



May Monthly Newsletter

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Head Teacher's Comment

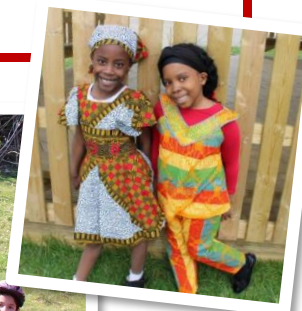
Now that things are really 'back to normal', we realise again just how busy 'normal' is!

As I write this, we are looking forward to hosting a live audience for 4 Orion's class assembly next week – the first time that parents and carers have been able to watch the children perform in the hall for two years. This is the first of many events we have re-introduced for the summer term. These include music performances and trips for every year group, our Year 6 leavers play and end-of-term discos. Please check the updated calendar on the final page of this newsletter for more details.

I was very proud of Year 6's positive attitude to their national SATs tests last week and they seemed to enjoy the special breakfasts beforehand and getting their hoodies afterwards. We look forward to getting their results in July. Next half term, children in Aquila and Orion classes will be the first groups to take the national Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – a quick online times tables quiz – and they have been practising for this so that they will be well prepared.

This month, we will hold our International Week, including Diversity Day and Everything British Day as well as our Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Next year, we will celebrate our own jubilee – the Somerles Junior School Golden Jubilee – to mark the 50th anniversary of the school opening. We plan to mark this milestone with a big event on 1 July 2023 and are planning a range of other ways to commemorate our 50th school birthday. Lots to look forward to!

Mr Hunt

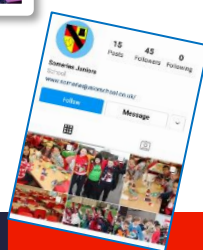


Inside this newsletter:

New events to come Awards Art, RE & Science St George's Day
Sportability Luton Town FC tour Scootathon RE week



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School briefing for parents and carers

Remaining events this half term (A full calendar is on the last page of this newsletter)

- w/c 23 May **International week**
Includes *Sharing Traditional Food* (clearly labelled) on these days:
Year 3 - Tuesday 24th May ; Year 4 - Monday 23rd May
Years 5 and 6 - Thursday 26th May
- Monday 23 May **Multicultural Dance Workshops** - all children to come to school in PE kit
- Wednesday 25 May **Diversity Day** - children to come dressed in the colours of their chosen country's flag or in their country's traditional clothes. (If your child has PE, then please send their PE kit in a named bag or they can wear sportswear in the colours of their chosen flag.)
- Wednesday 25 May **4 Orion class assembly 9am** - Orion parents and carers welcome
- Friday 27 May **Jubilee Bake-Off** - judging of home-baked cakes
- Friday 27 May **Everything British Day** - dress in red, white and blue
- Friday 27 May **Platinum Jubilee Party** - parents and carers welcome from 2pm (please book in advance: <https://bit.ly/JubileeEvent270522>)

For International Week our caterers have changed the Thursday and Friday Menus:



THE QUEEN'S
PLATINUM JUBILEE
FRIDAY 27 MAY 2022

Theme Day Menu
Sausage & Chips
or
Fish & Chips
with
Baked Beans or Peas
Jubilee Cookie
or
Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY 26 MAY 2022

Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges
or
Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna
with
Sweetcorn or Baked Beans
Sponge & Ice Cream

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Coming up in June

- Wednesday 8 June **Class photographs** - full uniform required (PE kit in named bag where appropriate)
- Thursday 9 June **Non-uniform day** in exchange for donation of gifts suitable for adult male
- Friday 10 June **After school: Singing Spectacular for choir**
- Monday 13 June **Eco Day** - wear something green! - **Sale of second hand used uniform**
- Tuesday 14 June Year 5 bread making workshops (run by Caterlink)
- Thursday 16 June 9am: **4 Aquila class video** - parents & carers welcome
- Thursday 16 June **Sale of Fathers' Day gifts** (Fathers' Day is on 19 June)
- Monday 20 June **Uniform supplier on site** to sell uniform after school
- Week of 20 June **Sports week** including daily mile
- Tuesday 21 June **Year 3 trip to St. Albans** [cost £15.00]

Eco Day: Used-uniform Sale - 13 June



Our Eco Committee will be holding a sale of used uniform on Eco Day, Monday 13th June. We hope that this will reduce waste, enable families to get uniform at a huge discount and raise money for their Eco Schools project. If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of but is clean and still in good condition, please bring it to the school office after half term - thank you!



