



# Somerles Junior School

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## June Monthly Newsletter

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### Head Teacher's Comment

The last half term is now in full swing, with three year group trips happening in the first week of June and many others to follow – along with special events in school. I would like to thank parents and carers for enabling the children to take part in the trips by making voluntary contributions to the more expensive events. Compared to many other schools, we ask for far fewer contributions from parents for trips and other special activities, meeting the cost of these from our school budget instead; it is only when the cost is not affordable for the school that we ask for contributions, so I am grateful for your support with these.

### Date changes

You will find an updated calendar for the rest of this year and term dates for next year. We have had to make two changes to the calendar: due to an event for some of our Year 6 children at Putteridge High School on 5<sup>th</sup> July, our leavers play will now be on July; to accommodate some external training for the infant school staff, one of next year's training days has moved from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – please update your diaries!

### Summer events to come

As well as 18 different trips taking place this half term, there are a number of events taking place in school this half term. This will mean a number of emails and letters coming through to parents and carers, so please do keep your eyes out for these. We thank parents and carers for their support with these events that help make the children's Somerles days such a special time for them!

Mr Hunt



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**Inside:** QuadKids International Week Guest Assemblies Maths Quiz Anglo Saxons  
Year 6 SATs & Hoodies Coronation Party Awards Updated calendar ...



# School briefing for parents and carers

## Events this half term

*Please see updated calendar at the end of this newsletter*

### Coming up in June (events for parents and carers in blue)

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## Somerles Juniors Golden Jubilee

We have been planning and publicising our Golden Fete of 1<sup>st</sup> July. We hope as many of you who can will join us from 2pm to 4pm on that Saturday to help us celebrate the occasion of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Families will be able to pick up an event programme and will be presenting commemorative badges to former pupils and staff.

The event will be opened by Rachel Hopkins MP and includes:

- performances from current and former pupils.
- stalls, bouncy castles and activities on the field
- an exhibition in the hall of school archive photos

(There will not be card readers, so please bring cash!)

We have sent invitations to past members of staff and would like former pupils to come too. If you know anyone who came to Somerles Juniors in the past, do please invite them along. They can find out more on our special [webpage](#).

We are grateful to the many local businesses who have supported our event by providing prizes for our Golden Raffle. We are hoping to use the funds for special items such as those on the right that will improve the children's environment.

Donors can also donate via our JustGiving page: [www.justgiving.com/campaign/somerles50](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/somerles50)



In addition to the big Saturday event on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be holding celebrations with the pupils in school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. More details will follow about this event, but as part of it, each pupil will be presented with a special badge with our golden jubilee logo.

## Highlights from May

### Maths Quiz

A group of young mathematicians from Year 3 formed our team for an online Maths competition with 200 local schools. Mrs Bredenkamp, who coached our team, was very proud of how well the team did. In one of the four rounds of questions, the team scored full marks!



### Governors' Assembly

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, as part of their second visit day this year, the current school governors were introduced in an assembly run by the School Council. The governors also answered a range of questions about their roles from children in the audience. During the day, governors undertook training related to their role and spent time with children and staff.



### A taste of Hawaii – Heartbridge Performing Arts Assembly

Introduced to us by Rev Josias of St Francis Church, some young performers from the School of Arts and Mission in Hawaii visited to present an assembly with lively music and dance



## Coronation celebration

For the first time in the school's history, there was a coronation of a new monarch, and we celebrated the crowning of King Charles III on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May with a competition and a party.

### Crowns and Cupcakes Competition

We were delighted to see the number of creative entries in our competition. Here are a few of them.



### Coronation Party

On a day of wind and showers, we were very fortunate to have a dry hour in the afternoon to celebrate the coronation and, after first singing the national anthem together in the hall, pupils enjoyed a number of outdoor activities before returning to class to enjoy their cupcakes!



## Making bread at Queen Elizabeth School

In April, Hercules class had a morning baking bread at Queen Elizabeth School. In May, it was the turn of Perseus class to learn from the high school teachers and bake their bread rolls. The Year 5 children worked very well in the food technology rooms and were very proud of their baking!



## Dental wellbeing presentation

In May, a dental nurse came to speak to both Year 4 classes to teach them what they can do to maintain healthy teeth and gums.



## Year 4 trip to Ufton Court

To support their learning about Anglo-Saxons, Year 4 spent a day at Ufton Court. It was a long journey there and back but the children enjoyed the opportunity to meet the animals on the Saxon farm, learn some Anglo-Saxon crafts and take part in a trial to decide if the accused was guilty of witchcraft.



