

Summerhill School Newsletter

July 2023

A word from the Head...

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. I can not believe another academic year is coming to a close!

This half term has been another busy one with lots of different things happening. We bid farewell to a fantastic Year 11 with a lovely and emotional leavers' assembly followed by an amazing Prom at Grand Station Hotel. We wish them all the very best in the future and we know they will move on to great things.

As one Year group leave another begins, with lots of transition events happening for Year 6.5. Transition days and the disco were such a good experience for the students to feel comfortable in their new school. We then had a lovely evening meeting our new families and discussing the start of a new chapter.

PGL for Year 7 was a fantastic success. It was incredible to see students supporting each other, emerging leaders coming through but most importantly so much fun and laughter. Then in this final week we have had our rewards week. We have so many students that 'get it right' day in, day out that we wanted to reward as many as possible with a wide variety of opportunities.

At the end of the week, we say goodbye to four members of staff. Mrs Drury, House Officer for Ursa will be leaving us to begin work a lot closer to home in her dream job as Head of Year. We wish Mrs Drury all the very best for the future. Mr Sabin will be moving on to pastures new at a new school in Birmingham, leading on Music. We thank Mr Sabin for all his efforts at Summerhill over the three years. Mrs Wood is moving on after five years with us as a complete change of career beckons. A great member of staff who we wish all the best for in the future. Mr Mortelmans is also moving on, becoming Assistant Head at a brand-new school in Sandwell. We wish him all the very best in his new position and thank him for driving PE forward over the five years at Summerhill.

As another academic year finishes, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for working with us over the year. The school has a real community spirit and we are overwhelmed when we ask for support for our charities and events. As I always say at the commencement of a break...do the best things in life and spend quality time with family and friends, enjoy and be safe.

Take care.
Mr Harris

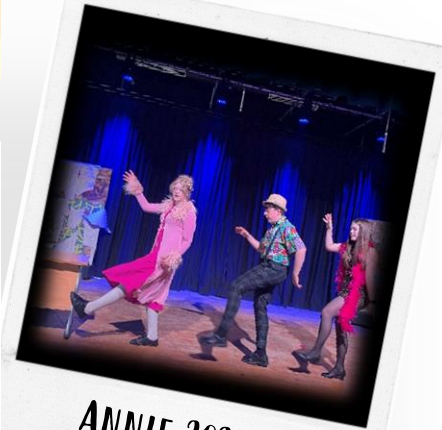
THE MUSICAL **Annie**



ANNIE 2023



CAST OF ANNIE 2023



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An amazing show by the cast of Annie 2023!

This was the first production since COVID and we are so proud of everyone who was involved. Summerhill really do know how to put on a show. Well done to all.

DANCE

Miss Robinson took some of Year 7 & 8 to the Black Country School Games Festival in Walsall. They all had such an amazing time and absolutely smashed the closing performance! Amazing to all who took part.



ENGLISH

BOOK FAIR



Our amazing book fair ran from the 19th-23rd June and was very successful. Students enjoyed visiting in English lessons and after school.

MFL



Left to right, Connor, Oliver, James & Maison

Year 7 have been taking advantage of our Bistro café corridor boards in their French lesson with Mr Bratt, bringing the subject to life by giving the students the opportunity to immerse themselves into French café culture, and the opportunity to use language for real purpose through role play. All the students were engaged and demonstrated excellent language and pronunciation, with huge smiles on their faces and a great sense of pride. "Travail fantastique Année 7"



MATHS



Mr Marsh led our Summerhill QuizMATHSters day earlier this month. It was great to see Maidensbridge, Dawley Brook and Fairhaven join in the competition. What a way to make learning more fun! It was great to see our local Primary Schools working with Summerhill students.

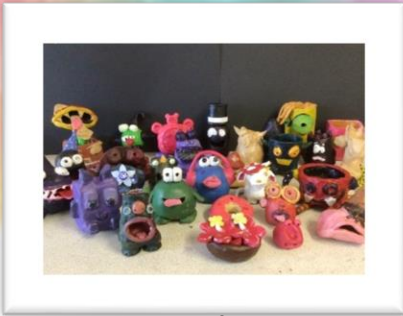


SCIENCE

Miss Wildboar's Science class have been making bug hotels as part of their Sustainability work in class.



ART



Monster Pots from Year 9 Art Class



Sugandhi Singh- Year 7



Building prints by Year 7 Art Students



Bella Mannino - Year 9



Moam - Orson Griffiths & Joe Bristowe



Olivia Bennett - Year 9

Custard Cream - Ruth New & Imogen Walker



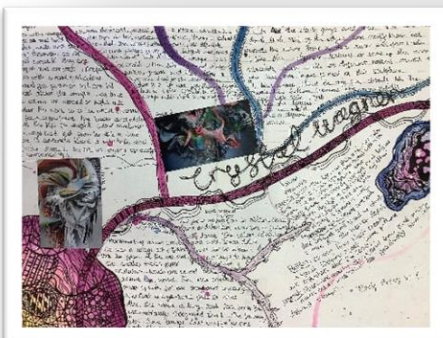
Ruby Brunt - Year 7



Paige Lockley - Year 9



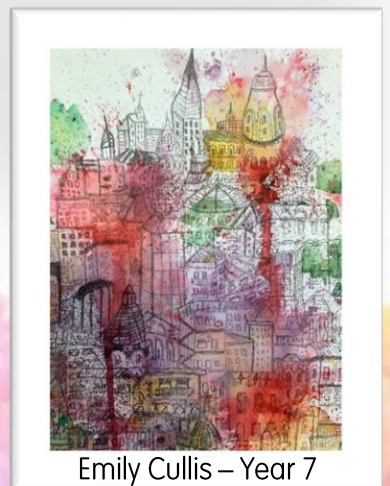
Jessica Poulding - Year 8



Emily Parsons - Year 8



Paige Sidaway - Year 7



Emily Cullis - Year 7

TEXTILES

Big congratulations to Olivia Heeley Year 8 for being a top 10 finalist out of over 150 entries for the Midlands region, in this year's Yong Fashion Designer Competition!

