

merfield School News

The Best You Can Be - Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

22nd December INSET Day

School closed to Pupils

08th January School OPEN

Welcome Back! Spring (1) Term

11th January Year 3 Immersion Day

Food Glorious Food

16th February End of Half-Term

School CLOSES at 3:15pm for February Half-Term Break

26th February Start of Half-Term

> School OPENS at 08:45am Spring Term (2)

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of 2023, we reflect on what a wonderful year we have had. It really does fill us with joy when we see each of your children flourishing and thriving and seeking to be the best they can be; everyone every day.

We hope that all the children follow this through into the start of 2024.

However you are celebrating and whatever you are doing, we wish you all a warm and festive Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 8th January 2024.

Best wishes.

Ian Fraser and Becky Daley



Check out EYFS Nativity Photo in the MK Citizen Special Nativity Edition.

Copies will be available to buy in local retail outlets up until next Wednesday, December 27th.













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New Years Resolutions

I am going to eat more healthy

l will help more with housework

I am going to learn new things

I am going to move more

I will always do my best.





EYFS/KS1

We have had a very busy 8 weeks! In Maths we have focused on understanding numbers to 5. The children have ordered numbers, explored compositions of numbers, one more/one less and matching numbers to numerals to quantity. We have also learnt about shapes and explored the shapes they may see in their everyday environment and sorting shapes based on how many sides they have.

In Literacy we have explored the stories 'Naughty Bus, Room on the Broom and The Gingerbread Man'. The children have learnt to write words and captions using their Fred Fingers. The children have really enjoyed the stories and acted out 'The Gingerbread Man' in

class.

In Topic we have been learning about celebrations and different festivals. We have explored the similarities and the differences. The children have really enjoyed learning about the festivals and brought pictures in from home about their festivals they celebrate.

In Expressive Art & Design the children have created beautiful masterpieces; firework art, diva lamps and winter greetings cards. In Music the children worked really hard to learn their songs for their Nativity, but also we explored music used in other festivals too.



KS2 Lower

This term, Year 3 had the opportunity to learn about Vikings including the long boats that they used to invade other countries.

In DT, children designed, made and evaluated their long boats.

Children loved learning about different types of rock and experimenting with permeable and impermeable rocks. The highlight of this term has to be our trip to the cinema to watch 'Elf'. Adults and children were alike in their excitement of being able to walk up and visit the cinema together.

Thank you to the FOSS team for supplementing some of this.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

See you all next year, fresh and ready to start our next learning journey 'Food Glorious Food'.



KS2 Upper

Secrets of the Sarcophagus. This term we have been studying the Ancient Egyptians. We have learned about all the beliefs that were held from pyramids to tombs and from Gods to mummification. In our writing lessons, we have written a non-chronological report about how mummification occurs and we have created a diary entry from the point of view of Howard Carter. He was the man

who discovered Tutankhamun. In Art and Design, the children have looked at Egyptian art and hieroglyphics and have used these to create their own pieces of art.

Using clay, we have created Canopic Jars – traditionally used for organs to get to the after-life! Using our sewing skills we have made replica Mummies and tombs!

House Points









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CELEBRATION Zoom Assemblies

Well done to all the children who were awarded in our Celebration Zoom Assemblies!





















Aadhya, Anaya, Ashraf, Elliot, Emma, Frederica, Friza, Julia, Marlee, Mohamed, Millie and Nyrai

Sports Round-Up

The children have all been brilliant this Autumn Term in the various sporting events which they have participated in.

We have had two Intra events, which are House competitions in school. We had our Cross Country competition in September and Basketball was last week! Sapphire House are currently in the lead.





Both Year 3/4 (13th November) and 5/6 (5th December) Basketball teams joined in development competitions. This means it isn't scored and its a chance to play against other schools in a friendly environment.

All children played amazingly and showed respect and resilience in their games.



Kommando Kids was a confidence building event which was held at Ninja Warrior in MK on 6th October. The children had the best time jumping around and negotiating the obstacle courses and inflatables.

We also had our amazing visit from MK Dons player, Charlie Waller to our school and share his skills with the Yr 5/6 children in the MK Dons Club.

Clubs have been fantastic this term. All children have thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills. We have released the next lot of slots for Spring Term, w/c 15th January. If your child would like to participate in a morning or after school club, please sign-up using Weduc. Please be reminded that once children are signed up for clubs, its important they come every week. We do hold a waiting list for other children who would want to take their place.



Father Christmas Visit...





















Year 4...

We baked gingerbreads and decorated them to enjoy the festivities in Year 4.











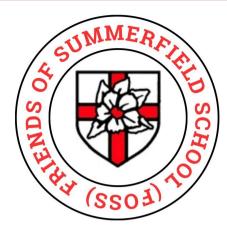
FOSS Events...

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have supported our events. We have given up a lot of our spare time to organise and run these events and we have enjoyed every minute of it!

These events wouldn't be possible without the kind and generous support from our families — so thank you.

We have some more interesting events planned for 2024 so watch this space!

If you would like to be involved or know more about FOSS, then please do get in touch with us: friendsofsummerfieldschool@gmail.com



Movie Nights...



We held 3 movie nights over the days of 11th, 12th and 14th December.

