



Somerville Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another academic year is over and the children are ready for their Summer break and excited about their new classes. Some are preparing for their move to new schools and our Year 6 children are looking forward to their next step along their learning journey and moving to Secondary School. I have been Executive Headteacher of the Federation now for just over 18 months and I thought that we should look back together at **'just some'** of the achievements and opportunities that the children have been involved in throughout the school. As a parent or carer you may only hear about what has happened in your child's class and it is quite nice to share what the children have been up to in other classes and year groups.

What have the children been up to?

- Musical Tuition has been provided for all Year 5 children, who have learnt to play a woodwind or brass instrument, culminating in our well attended performance at the end of the year.
- Year 2 children extended their knowledge of their topics with visits from Zulu Nation and Chester Zoo.
- Years 3, 4 and 5 have attended swimming lessons throughout the year.
- Year 6 children attended their 3 day, 2 night residential at Kingswood Colomendy in North Wales.
- Year 5 children learnt how to ride their bikes safely on the roads around Somerville with the help of the Bikeability programme.
- Foundation 2 children visited the local fire station and found out about how our local heroes may help us.
- Foundation 1 and 2 year old children from Somerville Nursery School visited Chester Zoo and created their very own wildlife display with the help of a local artist.
- Frank Cottrell Boyce helped to inspire the children's reading and writing in the run up to World Book Day and even joined in the fun at the Somerville Primary School on World Book Day itself.
- Forest School was enjoyed by Year 1 children at Somerville Nursery School.
- Sports Days took place in September for Key Stage 1 and 2 children on the fields adjacent to Somerville Nursery School.
- Year 5 children experienced Bush craft activities at our Forest School at the Nursery.
- Year 6 cricketers won their heats to win a place in the Wirral finals.
- Year 5 and 6 basketball team won the Wirral finals to earn a place in the Merseyside tournament were they came 4th.
- Foundation 1 children visited Farmer Ted's at Christmas to see Santa, Owls from Rockcliffe Raptors, visited New Brighton on the bus and had an Afternoon Tea party.
- Our 2 year olds had a children and parent's pirate picnic at New Brighton beach.
- We have increased links with our local churches by visiting them on several occasions.
- After school clubs have been provided for all children such as Badminton, Computers, Dance, Kwik Cricket, Rights respecting schools, mindfulness, tennis, film, adventure playground, netball, pantomime and many many more.

- Various year groups visited Seacombe library to learn how to use the library and encourage the children to borrow books.
- Somerville Girls football team were Wirral runners up in 2016-17 season.
- Our theatre trip to watch the Pantomime of Snow White at the Empire Theatre in Liverpool was a huge success for children in Years 1 to Year 5..... oh yes it was!

What else has happened at Somerville Federation?

- Christmas and Easter Bingo fundraisers events were well attended by our parents, carers and children and raised funds for both Ellie Mai and the school fund.
- Brentwood Nursery School on Brentwood Street was renamed Somerville Nursery School and joined the partnership with Somerville Primary School to form Somerville Federation.
- Both schools continue to grow in popularity with increasing numbers at both schools.
- Rainbow Wood room was built, painted and furnished to support children with their emotional needs and pastoral care.
- Somerville's new library furniture was built and over £10,000 was spent on reading books and furniture for class libraries.
- Children in Year 5 raised funds to build a chicken coop and chicken run to house Somerville's very own hatched chicks.
- Somerville Nursery School performed their Christmas play in the Primary School hall.
- Numerous parent and carer workshops have taken place at both the Nursery and Primary School including foundation fun, supper and stories, crazy cooks, number fun, healthy eating and first aid.
- New intervention rooms have been built and furnished in the key stage 2 cloakrooms.

So what is planned for next year?

More of the above and a whole lot more! Just to get us started the following are planned for over the first couple of months of the new term....

- Three of our Key Stage 2 classrooms will be refurbished over the Summer Holiday.
- A new parent meeting room and welcoming entrance will be created in late September at the front entrance of the school.
- Year 5 children will continue to learn their instrument as they move into year 6. Children moving up to Year 5 in September will begin to learn one of our new instruments.
- The majority of Year 6 children will attend a three day residential at PGL Boreatton Park in Shropshire in November 2017.
- The school improvement plan over the next 12 months will be focused on further improving the English and Maths achievement of all children throughout the school- building on the success of this year's results!

The list is almost endless and I am sure you can appreciate that this is just some of what has taken place over the last 18 months. Now as we get ready for the new school year please remember when buying your child's uniform that we would like them to wear black shoes not trainers as part of the uniform guidelines which can be found on our school website. There is still uniform available at half price in the school office but not for long. Please remember to write your child's name on the labels in their uniform, it will save you money in the long run.

Many thanks to everyone who has made our two schools a success over the last school year, help us to make Somerville even better next year for all of our children!

We have made such a difference to every child who passes through Somerville's doors, together we will continue to make that difference. 'Aiming high together.' Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 8.55am.



Enjoy the summer break! Best wishes everyone. Mr M J Forber, Executive Headteacher.

"Aiming High Together"