Clean up - community opportunity to clear up the path from Mangrove Road

A number of our children use the path behind the school site from Mangrove Road to get to school. We have raised the poor state of this area with representatives of the local council. They have arranged a "Community Clean-up" event for volunteers this Sunday, 22nd May from 10am to 11am. If you would like to join in this clean-up, please sign up at this link: [Events - ABCD-in-Luton](#) and meet at the top of Someries Hill at 10am.



Performing

3 Lyra Class Assembly

In what may be our last video class assembly, Lyra performed wonderfully, teaching us what they had learned about Africa. They spoke clearly and enthusiastically and seemed to enjoy performing.



Our next Class Assembly from 4 Orion is scheduled to be live in the school hall on 25th May

Highlights from April

St Georges Day

On Friday 22nd April, members of Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts wore their uniforms to school to mark St George's Day



Reading reward trip to Luton Town's stadium

Boardroom, trophy room, changing rooms, terraces, walking onto the pitch... Our reading award winners got the full Kenilworth Road stadium experience on their reward trip to Luton's home ground.



Learning - Year 4 Art

Children in Year 4 created collages inspired by the work of the artist Henri Rousseau



Year 3 - The impact of Pentecost on Christians

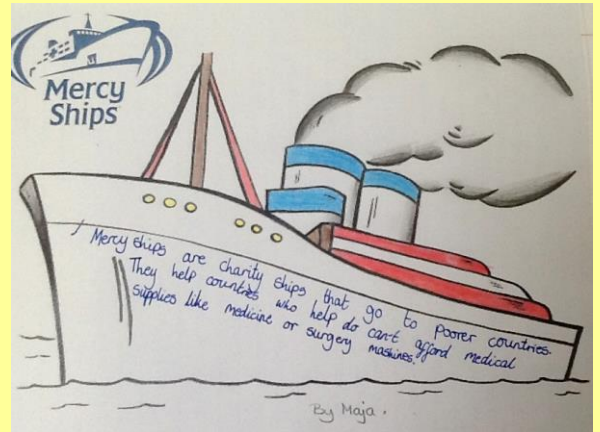
In April's RE week, Year 3 continued their learning about Christianity. They created a piece of work art showing what happened at Pentecost with symbols of the Holy Spirit. Here are some examples.

RE Week

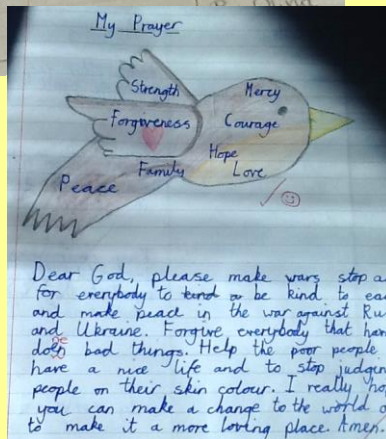


Year 5 - What would Jesus do?

Year 5 have been thinking about Jesus' teachings and how Christians use these to guide their lives
- What Would Jesus Do?



The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)			
Quote	Meaning	Situation	Summarise
Do not think what you want them to do for you. This is the meaning of the law in the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 23:23)	Treat people how you want to be treated.	If someone is being nice to you, you be nice to them back. If you don't like them, don't be nice to them.	Respect
Love your enemies. They are the ones who hate you. If you love those who hate you, you will be like your Father in heaven. He causes the sun to rise on the good and the bad, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. If you love only those who love you, what reward will you get? For even the tax collector does this. (Matthew 5:44)	Love everyone, including your enemies.	Even if your enemies are rude to you, still love them.	Love
And why do you worry about clothes? Look at the flowers in the field. See how they grow. They don't work or make plans. They don't sew or weave. But I tell you, even the grass in the field is clothed with beauty. How much more will your Father in heaven do this for you. (Matthew 6:28-30)	Don't worry about how you dress.	It doesn't matter how you dress as long as you feel comfortable.	Responsibility
When you give to the poor, don't let your right hand know what your left hand is doing. Your Father who is in secret will reward you. (Matthew 6:3-4)	When you give to the poor, don't make a big deal.	If you give to the charity, don't brag about it.	Kindness
Don't store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moths and rust destroy them, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moths nor rust destroy them, and where thieves cannot break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)	Don't keep things forever because you will have them in heaven.	Don't worry about things because they don't last forever.	



