

Summerhill School Newsletter

February 2023

A word from the head...

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well and that you have had a great start to 2023. Once again it has been a very busy half term.

The Department for Education released school data and results from all schools across the UK recently. We were very proud of the report, placing us in the top 10% of schools nationally for many of our outcomes. If you wish to view this information you can find it via the link below.

<https://www.find-school-performance-data.service.gov.uk/school/103854/summerhill-school/secondary?showFinal=true>

Summerhill is so much more than just its outcomes. It was fantastic this half term to see over 60 students conducting the first parts of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Developing life skills and challenging themselves outside of their comfort zones. We have also made good progress with our Combined Cadet Force, linking with a regiment in Kidderminster to help set up CCF Summerhill. The launch date for the CCF is approaching quickly! We are also in the process of setting up a link with Eton College, London, to work with them on their EtonX Project. This will allow our students to work with and alongside Eton students and have visits to Eton College, one of the most reputable schools in the world.

We also continue to work closely with our local Primary Schools providing swimming and language lessons. This half term we have also welcomed over 60 girls for a football tournament, a true representation of the growth in women's football and sport. Also, we welcomed over 30 Primary Schools for the Dudley Cross Country Championships with over 400 participants from Year 5 and 6. An absolutely brilliant event with so many young people participating.

The new half term will open up many more exciting opportunities with trips to Germany and Paris plus much, much more. I hope you have a lovely half term break, and we all look forward to seeing you again soon.



Mr Harris

Top 25 Students from each House with the most positive net behaviour points!

Name	Year Group	Positive	Top	Name	Year Group	Positive	Top
Freya Lawson	Year 8	390	390	Tom Curry	Year 7	380	380
Maria Marnaris	Year 9	368	368	Amelie MacDonald	Year 7	377	377
Amelia Cobb	Year 8	364	364	Amelia-Rose Connolly-Maddocks	Year 7	363	363
Alex Jennings	Year 8	356	356	Logan Shepherd	Year 8	343	343
Emily Vout	Year 7	345	345	Jack Hughes	Year 7	337	337
Arno Sutton	Year 10	342	342	Jamie Pitt	Year 10	335	335
Amelia Hickman	Year 8	329	330	Jake Baker	Year 9	332	332
Annie Daly	Year 8	318	318	Emily Bunn	Year 10	330	330
Amy Bird	Year 8	316	316	Sienna Jackson	Year 7	328	328
Leah Brown	Year 10	316	316	Alfie Matthews	Year 8	328	328
Scarlett Mcpherson	Year 8	315	315	Blake Carter	Year 7	325	325
Amy Waterhouse	Year 8	314	314	Archie Timmis	Year 9	320	321
Joe Monkton	Year 8	312	312	Harrison Marklew	Year 7	315	315
Charlotte Loach	Year 8	311	311	Kate Emery	Year 7	309	309
Ruth New	Year 8	306	307	Alex Morgan	Year 9	307	309
Millie Kettle	Year 8	305	305	Emily Sweeney	Year 9	309	309
Alex Bullock	Year 8	304	304	Leyna Turner	Year 7	309	309
Liv Stone	Year 10	300	304	Georgia Fletcher	Year 10	308	308
Will Taylor	Year 8	302	302	Will Garratt	Year 7	308	308
Rhys Geary	Year 8	299	301	Jake Groom	Year 7	308	308
Oliver Wallis	Year 7	291	300	Lily-Mae Skinner	Year 7	308	308
Kezia Waterfield	Year 7	297	297	Leo Williams	Year 7	273	308
Lily Noble	Year 8	296	296	Tj Robinson	Year 7	306	306
Emily Eades	Year 10	295	295	Benjamin Butters	Year 9	217	305
Jersey Gill	Year 7	294	294	Daniel Hollins	Year 9	298	304
Isla Kelly	Year 8	294	294				

