

Sutton House Academy

Newsletter



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Spring Term 2024

Message from the Head Teacher



Dear Parents/Carers

As we 'Spring into Spring'....we say goodbye to another term; where does the time go?! We have had another busy period with exams, coursework, trips and visits from lots of 'very important people'

(hopefully, we will have something to update you with very soon)....

Over the February half term we built 2 new classrooms for the Pilot Project and extended the downstairs area so that our Maths groups have more generous spaces to work in.

Over Easter, I am very happy to announce that some immersive artwork will hit our corridors;

Our primary pupils will experience 'Under the Sea'; In our Reach corridor, we enter the Timelord Tardis; In Secondary, we will be amazed by a Forest landscaped Library and positive affirmations to support Wellbeing; Of course we will have Maths quizzes and famous literacy quotes from master pieces to support our core subjects.

As ever, we lose some exceptional people this term; Molly Caplan our RSHE LSA, Vanessa Dark our Pilot HLTA and lastly and not least Jack O'Connor, our Deputy Headteacher. I know many of you will want to say your formal goodbyes and we wish them all well on their next leg of their journey.

Coming in, we welcome Sadyi Kittle who will be joining us in our Primary setting and supporting the Leadership Team.

I hope you all have a restful break and I look forward to working with you again next term.

Alexis Bull

Star and Rainbow Class

In Primary, we had the exciting opportunity to hatch and raise 4 little ducklings.

The pupils were so gentle and enjoyed caring and maintaining the eggs and enclosure to ensure they remained happy and healthy.



We have also been participating in regular swimming lessons at Garons. All have developed their confidence in the water.

Finally, we have been working on our social skills through role play, teamwork and sensory activities, to enable us to build friendships and work as a team.

Lauren Stephens and Janine Willett

Reach+

Reach+ have been growing bulbs – tulips and daffodils. Once they started to grow pupils helped re-pot them into flowerpots. They looked beautiful in the classroom and the pupils enjoyed watching their hard work flower!



We are following a new maths syllabus 'White Rose' and the class are learning about fractions and weights & measures.

Science week was a huge success! The class built hot air spaceships using balloons and hairdryers and asked amazing questions to support their learning.

Carol Cody

KS3 Reach

Our students have been working hard on their Personal Development and have had the fantastic opportunity to try Rock Climbing, Martial Arts and Drumming.

In English, we have been looking at pre-fixes and suffixes along with homophones, to improve our grammar skills. In Maths we have been re-visiting place value and times tables and exploring the expectations around Entry Level and Functional Skills qualifications.

Exams

Our Year 9, 10 and 11 students have been completing Functional Skills qualifications this half term; with our Year 11 pupils preparing for their GCSEs which start in



May. (Information will follow to relevant parent/carers), and we would like to wish them all good luck with their revision!

Jon Lee and Pavla Lee

Food Technology

Year 9, 10s and 11s, are working towards completing their NCFE Level 2 qualification for Food Technology. They have been learning the different food groups, food choices and seasonality, which will go towards the Unit 1 part of the qualification.

Year 7s, 8s and Reach+ have been learning the topics of seasonality, food choices and carbon footprints. They have learnt about how food is transported and when it is best to be grown. Students have also located countries on the world map to help them understand where food comes from.



Primary have been learning about where Italy is on the map and making Italian style pizzas. They have learnt about foods from across Europe and located these on the map too.

All year groups, have been enjoying new kitchen equipment and learning how to use the equipment to help their cooking skills.

Michelle Chaplin and Maria Fox

Maths



In maths this term, we have moved to the White Rose Education platform. This will provide pupils with the best opportunities to succeed well in maths.

So far, pupils have enjoyed the structure of it and are progressing well! We have learnt place value, addition and subtraction, fractions, decimals and percentages and ratio.

We enjoyed merging English with maths for our comprehension day where we had to solve a murder mystery! Take a look at the suspect list above! We had the murder facts and had to investigate the adult's heights and the distances between the rooms linked to the murder. These facts helped us solve who the killer was... our Head Teacher!

This term has been full of change for maths, with Rachael Wyatt replacing Sophia Shaw and Christie Hale

moving her group into a different classroom. We would just like to congratulate all the pupils on how well they have managed these changes and where are seeing successful results!