## Outdoor Learning

### Year 3 RE

Rangoli Patterns



### Year 5 English

Class reading



### Year 6 History

Pok-ta-pok (a Mayan game)



## International Week - 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May



### Monday: international dance workshops

Every class learned a dance from another country with Ronald the dance instructor.



### Tuesday: Year 6 French Café

For their 'Make £5 Grow' enterprise project, Year 6 children made bracelets, artwork, T-shirts and mugs to sell to their families at a French Café event where they also served food and drinks and played French bingo!



### Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: Years 3, 4 and 5 'Proud to be me' events with parents

During the week, each class had an event where they could share some information about their family background with their class and many were accompanied by a family member. They also brought in some food to share. The children enjoyed tasting food from many cultures, from traditional English items such as cream teas and rhubarb crumble, to specialities from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and the Caribbean.



Year 4



Year 5

### Friday - Diversity Day

On Diversity Day, children dressed in the flag colours or traditional clothes of a country that forms part of their identity. Among our children and staff, over 40 countries were represented: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, America, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Canada, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, England, France, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Scotland, Senegal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, UK, USA, Wales, Zimbabwe



# SATs week – doing our best!

## Taking the tests

The second week of May saw the Year 6 children sit their six Key Stage 2 tests in Grammar, Spelling, Reading and Maths. They were well prepared having completed three sets of practice papers since the end of Year 5 and had worked hard in class all year. On the test mornings, they were given refreshments so that they had energy to complete the tests to the best of their ability.



Maths (arithmetic)

18

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{5}{18} =$$

Grammar

48

Circle all the **conjunctions** in the sentence below.

When my brother visits, we always go to the park so that we can play cricket.

Spelling

Some of the 20 words that were read out for children to spell:

touch, undrinkable, lyrics, substantial, mechanic ...

## SATs questions – how would you do?

Maths (reasoning) – no calculator allowed!

21

There are 25 classes in a school.

Each class has 34 pupils.

62% of all the pupils play a sport after school.

What number of pupils do not play a sport?

Reading

8

She wriggled back inside the tent...

What does this tell you about how Priya got inside the tent?

Tick one.

She ran quickly inside.

☐

She jumped through the flap.

☐

She had to squeeze in.

☐

She crept in quietly.

☐

## Enjoying the afterparty!!

The children enjoyed an extended break after they finished their last tests and completed some fun activities. They also were presented with their leavers' hoodies.



SATs answers – Q18:  $\frac{17}{18}$  Q21: 323 Q48: 'when' and 'so' Q8: 'She had to squeeze in'.

## Sport I

### Golf - 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Golfers from Years 3, 4 and 5 - some regular players and some novices - took part in golf skills event at Luton Sixth Form College, coming fifth out of the eight schools taking part.



### National Skipping Week

Many of our children have been inspired to develop their skipping following the visit of world record holder Pete Thompson of Skipbeatz earlier in the year. This term, we joined in with National Skipping Week.



### House football

In May, Mr Prue organised a house football competition for each year group at lunchtimes. Mixed teams from each house played against all the other houses. The results will be announced in a Sports Assembly.



## Sport II

### QuadKids - Run, Jump, Throw and Run again

QuadKids events involve athletes competing in four different events: a sprint, a standing long jump, a howler throw and a longer race. We sent teams to both the lower and upper events at Stockwood Park.

#### Under 9s - Lower Phase - 16<sup>th</sup> May

At this school event called QuadKids, we did 4 events called S.L.J., 50m sprint, Howler throw and 400m distance run. Someries were in Group 4. The first event was standing long jump. Leo got the furthest score for the boys with a total of 166cm. But the furthest girl was Georgina with 146cm. Next up was a 50m sprint. Leo came 1<sup>st</sup> with me and Aiden came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Danny came 3<sup>rd</sup>. For the girls, Georgina came 3<sup>rd</sup>, whilst Tiana and Jasmine came 4<sup>th</sup> and Khadijah came 5<sup>th</sup>. For the Howlers, Aiden threw it 25m and for the girls Tiana threw it 13m.