Name	Year Group	Positive	Top	Name	Year Group	Positive	Top
Freya Biddlecombe	Year 7	398	398	Matthew Preece	Year 7	380	380
Mia Bullas	Year 7	383	383	Joseph Brown	Year 9	376	376
Eva Rowley	Year 7	380	380	Toby Bevin	Year 9	372	372
Emma Harris	Year 9	377	377	Lily Smith	Year 7	366	366
Sophie Hawkes	Year 7	373	373	Ella Timberlake	Year 8	352	352
Isabelle Nation	Year 7	370	370	Scarlett Millington	Year 10	314	314
Ellis Kavanagh	Year 7	367	367	Joshua Millward	Year 10	313	314
Joseph Benson	Year 7	262	364	Dylan Oldnall	Year 8	311	311
Samuel Sharratt	Year 7	348	348	Ava Catton	Year 7	310	310
Amelia Perrins	Year 7	347	347	Maicey Bicknell	Year 7	309	309
Sugandhi Singh	Year 7	343	343	Ruby Langford	Year 10	304	304
Morgan Guest	Year 7	341	341	Jake Slater-Mallen	Year 7	300	300
Alfie Garfield	Year 7	318	337	Paige Lockley	Year 9	299	299
Leo Purchase	Year 7	332	332	Sophie Woodward	Year 9	297	297
Isabelle Booth	Year 7	320	320	Jessica Martin	Year 9	296	296
Darcy Cullen-Sherwin	Year 7	307	311	Joshua Garbett	Year 10	293	293
Thomas Dunn	Year 10	308	308	Ava-May Brownhill	Year 7	292	292
Olivia Hawkes	Year 10	304	304	Ellie Grace Haines	Year 7	291	292
Isla Hicks	Year 7	304	304	Ellie Williams	Year 8	289	289
Ethan Jones	Year 7	304	304	Thomas Bloxwich	Year 7	288	288
Corey Duncan	Year 9	303	303	Sofia Cullis	Year 9	287	287
Sharnpreet Gill	Year 8	125	301	Ruby Smith	Year 7	285	287
Joseph Coyle	Year 9	293	294	Olivia Taylor	Year 8	284	287
Jessica Blakeway	Year 7	292	292	Amy Walker	Year 10	286	286
Freya Hampton	Year 8	290	290	Rebecca Pryce	Year 7	282	285

Top 5 students in each house with the highest ATL in each year.

Where there is more than 5 it is because they have the same highest average as other students!

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Draco	Olivia Broome	Joe Monkton	Maria Marneris	Lucas Green	Evie Gowland
	Lottie Woodall	Amelia Hickman	Christos Marneris	Emilia Wood	James McPherson
	Emily Vout	Isla Kelly	Mya Harvey	Fiona Watkins	Amelia Stanley
	Daniel Stanley	Freya Lawson	Daisy Slack	Arno Sutton	Neve Gibbs
	Lucy Hannon	Ollie Smith	Gracie Stinton	Ben Waterhouse-Brown	Samuel Dale
		Oliver Blakemore	Jes Vickers		
Orion	Blake Carter	Alfie Matthews	Hermione Milovsorov	Max Bullock	Alex Maher
	Isla Budhan	Sam Lomas	Oliver O'Hare	William Johnson	Owen Burke
	Francesca Morgan	Izzy Taylor	Archie Timmis	Macey Beddall	Cara Caladine
	Jack Hughes	Tom Hubble	Hollie Williamson	Ewan Humphries	Evie Penn
	Leyna Turner	Imogen Bunn	Benjamin Hart	Laiba Ahmed	Lottie Brayne
			Lois Hill	Roma Chattha	
			Phoebe Nock		
			Heidi Palmer		
			Rhys Tomkins		
		Poppy Wilson-Barradell			
Pegasus	Milly Adams	Eva Joseph	Emma Harris	Alice Owen	Jamie Atkinson
	Sugandhi Singh	Jessica Poulding	Harry Cartwright	Kristof Polgar	Luke Bradley
	Lucy Kenny	Sarah Williams	Corey Duncan	Olivia Hawkes	Lily Cook
	Tom Bradley	Zak Chambers	Jake Jones	Taryn Masters	Noah Chamberlain
	Max Bradley	Harry Langford	Miriam Baker	Bethany Rigsby	Lillia Cooke
	Sophie Hawkes		Roma Bhatti		Maira Iman
			Jamie Darby		
			Andy Owen		
Ursa	William Hulme	Harry Symonds	Paige Lockley	Ella Hill	Poppy Davis
	Isabelle Shaw	Lauren Lockley	Olivia Bennett	Ethan Richardson	Arthur Shepherd
	Lily Smith	Maisie Kelly	Toby Bevin	Caitlin Allen	Alex Crawford
	Matthew Preece	Heidi Thomas	Bella Mannino	Summer Mallen	Holly Pargeter
	Thomas Bloxwich	Oliver Swingler	Joseph Brown	Luca Niculescu	Millie Webb
	Matthew Preece	Dylan Oldnall	James Downing		
		Jessica Hickman			

