

Sports Update

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012 facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement in the School Games, using a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active. This is the first Games Mark for the school since 2015/16 and demonstrates our commitment. It was achieved for: maintaining two-hours of PE, focusing on active playtimes and lunchtimes with activity stations and our commitment to engaging in competitive opportunities which was challenging earlier in the year due to continued challenges with Covid. Next year, we will be planning to build on this further and aim for Silver!

Well done to the children who represented the school this week in football and a huge thank you to all our parents for their support to make this happen. I know the children enjoyed the tournament experience. Well done to our Tri-Golf team who came away with first place medals!

School Linking Project

This week has been the celebration week for the School Linking Project. Class Three have been involved all year and the theme this term has been: 'How can we all live well together?' They took part in a Zoom meeting with other schools to explore this. The art work they completed on the theme of Global Citizenship earlier in the term is currently on display at Bury Art Museum and it reflects the work the children completed with the visiting artist. It is available today (Fri 17th July) and tomorrow (Sat 18th July) if you would like to view it. Each school's discs are grouped together and labelled with the school name, so the children will be able to identify their class's work. What a great example of our drivers: aspiration and diversity.



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Award Winners

Who has been shining this week at Summerseat?	
Class 1	Shine Award: Aoife
Class 2	Value Award: Xavier
Class 3	Shine Award: Lucy Values Award: Freddie
Class 4	Shine Award: Tri Golf Team Values Award: Football Team

Dates for your Diary—for dates further ahead, please visit the calendar on the school website.

School Calendar

Mon 20th—Thurs 23rd June	Class 4 Bikeability
Weds 22nd June	Class One and Two visit to Formby
Fri 24th June	Balance Bikes—Reception & Year 1
Fri 24th June	Kwik Cricket tournament—UKS2—pm
Fri 24th June	Yellow & Blue non-uniform day
Mon 27th June	Class 3 visit to Bolton museum
Tues 28th June	New to Reception Parent Meeting
Fri 1st July	Sports Day (From 1:30pm)
Tues 5th July	Freddie Fit
Weds 6th July	Swimming Gala—UKS2—Places TBC

Sunflower Day

As you know, before the holiday Miss Thompson's son Blake tragically passed away. Our thoughts are with her and I know many parents have asked if there is anything they can do to show their care and support. On Friday 24th June, we will hold a yellow and blue non-uniform day. These were Blake's favourite colours. We will all plant sunflowers / sunflower seeds in his memory which was a theme that ran through the service to show our care for Miss Thompson and her family. It will be done very subtly. There is an optional donation which we will send to the family. I know they have been collecting for the children's hospital and are also potentially looking at establishing a memory garden.

If you would like to donate, we will have collection boxes at the beginning and end of the school day but this is entirely optional.

Attendance

Attendance	Grade Indicator
Above 96.1%	High
96% - 95.1%	Above Average
95% - 94%	Average
Below 94%	Low

Every Day Counts!

Please see below your child's year group attendance and

Class 1	100%
Class 2	93.4%
Class 3	91%
Class 4	96.7%

how this compares with the expectations above.

This week's winners are:

Class 1

Uniform from September 2022

Thank you

There has been a significant improvement in all children following the uniform code this week, thank you and please maintain this as we move towards the end of the summer term.

Second-Hand Shop

With the cost of living soaring and the cost to the Earth of unwanted clothing items, we want to put together a second-hand shop for our core uniform based at school. We aim to establish this before we finish for the summer to make use of all the uniform children have outgrown. As soon as we are ready, we will give you the date for the first sale. (Prices will be just a couple of pounds with money going towards EduKid, our international charity)

If you have any of the following items to donate that are in good condition with our revised logo from 2021, please bring these in to school for our second-hand shop:

- School jumpers - School Trousers
- School cardigans - Pinafores
- School Polo T-Shirts - Smart shorts
- School PE T-shirt - Green Gingham dresses

Please can we ask that all donated items are washed and name labels removed.

Many thanks and hopefully this will support our care for the planet and our pockets! We will be talking to children about the benefits as typically £140m worth of clothing is sent to landfill each year, and shops like this will help reduce textile waste, especially given how quickly children grow! It's so important that we all take action now to make our society green and carbon neutral.

PE Uniform—September - Advance Notice

From September 2022, we will be asking all children to come into school wearing PE uniform on Monday and Friday. This will be, black joggers or shorts (weather dependent) white PE T-shirt (with or without logo) and a **School PE Hoodie**. These are available via Murrays for £17.



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School Day September 2022

Schools will be “asked to offer” a week of at least 32.5 hours by September, under plans set out in the government’s white paper.

The minimum hours will be an expectation rather than a new statutory duty for schools. A 32.5-hour week equates to a six and a half hour day, Monday to Friday.

Six and a half hours is already the average length of the school day in England, but education secretary Nadhim Zahawi said last year he wanted to see all schools “move towards” that average.

At present, we have a fluid start to the morning with doors opening at 8:45am for a 9:00am registration.

To ensure all children are accessing 32.5 hours per week, the doors will continue to open at 8:45am but **from September, registration will take place at 8:50am** and anyone arriving after 8:50am will receive a ‘late’ mark. School will continue to close at 3:20pm.

School Awards

You may have seen the following in the press today...

SMILES ALL ROUND AT SUMMERSEAT AS SCHOOL IS SHORTLISTED IN THREE CATEGORIES IN MEN SCHOOLS AWARDS 2022

Spirits at Summerseat Methodist Primary School were high this week as it was announced they had been shortlisted in no less than three categories in the MEN Schools Awards 2022.

Summerseat has been shortlisted for Primary School Teacher of the Year, Primary School Head Teacher of the Year and Wellbeing School Award.

The Head Teacher of the Year Award nominee from Summerseat is Mrs Julie Whittaker, who joined Summerseat in 2019 and has since then been a driving force in taking the school from strength to strength. Miss Lucy McQuaid is also shortlisted as the Primary School Teacher of the Year.

Issuing a joint statement, Chair of Governors, Cllr Liam James Dean and Vice-Chair of Governors Clare Mariani said:

“Our school has been on an incredible transformational journey over the past few years, and we are incredibly proud of what has been achieved for our children. Alongside work on our curriculum, Miss McQuaid and Mrs Whittaker have provided incredible leadership to rightly maintain our focus on being a school where the happiness and wellbeing of each and every one of our children remains at the forefront of all we do.’

“We were delighted last year when another of our teachers won a National Silver Award for Teaching, and now to be shortlisted for three more, recognising even more of our fantastic team and achievements hopefully shows the trajectory Summerseat is on”

We will be attending the awards on Friday 8th July and some of our older pupils will be joining us. Thank you for your continued support.