

# Somerville News

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**AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**



## WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day 2024. The children all looked fabulous! All children have been sent home with a book token that can be exchanged for one of the WBD £1 books or they can use it as a £1 voucher towards a book of their choice.

Reading and learning to read is so important. Did you know that reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success in later life? This is why we spend so much money on books so children can develop a love of a genre or specific author. Encourage your child to read, provide a quiet space for them to curl up with a good book. You really are setting them up for success later on in life. The love of reading begins in childhood.

As well as being an indicator of future success reading also has the following benefits...

- ▶ Reduces stress and helps you relax. ...
- ▶ Improves your concentration and memory. ...
- ▶ Vocabulary expansion and strengthens your writing abilities. ...
- ▶ Enhances your knowledge. ...
- ▶ Increases your imagination and creativity.

**'Books and doors are the same thing.**

**You open them and you go through into another world.'**

**Jeanette Winterson**

## ACTIVE TRAVEL

On Wednesday the school office sent out a survey, via e-mail. The survey is about gaining an understanding of parents preferences on how to travel to school and what, if any, could be the barriers to active travel. We would encourage you to fill this in so your views are taken into consideration for any future measures.



### Dates for you Diary

#### Thursday 28th March

Last day of school for Spring term

#### Friday 29th March

Good Friday - school closed

#### Monday 1st - Friday

**12th April** School closed for Easter and Spring break

#### Monday 15th April

School opens to pupils

## ORACY FAMILY DISCUSSION POINT OF THE WEEK

**What is your favourite book and why? Where is your favourite place to read a good book?**



# FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Excusez-moi - Excuse me

## NSPCC PANTS

Over the next few weeks children will be having assemblies in their class from the NSPCC PANTS programme. This is part of our PSHE curriculum.

Developed in consultation with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Pantosaurus has helped 1.5 million parents Talk PANTS and keep their children safe from sexual abuse.

Please see the link below if you would like more information.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



Our next themed lunch menu is coming up at the end of March. Please make sure you fill in the Google Form when it is sent if you would like your child to take part. Responses need to be back by Wednesday 13th March.

# A FEW PICTURES FROM WORLD BOOK DAY