ENGLISH



WELL DONE!!!

(From left to right)
Isabelle, Tyler, Noah

We have had great success in English recently whilst encouraging our whole school reading initiative.

The 3 students all won a £20 Amazon voucher for completing a wide range of reading during the autumn term and completing The Reading Challenge

Reading Challenge BINGO

Read a fairy-tale	Read a book your friend loves	Read a poem	Read a biography or autobiography
Read a science-fiction book	Read a book written before you were born	Read a book with a one word title	Read a book with a number in the title
Read historical fiction	Read the second book in a series (after reading the first)	Read a book with more than 250 pages	Read a book about an important person/place in history

Complete 3 challenges in a row each half-term.

PE

OUR YEAR 10 GCSE PE HAVE BEEN DOING SOME THEORY TO PRACTICAL LESSONS. SEE OUR PICTURES BELOW ON WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN LEARNING



A theory to practical lesson on our 'Energy Systems'.

A theory to practical lesson on 'The Respiratory System'.



A theory to practical lesson on 'The Cardiovascular System'.

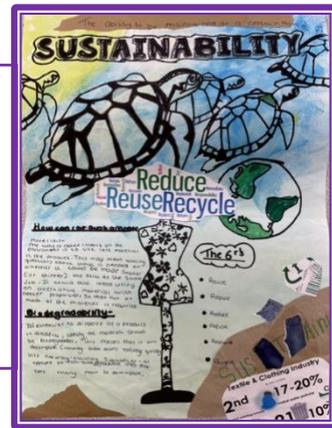
TEXTILES

YEAR 7 TEXTILES HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING THE LATEST BATCH OF PIZZA'S INSPIRED BY JON BURGERMAN



YEAR 8 TEXTILES

HAVE BEEN LEARNING SUSTAINABILITY, THE 6R'S AND THE IMPACT OF TEXTILES & FASHION ON THE ENVIRONMENT



YEAR 8'S HAVE ALSO BEEN CREATING SHIBORI DYED ORIGAMI JUMPING FROGS



YEAR 9 TEXTILES HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT BRITISH CULTURE AND FASHION DESIGNERS. THIS LED TO DEVELOPING T-SHIRT DESIGNS, FASHION ILLUSTRATION AND SAMPLING A RANGE OF TEXTILES TECHNIQUES CULMINATING IN THE CREATION OF SOME AMAZING TSHIRTS



Request for Donations

The Textiles Department are always on the lookout for resources! If you have any of the following very random items you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate them and would use them very creatively!

