



Somerville Federation

Somerville Primary School and Somerville Nursery School

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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. At the end of another year 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 and school been up to?

- Our Primary School was inspected in October 2018 and was judged as continuing to be a Good school and praised for being a caring and inclusive place. Stating that the school's motto, 'Aiming high together' threads through everything at Somerville.
- Results at the Primary School have improved year on year and we have received our best results in most year groups for Reading, Writing, Maths and Phonics. Congratulations to all of the children and the staff who have made this possible.
- Children raised over £4000 for cancer charities with a sponsored mile walk or run.
- Musical Tuition has been provided for all Year 5 and 6 children, who have learnt to play a woodwind or brass instrument.
- Year 2 children extended their knowledge of their topics with visits from Chester Zoo rangers.
- Years 3, 4 and 5 have attended swimming lessons throughout the year.
- Year 6 children attended their 3 day, 2 night residential at PGL Boreatton Park in Shropshire as well as visiting Chester Zoo for their end of year celebration trip.
- 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.
- Forest School at Somerville Nursery School was enjoyed by our Foundation 2 and Year 1 children.
- Year 4 experienced survival skills during their learning outside the classroom activities.
- Sports Days have taken place for Key Stage 1 and 2 children on the fields adjacent to Somerville Nursery School.
- Year 3 and 4 recorded their own versions of Beatles songs at the recording studio.
- Year 5 children have enjoyed experiencing Military School with Ash.
- Foundation 1 children visited Farmer Ted's at Christmas to see Santa.
- Foundation 2 children enhanced their topic of under the sea by visiting the beach.

- Year 1 children visited the pirate ship at New Brighton beach and the Park.
- We continue to increase 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, mindfulness, tennis, film, adventure playground, netball, pantomime and many many more.

What else has happened at Somerville Federation?

- Christmas and Easter Bingo fundraiser events were well attended by our parents, carers and children and raised funds for the school fund.
- Both schools continue to grow in popularity with increasing numbers at both schools with 500 pupils at the Primary School and 100 pupils at the Nursery School.
- Three classrooms at the Primary School were refurbished.
- At the Nursery School refurbishments of the outdoor environment have commenced with more planned for the Autumn term.
- Children in Year 6 enjoyed their fiver challenge raising over £1,000 at their end of year fayre.
- 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.

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....

- More classrooms will be refurbished during the next academic year.
- A new instrument will be chosen for our children to learn for the next academic year.
- Most of Year 6 children will attend a three day residential at PGL Boreatton Park in Shropshire in November 2018.
- 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 12 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. 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 4th September 2018 at 8.55am.

Enjoy the summer break! Best wishes everyone.



Mr M J Forber,

Executive Headteacher.