Not only did we provide the movie, but pizza and popcorn too! The kids all had a great time and we managed to raise a tremendous amount of £557

Squirrels Class

Scavenger Hunt...

Back by popular demand from the Halloween Scavenger Hunt, we were asked if we would put on a Festive Scavenger Hunt....so we did! We hope you had as much fun as we did. It was so lovely to see all the happy smiley faces and that was just the adults! We managed to raise £259.71



50/50 Draw...

Congratulations to Marisha in Butterflies who won £26 in the final 50/50 draw of this year.

The next 50/50 draw will be held on **26th January 2024**. You have to be in it to win it!



Raffle...

Thank you to all the wonderful business who supported our Festive Raffle. We manage to raise an amazing amount of £94

Arla - Fireflies - Fruit & Veg Basket

Holly - Otters - Fruit & Veg Basket and Bowling

George - Lions - Match Attacks, Bowling Voucher and Chocolates

Rishika - Lions - Pocket Watch

Navya - Tigers - Pocket Watch

Raghansh - Penguins - Woughton Centre Pass

Ethan - Penguins - Reiki Voucher

Tess & Tia - Yr 3 - Mermaid Gift Set

Hallie - Polar Bears - Urban Battlefields

Oscar - Dolphins - Beautiful Broach

Melody - Sharks - Bowling Voucher

Josh - Dolphins - Calendar

Elijas - Badgers - Biscuits & Gullivers Land Tickets

Atila - Otters - Climb Quest Voucher

Tom - Badgers - Riverside Hub Tickets

Mrs Sharp - Office - Nuffield Pass

Mrs Syed - Office - Woburn Safari Voucher



















School Council...

The School Council organised making a card and pictures for the FOSS team to say thank you for everything they have done for the school this year.

The events, fundraising and joy they have brought to the school is very much appreciated by all!





Staff Walk/Run for NSPCC...

All Staff from Summerfield School will be taking part in the Walk for Children 2023 NSPCC fundraising event.

We will be walking 5k on 22 December, the longest night of the year. because for children suffering abuse, every night feels like the longest. For children, Christmas should be the most magical time of the year. But for thousands of children all over the country, Christ-

mas can mean being trapped at home with their abusers.

- Last Christmas, Childline delivered more than 1,000 high-risk counselling sessions.
- **64% of high-risk calls and web chats** to Childline at Christmas come in after dark.
- Childline, an NSPCC service, is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for children who have nowhere else to turn.

Some of us will be walking and some will be running, all to raise funds for this amazing Charity.

If you are able, please do help support us. We have set-up an online page via JustGlving:

SUPPORT SUMMERFIELD STAFF FOR NSPCC HERE

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20% discount code for the Climb Quest School **Reward Programme**

We are taking part again in the reward programme for local schools from Climb Quest Milton Keynes. If the name is new to you, Climb Quest describe themselves as where climbing centre meets theme park, featuring over 20 'fun' climbing walls suitable for all abilities and ages (4 years plus).

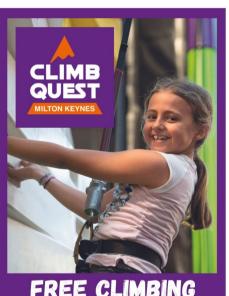
Our unique school code is MKSUMMERFIELD2

20% discount on your climbing session this Christmas

Use our unique school code at the checkout when you book online to get money off climbing sessions at Climb Quest (excluding birthday parties, membership passes, exclusive group bookings, vouchers and after-school clubs). Normally this gives you a 10% discount, but until 7/1/24, this will give you a 20% discount. This code is valid for a limited time and cannot be used with any other offer.

Reward card

We also have an electronic flyer about the programme to send out. This includes a reward card for you to keep that has our unique school code printed on.



FREE CLIMBING FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Climb Quest will donate 25% of the value spent (ex VAT) using the unique code for your school, to use towards climbing sessions, to give young people an incredible confidence building experience.

For example, if £500 is spent using your school unique code, they will receive 10 free climbing spaces to use for a school booking.



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children

CHRISTMAS OFFER **GET 20% OFF YOUR CLIMBING THIS** CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Book your climbing session to reach new heights this Christmas Holiday. Use your school's unique code at the checkout when you book online at climbquest.co.uk.

Normally this gives you a 10% discount, but until 7/1/24, this will give you a 20% discount.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the team at Climb Quest.

(Excludes birthday parties, membership passes, exclusive group bookings, vouchers and after-school clubs). Cannot be used with any other offer.



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REWARD CARD

Cut out this reward card and keep it safe. Use the discount code whenever you book a climbing session.

Notices...

From 8th January 2024, our School lunch provider, Dolce will be offering a Halal and non-Halal option when ordering your child/ren's school meal. It will be a straightforward drop-down which **must** be selected when choosing your meal in order to ensure your option is Halal/non-Halal as you require.



Please note, this menu will only be bookable from 22.12.23 so if you have placed any orders for next term, these will not be booked and you will need to re-order again after 22.12.23 when the menu for next term is available. We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Please do be mindful that this is a new system for our school and so there may be technical glitches. If you are having problems, please do contact SchoolGrid on the details below:

Telephone: 01506 300310

Email: support@schoolgrid.co.uk