- Wools, Yarns, Threads
- Buttons, Beads, Sequins
- Artificial flowers/leaves
- Denim
- Plain white fabrics
- Old metal screws, nails, springs, washers – even better if rusty!
- Marbles, glass beads
- Art materials
- Old hairdryers (working)
- Mannequins/tailors dummies
- Newspapers/ Vogue Magazines

"TEXTILES TUESDAY" CLUB - YOUNG FASHION DESIGNER UK – COMPETITION 2023

DESIGN COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS – CLOSING DATE 21ST APRIL 2023 – SEE MRS WOOD FOR FURTHER DETAILS IF INTERESTED

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Mrs Wood took her Year 11 Textiles GCSE students to London, to the V&A Museum and the National History Museum.

They all had a very early start, but they had an amazing time, and this will help towards their Textiles GCSE



ART

WE HAVE SOME AMAZING TALENT AT SUMMERHILL, SEE SOME OF OUR STUDENT'S PENCIL DRAWINGS



Grace Brown – YR8



Isabelle Taylor – YR8



Ava Portch YR7



Rosa Sutton YR7



Olivia Bennett YR9



Emilia Cure YR7



Mia Turner YR9



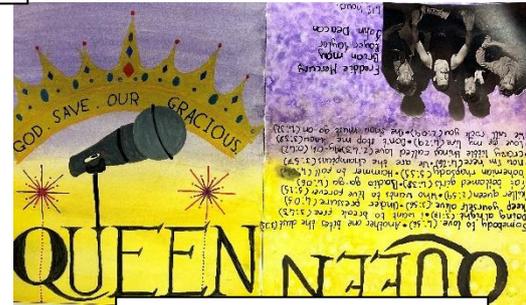
Emily Sweeney YR9



Martha Potter YR9



Mia Pearson YR9



Poppy Wilson- Barradell YR9



Holly Chen YR9



MUSIC

A BIG THANK YOU AND WELL DONE TO THE STUDENTS WHO PERFORMED AT THE KINGSWINFORD CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON EVENT!

WELL DONE TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR THEIR AMAZING ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES

Well done to Jess (Year 8) for passing her keyboard exam with Merit



Rosie (Year 10)
Orson (Year 8)
Macey (Year 10)
Evie (Year 11)



Well done to Freya (Year 8) for passing his violin exam

Well done to Jacob (Year 7) for passing his violin exam

MATHS

Check out our recent Year 7 winners in the TT Rock Stars competition on Numeracy Day



From left to right
Ben, Sugandhi, Jasmine, Joseph



From left to right
Maison, TJ



DRACO CHARITY WEEK



Draco House recently had their charity week and so far, have raised over **£1500** although the money continues to roll in. There were a variety of events which ran including several bake sales, guess the teacher from baby photos competition, soak the teacher (thanks to Mr Wollerton from Ursa for volunteering for this). Mr Reynolds and Mr Glattback promised to dance in Assembly if the students raised **£100** which they did in record time and then Mr Bratt and Miss Durham did the same, raising another **£100**. Amazing work to everyone involved!

We have some amazing students who have been raising money for Winston's Wish!

We have Lily Noble (left) who has raised a whopping **£800+** by having her hair chopped off, donating the hair to Little Princess Trust and the money to Winston's Wish. Then we have Nathaniel Parsons (right) who gave **£40** of his Christmas money to Winston's Wish

Winston's Wish is a midlands-based charity which supports bereaved children by providing counselling and other support services



**WINSTON'S
WISH** **WW**
Giving hope to grieving children



Animal Charity Collection

Summerhill really does have what it takes to change lives- and not just the human kind!
Students, parents and carers have been collecting for a local animal charity and the contribution was huge!

A massive thanks to everyone who donated items to support homeless and neglected animals, but a special shout out to UCB for organising such a successful charity drive.



JEWELLERY CLUB

OUR JEWELLERY CLUB HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING JEWELLERY OUT OF BRASS, COPPER AND SUBLIMATING WOOD, TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT THEY'VE CREATED



Friends of Summerhill

Friends of Summerhill are the Summerhill Parents group, and they support the school primarily by organising events linked to the school. Members of the group also attend school evenings, productions, and other events to support with staffing or running raffles. FoS raise money which is pumped back into supporting students across a range of activities. They meet regularly during term time (on average once every three weeks) and are always on the lookout for new members.