How Mercy Ships Show Jesus' Teachings

Mercy Ships believe every person is valuable and care for every person. They heal the people who need it.

They follow Jesus' teachings, healing people and they love every one like Jesus did. They are very caring (just like him) and treat every person with equal respect.

"Blessed are those who show Mercy." Mercy Ships show this as they show kindness and respect towards all of their patients and the people working with them so they will be blessed. Also, they aren't afraid to go near people with contagious diseases.

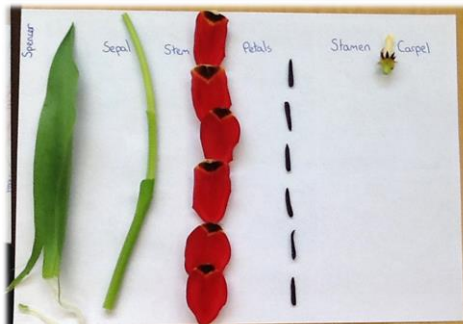
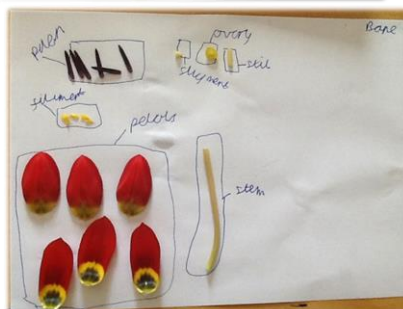
"Treat others how you want to be treated." They show this by treating all their patient's great and give free treatment so they are treated excellent by the people who thank them.

I feel Mercy Ships are doing an excellent job because they are going round to the poorer countries giving all the medication they need all for free.

By Violet

Learning - Biology: Parts of a flower

Year 5 have been learning about the parts of a flower. Here they have dissected some flowers and labelled the parts that they have identified.



Somerles Sport

Year 4 Scoot-a-thon

A team of children took their scooters to Stockwood athletics track to join in this event with three other schools. This included scooting a mile, racing and playing 'Red light, green light' - and even scooter football!



From the event organiser:

Just wanted to let you all know that the total number of miles completed by all schools was 188!

This is approximately the distance from Luton to Liverpool - well done everyone.

The top scooter was Yousaf from Somerles who managed to complete 19 laps!

Sportability - 28th April

Our multi-year team took part in an outdoor event with a range of sports at Luton Sixth Form College.



April Awards

Attendance

20th - 28th April

Class	Attendance
6P	97.14 %
3D	96.67%
3L	95.95%

Values Role Models

April 26th:

Value	Role Model
Aspiration	Bella-Mae 5P
Kindness	Charlie 3D, Lily 4A
Respect	Boys Football Team
Responsibility	Yousaf 4A, Marian 6P

Golden Award Winners

3 Draco: Olaf, Ruby

4 Aquila: Lacie, Jake

5 Hercules: Holly, Wissam

6 Andromeda: Angelique, Paris

3 Lyra: Olivia, Sienna

4 Orion: Thomas, Kayaan

5 Perseus: Ky-Mani, Amara

6 Pegasus: Sahar, Max



Golden Table Winners

These are the winners of places at the weekly Golden Table - chosen from those children who were nominated for their good manners and living our values at lunch and break times.

