

Newsletter

SUMMER TERM 2024

The Summer term was long and full of activity. We started the term with a Taste of Woodlands, went on adventures and ended with a bang with Sports day and an excellent Summer Fair.

Residentials



The Summer term saw 2 exciting residential visits take place.

Firstly, in May, 8 pupils went to Krakow in Poland. It was an opportunity to visit the Polish link school, take part in joint activities and share our learning. The trip had a humanities focus with visits to key historical sites such as Schindler's factory as well as other important and historical sites across the city. The trip also helped children to develop their communication skills, self-confidence and self-esteem throughout their time in Poland. This was a new experience for the pupils; of the students who attended, most had not been on a residential visit away from their parents / carers before. Nearly half had not been abroad or travelled on a plane previously and none had been to Poland before.

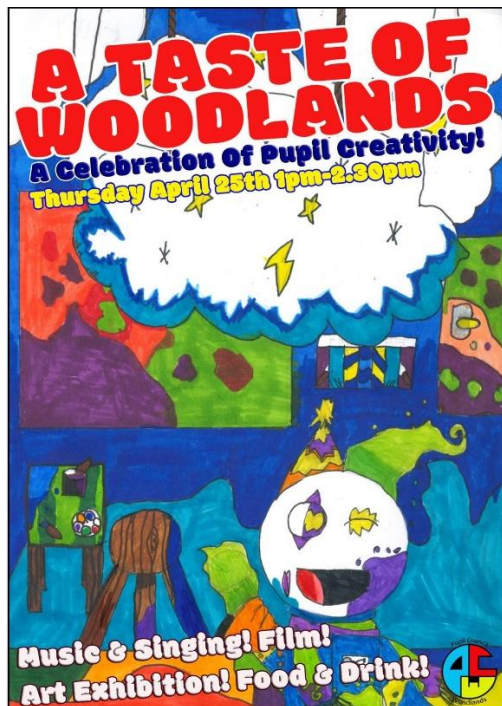
Later in the term there was also a trip to Blackwell Adventure, near Bromsgrove. 19 Pupils attended for 3 days. Pupils engaged in numerous adventurous activities, challenging them and taking outside of their comfort zone including rock climbing, zip wire, grass sleds and other team building activities.

Sports Day



Sports day was a lot of fun. We saw children from across the academy take part in a variety of inclusive sporting events. The children worked with different groups to their usual classes and all engaged brilliantly. There was fierce competition but played out with a spirit of sportsmanship and encouragement.

A Taste of Woodlands



At the start of the Summer Term we Celebrated the creative work of our pupils with 'A Taste Of Woodlands'. Lots of parents and carers attended the event which saw contributions from all classes.

We turned the school into an art gallery with displays of work from each class. Pupils also performed with musical instruments and a choir.

It was a fantastic celebration and something we will build on in future, making this a regular feature in the Spring Term.

Summer Fair



The Summer Fair was a great success with lots of families attending and enjoying themselves. Thanks to the generosity of families and staff we raised £452.65 which we will use to update our wellbeing room. The will now become 'The Zone' and will be linked to The Zones of Regulation. We were thrilled to be able to donate £500 to local charity Forever Stars, who support families who have suffered bereavement of a child. This money comes from funds raised at previous fairs and is going to help an amazing local cause

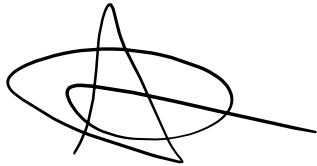
<https://www.foreverstars.org/>

Say Thank You - Staff Awards 2024 Winners



This year as part of our Trust conference we asked families to nominate staff for a 'Say Thank You' award. I am pleased to share the winners with you and thank you for taking part.

1. The person who makes me a successful learner is.... Mish Bojko
2. The person who makes me smile is... Agatha Chimbetete
3. The person who believes in me is.... Kirsty Stansfield



Andrew Morgan

Principal