Olivia definitely has a future in fashion.

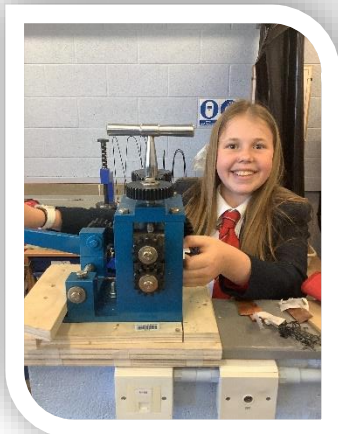


A spectacular flock of tie-dyed chickens made by Year 7!

JEWELLERY CLUB



Rosa- Year 7



Amelie- Year 7



LIVERPOOL ART TRIP



Year 10 Art & Textiles students went on a trip to Liverpool. They started the day at Ness Botanical Gardens before moving on to the Tate. They finished the day on Crosby Beach to see the Anthony Gormley Sculptures.



YOUNG ENTERPRISES



Our Young Enterprise Team visited Cadbury World with Mrs Eardley – they had a great time and will help their journey to becoming young entrepreneurs.

SPORTS DAY



FOUR HOUSES – ONE FAMILY



YEAR 7 PGL



Year 7 embarked on their PGL trip and got stuck into the challenges. Both groups showed amazing teamwork and leadership skills. Our students showed how much of an asset they are to Summerhill.

Well done Year 7



YEAR 11 LEAVERS

We have come to the time we say goodbye to our Year 11s. They left Summerhill with their guard of honour.



We had Prom with everyone looking amazing and an enjoyable evening for all. What a way to finish their school life. We wish them all in the best with their future endeavours and all the success in their years to come.



SUCCESS AWARDS



What an amazing evening for our second Success Awards. It was a special night to see our students celebrated for their success.

Congratulations to all the winners!

COMBINED CADET FORCE

In Autumn 2023 we are launching our first cohort of Combined Cadet Force.

Partnering with Baxter College, we are set to start our CCF journey with 15 cadets. They will experience plenty of exciting opportunities, including outdoor adventurous activities, first aid training, basic military training and map reading skills to name a few. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their team teamwork skills and help grow their confidence.

**Who knew
mucking in
could feel
this good?**



Pilot a boat through the waves.
Go on exciting expeditions.
Develop your leadership.

The best experiences of your life are waiting.
Get stuck in at Combined Cadet Force.



**Combined
Cadet Force**

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FRIENDS OF SUMMERHILL

Friends of Summerhill (FoS), our parents' group, continue to work hard supporting the school and raising money to create opportunities for students. Recently they have supported students in the following ways:

- Decorating and stewarding the float for the Coronation Parade.
- Organising a Year 7+8 Coronation disco.
- A contribution to the young Enterprise Team
- Sponsoring a War Memorial plaque to be sited at Summerhill
- A contribution to buy new equipment for the darts club.
- A substantial contribution towards Year 11 Prom
- Running the raffle at the production of Annie.

The group meets at The Bridge Inn in Kingswinford approximately once a month and is on the lookout for new members from our school community. Anyone interested should email fos@summerhilldudley.onmicrosoft.com.

Big thank you to Friends of Summerhill for helping darts club go from strength to strength. Hope to see some new faces next year, all are welcome every break and lunch time.



Dates for the Diary

MONDAY 4 TH SEPTEMBER	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS
TUESDAY 5 TH SEPTEMBER	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
MONDAY 11 TH - FRIDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER	YEAR 7 CATS
MONDAY 18 TH SEPTEMBER	CAREERS & HIGHER EDUCATION EVENING
MONDAY 18 TH – FRIDAY 22 ND SEPTEMBER	READING AGE TESTS
THURSDAY 28 TH SEPTEMBER	OPEN EVENING 6-9PM
MONDAY 2 ND OCTOBER	YEAR 11 REVISION EVENING
MONDAY 2 ND – FRIDAY 6 TH OCTOBER	OPEN MORNINGS
MONDAY 9 TH – FRIDAY 13 TH OCTOBER	DRACO CHARITY WEEK
MONDAY 30 TH – FRIDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
MONDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
MONDAY 6 TH – FRIDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 11 MOCKS
WEDNESDAY 22 ND NOVEMBER	PRESENTATION EVENING (2023 YR11 LEAVERS)
FRIDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS
MONDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	FOOD BANK APPEAL
THURSDAY 7 TH & TUESDAY 12 TH DECEMBER	YEAR 11 PROGRESS EVENING
FRIDAY 22 ND DECEMBER	TERM ENDS – SCHOOL FINISHES 12:55PM

REMINDER!!

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. We therefore ask that you do not bring any food containing nuts into school



Thank you



We wish all of our Summerhill Community a wonderful and safe Summer and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September!