For the final event, it was the 400m race. This was really tough because it was 2 laps of our school track. That's quarter of a mile! In the first race, there were two boys, me and Aiden. In the race, Aidy came 2<sup>nd</sup> while I came 4<sup>th</sup>. Next, the second race was the boys again. Racing in that were Danny and Leo. Leo won and Danny got the last podium place. Then it was the girls. Racing first was Georgina and Khadijah, Georgina were 9<sup>th</sup> and Khadijah came last but she tried very hard to finish. Then in the last race, Tiana came 9<sup>th</sup> and Jasmine came 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Jack



#### Under 11s - Upper Phase - 23<sup>rd</sup> May

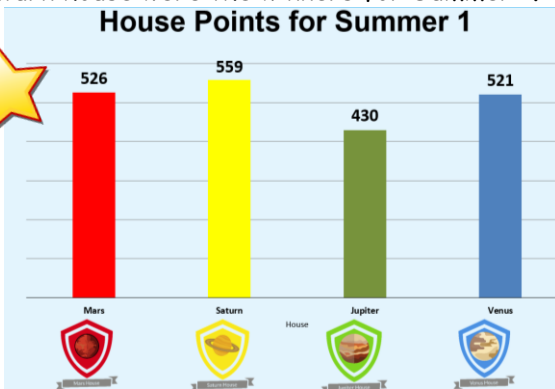


# May Awards

## House Point Competition

Saturn house were the winners for Summer 1. They are also the current overall leaders.

House Points for Summer 1



## Values Role Models

Value	2 May	16 May
Aspiration		Evie-Rae 5P, Ghavan & Brooke B 6A
Cooperation	Charlie 4A	Sofia 4A
Kindness	Amara 6P	Sofia 3D, Ellis 3L
Respect	Ben B 3D	
Responsibility	Ethan 3D	Isabel 3L
Tolerance	Eisa 6A	



## Golden Table Winners

Upper phase 5 May



Lower phase 12 May



Upper phase 19 May



## Somerles Junior School Calendar of Events 2022-23

You can view the latest calendar on our website: [www.somerlesjuniorschool.co.uk/events-dates/calendar](http://www.somerlesjuniorschool.co.uk/events-dates/calendar)

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Sat 1 July	Golden Jubilee Fair for the school community, past and present (2:00-4:00pm)
Mon 3 July	Parent book looks (a chance to see your child’s work) – 3:30pm-4:00pm
Tue 4 July <i>*New date*</i>	Year 6 leavers performance (Children arrive 6.00pm for a 6:30pm performance)
Thu 6 July	Move up morning (Infants to Y3; Y3, Y4, Y5 to their new classes; Y6 to high school)
Fri 7 July	Year 5 guitar afternoon music performance (time to be confirmed)
w/c Mon 10 July	Year 6 SATS results go home (date to be confirmed)
w/c Mon 10 July	Sports week including daily mile
Weds 12 July	Year 3 afternoon music performance (time to be confirmed)
Thu 13 July	Year 4 ukulele afternoon music performance (time to be confirmed)
Thu 13 July	Disco: 5:00 - 6:15pm Year 3-5 disco & 7:00-8:30pm Year 6 disco
Fri 14 July	Coffee morning for parents and carers with Mr Finch and Claire from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) (9:00am)
Fri 14 July	Sports day – parents and carers invited. Provisional timing: 1:00pm-3:00pm
Fri 14 July	Family Rounders after school
Mon 17 July	Years 3 and 4 end of year trip (costs and details to be confirmed)
Tue 18 July	Year 5 end of year trip (costs and details to be confirmed)
Tues 18 July	Year 6 drumming afternoon music performance (time to be confirmed)
Wed 19 July	Year 6 end of year trip (costs and details to be confirmed)
Fri 21 July	School closes at 1:30pm

### Next year: Term Dates for 2023-24 – please note highlighted changes for next year

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 2023	Spring Term 2024	Summer Term 2024
<b>Start of Term:</b> Tuesday 5 September	<b>Start of Term:</b> Thursday 4 January	<b>Start of Term:</b> Tuesday 16 April
<b>Half Term Holiday:</b> 23 to 27 October	<b>Half Term Holiday:</b> 19 to 23 February	<b>Monday 15 April</b>
<b>End of Term:</b> Tuesday 19 December	<b>End of Term:</b> Thursday 28 March	<b>May Day Bank Holiday:</b> Monday 6 May
		<b>Half Term Holiday:</b> 27 to 31 May
		<b>Training day school closed: Mon 3 June</b>
		<b>End of Term:</b> Friday 19 July*
		*Summer terms end at 1:30pm