English

KS3 – 1

Have been learning about spotting fake news and reading funny and silly articles from newspapers.

KS3 2

Have been using their research skills to identify facts to support their opinions on does Big Foot exist, the Lochness Monster, human superpowers, and helpful ghosts.

KS4

Have been learning about Conspiracy Theories and have taken part in a Speaking and Listening presentation which contained their own theory. The pupils have also been practising their Functional skills in readiness for their forthcoming exams.

Josh Richardson

Primary and Secondary PE



Hello everyone, we've been very busy in PE this term. The Primary pupils have been swimming, climbing as well as trying Jujitsu and obviously our

weekly boxing has continued throughout.

Our pupils have also played football against different local schools and the last match we played we won! Well done to everyone who took part!

Next term, the pupils will be accessing net sports and then progressing onto athletics.

Alan Krzempek

Art



Star and Reach+ classes have completed a Plant and Flower project which included drawing and sculpting different flowers.

Rainbow class have worked on their fine motor skills and have demonstrated a massive improvement – well done!

Year 7s and 8s, have researched Artists and Craft people and enjoyed finding out about their life and works.

Year 9s have planned and delivered, a lesson to our Primary students for their Skills Challenger – which was a great success. All pupils have shown a great improvement and has boosted their confidence and self-esteem.



Shelby Beckinsale

RSHE

Year 7 have learnt about Careers and Enterprises which covered learning about employability skills which will last a lifetime.

Year 8 have learnt about Relationships, Identity and Safety which included information about all types of relationships, including bullying versus banter.

Year 9 covered My Goals – Behaviours and Emotions, Careers Skills, Setting Goals and Targets so lots of topics have been covered and learnt by each pupil. The next topic is Mindfulness.

Neve Ayres

Duke of Edinburgh Award



Year 9s and Year 10s have been very busy completing the task for Physical Volunteering and Skills Section, which covered a range of varying activities such as: photography, boxing, football, walking, helping younger pupils, hair and beauty, to name a few. The pupils have been thoroughly enjoying the range of activities they have been taking part in.

Neve Ayres

KS4 Reach Out



Year 10 and Year 11s have been looking after some new members of the class – Stick Insects! All the pupils have been taking care of them and enjoying showing them to other pupils and teaching them how to take care of them.

They have also been practising their interview techniques and answering various questions as part of their Career Plan for the Prince's Trust module.

The Year 11s have also taken their Entry Level Exams for English and maths, in preparation for their

Functional Skills which are scheduled for the Week beginning 25th March.

Jo Hill

Careers

The Year 11s, along with Parents/Carers, have met with Tracey Scott from the Local Authority for Careers discussions in readiness for their next step after leaving school.



If there are any questions which you would like to ask, please contact the school office: 01702 904633.

Jack O'Connor

Attendance and Uniform

Uniform – could I remind everyone that the expected uniform for Sutton House is black trousers/skirt, black shoes/trainers and the schools polo and jumper. Should you need to buy extra tops these can be purchased from reception all year round.

School arrival time is 8:30am. After 8:45am please use main reception for late registration.

Attendance - Ofsted set a very high expectation of 95% or better.

As Sutton House continues to grow, it is expected that pupils begin to understand and become accepting of each other and their SEMH needs, again we ask Parents/Carers that this message and acceptance of others, is kept consistent and that all who attend Sutton House Academy are as one community.

Message from the Designated Safeguarding Lead



To all Parents/Carers,
We recently held a Coffee Morning at Sutton House and it was agreed by all that attended that the meeting was useful. We will be holding more of these over the coming months. We warmly welcome everyone.

Below are some numbers which could be helpful in a time of need:



FAMILY LIVES (all aspects of parenting)
www.familylives.co.uk
0808 8002222



CHILDLINE

www.childline.org.uk
0800 1111



FRANK (counselling)

www.talktofrank.com
0300 1236600



SAMARITANS (counselling)

www.samaritans.org.uk



MIND (counselling)

www.mind.org.uk
0300 1233393



ANXIETY UK (anxiety issues)

www.anxietyuk.org.uk
03444775774

Key Dates

Easter Holiday

Thursday 28th March to Friday 12th April 2024

First Day of Summer Term

Return on Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

Summer Term 1

Monday 15th April to 24th May 2024

May Holiday

27th May to 31st May 2024

Summer Term 2

Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July 2024