's Day, Year 3 became environmentalists, exploring Global Goal 13 Climate Action and Global Goal 14 Life Under the Sea. We discussed what climate change meant for our local community and the world around us. We then thought of ways we could be part of the climate action, discussing recent developments of COP26 and becoming poets to create a 'Dear Mother Earth' poem, which focused on calling for action. We thought about some of the problems that are happening in the sea, and what impact that is having to all life below sea level. We created some very powerful haikus and digital art to translate how we felt and hoped that others would feel the same.

## Year 2

Year 2 explored Global Goal 15: Life on Land. We talked about how deforestation is affecting food chains and animal habitats and leading to animals becoming endangered. We discussed how palm oil plantations are a large cause of deforestation and how we can look for items with sustainable palm oil in.



## Year 1

Year 1 focussed on Global Goal 12, responsible consumption and production. We talked about where our food comes from and how it affects many aspects of the planet. Our Rights Respecting Ambassadors then interviewed Carla, our school chef, to find out more information on how Somerdale ET are helping towards this global goal. We found out about the fresh ingredients that are used, and how local suppliers are used for a wide range of ingredients. We learnt that we do not waste much food but that we had further digging to do, to find out how our food travels to the school.

We learnt that our kitchen waste gets recycled, but no-one was quite sure what happens once it was picked up. Some children then wrote to the local council to ask what happens to our food waste. We also asked for some small food waste caddies for our classrooms so that we can also recycle our snack waste. We also wrote to Chris to ask for some food bins in the playground. Chris was very keen on this idea and the order was placed on the same day with the bins arriving later in the week!



### Early Years (Pre-School & Reception)

The children had a brilliant day learning about the UNICEF global goals. We focussed on Global Goal 2 - Zero hunger.

We spoke about why we need food and the children shared their ideas-

'It helps us to grow'

'It helps us to get bigger so we can run around'

'It helps keep you healthy'

We listened to some different stories of children around the world who didn't have enough food. Then we thought of some ideas of how we could help-

'We could give people food'

'We can tell people about the problem'

'We can do a cake sale to get money'

We then shared our ideas with the rest of the school in a special assembly. The children made healthy food plates and thought of a way they could help.



### **Celebration Assembly**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Somerdale Star</b>	<b>Rights Respecting Award</b>	<b>Learner of the Week</b>
R	Cleo	Oscar	Austin
1	Hugo	Leshay	Ivy
2	Penny	Rowan	Austin
3	Rosemary	Oliver C	River
4	Alex	Dom	Charlie
5	Ziggy	Peter	Lily



## **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.

### **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.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10:00am

### **Labelling Clothes**

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.

### **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

Date	Theme/Event
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

### **Friends of Somerdale Educate Together (FoSET)**

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