1st April

Y3: Cerys, Scarlett, Aischa, Mario

Y4: Leo, Natayah, Jessica, Lacie



22nd April

Y5: Ghavan, Rory, Amara, Lillie-Rose

Y6: Lexi, Layla, Arsha, Tara-Lily



29th April

Y3: Sophia, Charlie, James, Jamie

Y4: Gurveer, Natayah, Ali, Faith





Someries Junior School

Updated Calendar of Events 2021-22

Updates since the last version are highlighted (w/c = week commencing) **Events which parents may attend are in blue.**

May	
w/c 23 May <i>*New event*</i>	International week and Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Mon 23 May <i>*New event*</i>	Multicultural dance workshop (all children to wear PE kit)
Mon 23 May <i>*New event*</i>	Year 4 children may bring a sample of traditional food with ingredients label
Tues 24 May <i>*New event*</i>	Year 3 children may bring a sample of traditional food with ingredients label
Weds 25 May <i>*New event*</i>	Diversity Day - Children to dress in the flag colours of a country that forms part of their identity. Children may bring in an artefact or an item of their choosing to help explain their religious or cultural background
Weds 25 May <i>*New date*</i>	9am: 4 Orion class assembly - parents & carers welcome
Thurs 26 May <i>*New event*</i>	Years 5 & 6 children may bring a sample of traditional food with ingredients label
Fri 27 May <i>*New event*</i>	Everything British Day – dress in red, white and blue 2:00pm - Platinum Party – parents, carers or other family members invited
Fri 27 May <i>*New event*</i>	Special Platinum Jubilee themed menu (Caterlink)
w/c 30 May	Half Term (school restarts on Monday 6 June)
June	
w/c 6 June	RE week
Wed 8 June	Class photographs – full uniform required (PE kit in a named bag where appropriate)
Thur 9 June	Non-uniform day in exchange for donation of gifts suitable for adult male
Fri 10 June	After school: Singing Spectacular for choir
Mon 13 June <i>*New event*</i>	Eco Day – wear something green! -with Sale of second hand used uniform
Tues 14 June <i>*New event*</i>	Year 5 bread making workshops (run by Caterlink)
Wed 15 June <i>*New event*</i>	Billy's Band Tour
Thurs 16 June <i>*New date*</i>	9am: 4 Aquila class assembly - parents & carers welcome
Thurs 16 June	Sale of wrapped gifts suitable for Fathers' Day at £2 (Fathers' Day is on 19 June)
Mon 20 June	New Year 3 intake information meeting after school
Mon 20 June (pm)	Uniform supplier on site to sell uniform
w/c 20 June	Sports week including daily mile
Tues 21 June <i>*New event*</i>	Year 3 trip to St. Albans [cost £15.00]
Thurs 30 June <i>*New event*</i>	Special Wimbledon themed menu (Caterlink)
July	
Fri 1 July	Years 3-5 reports go home
W/c 4 July <i>*New event*</i>	Parent book looks (a chance to see your child's books – details to follow)
Thur 7 July	Move up morning (Infants to Y3; Y3, Y4, Y5 to their new classes; Y6 to high school)
Fri 8 July	Year 5 guitar afternoon music performance (time to be confirmed)
Mon 11 July	Sports day
Weds 13 July <i>*New date*</i>	Year 6 leavers performance (Children arrive 6.00pm for a 6:30pm performance)
Thur 14 July <i>*New date*</i>	Year 4 afternoon ukulele music performance (time to be confirmed)
Thurs 14 July <i>*New event*</i>	5:00 - 6:15pm Year 3-5 disco & 7:00-8:30pm Year 6 disco
Fri 15 July	Year 6 reports go home
Tues 19 July	Year 6 drumming afternoon music performance (time to be confirmed)
Wed 20 July	Year 3 afternoon music performance (time to be confirmed)
Fri 22 July	End of term - School closes at 1:15pm

Next year: Term Dates for 2022-23

Please plan any trips or holidays to take place during school holidays, as we are not able to authorise leave during term time.

Autumn Term 2022	Spring Term 2023	Summer Term 2023
Start of Term: Monday 5 September	Start of Term: Wednesday 4 January	Start of Term: Tuesday 18 April
Half Term Holiday: 24 to 28 October	Half Term Holiday: 13 to 17 February	May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May
End of Term: Friday 16 December*	End of Term: Friday 31 March	Half Term Holiday: 29 May to 2 June
* autumn and summer terms end at 1:15pm		End of Term: Friday 21 July*