Anyone interested in joining should email Mr Glattback at school mglattback@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk.



Christmas Fayre



I know Christmas seems like a distant memory now, but we wanted to share that Friends of Summerhill ran the annual Christmas Fayre on the 3rd December at school and this was a fabulous event. The centrepiece was Santa's grotto and Santa was delighted to meet so many current and future students before setting off on his journey via the North Pole to collect all the presents ready for Christmas day. There were also many stalls ranging from art and crafts, food, Tombola's and facepainting.

Summerhill would like to thank all the FoS volunteers and all the students who contributed a prize or money to the Tombola.

Next year promises to be even **bigger** and **better** than before.



Non-Valentines Disco

FoS held a non-valentines disco for all Year 7 and Year 8 students on 13th February. It was great success and everyone had an absolute ball!

Thank you for putting on a good night for our students!



Fiends of Summerhill Future Events

FoS are supporting the local community and will be out in force on the Summerhill float at the 2023 Coronation Parade in Wall Heath and Kingswinford (Sunday 7th May).

WAR MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Summerhill School is supporting a local War Memorial Group to ensure that all 108 servicemen on the local war memorials are honoured with blue plaques.

The latest one to go up was John Wallace Lownes on a property in Cottage Street, Kingswinford. John was a student at St Mary's school and worked at Webb and Corbett's glassworks in Amblecote. He served in the 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment and was sadly killed in France in 1915.



At the Bridge Inn in Kingswinford, Mr Manville recently worked hard to install three plaques of brothers who were also killed in the First World War. William Daw (aged 20), Leonard Daw (aged 21) and Harry Daw (aged 26) were all killed in the First World War. They lived at an address on Dawley Brook which is no longer there. We are delighted to honour these brothers however it highlights the tragedy of war, with three siblings from the same Kingswinford family lost in one war.



Mr Manville working hard putting up the plaques



Mr Harris at the unveiling of the Daw Brother plaques at Bridge Inn Kingswinford

The school need more sponsorship to keep this project going. Each plaque costs £120 and we have another 85 to get done to honour the fallen.

Please consider sponsoring a plaque if you can afford it, or please pass this information onto anyone who you think might be interested. Contact the school mglattback@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk to enquire about sponsorship.

Summerhill School proudly presents



15th - 16th June 2023

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Doors Open 6:30pm



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 27 TH FEBRUARY	TERM STARTS
MONDAY 27 TH FEBRUARY -FRIDAY 10 TH MARCH	YEAR 11 MOCKS
THURSDAY 2 ND MARCH	YEAR 9 PROGRESS EVENING
TUESDAY 14 TH MARCH	YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING
MONDAY 20 TH – FRIDAY 24 TH MARCH	PEGASUS CHARITY WEEK
TUESDAY 28 TH MARCH	YEAR 8 PROGRESS EVENING
FRIDAY 31 ST MARCH – MONDAY 3 RD APRIL	HISTORY & MFL PARIS TRIP
FRIDAY 31 ST MARCH	TERM ENDS
MONDAY 17 TH APRIL	TERM STARTS
WEDNESDAY 26 TH APRIL	PREFECT PRESENTATION EVENING
MONDAY 1 ST MAY	BANK HOLIDAY - MAY DAY
TUESDAY 2 ND MAY – FRIDAY 5 TH MAY	YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK
WEDNESDAY 3 RD MAY	YEAR 9 & YEAR 10 EXAMS EVENING
THURSDAY 4 TH MAY	ELECTION DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO YEAR 7-YEAR 10)
MONDAY 8 TH MAY	BANK HOLIDAY

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are now available on the Summerhill Website



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



LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost any uniform, coats, jackets, hoodies, bags or shoes then please ask them to pop to the First Aid room and have a look through the lost property