



# The Summerbank Sentinel

## March 2019

Welcome to our update on what's been happening and what's soon to happen here at Summerbank...

### **CELEBRATING OUR CREATIVITY**

*We have arranged a number of opportunities for children to develop and show off their creativity this term...*

#### **Young Voices Performance**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February our school choir joined 6000 other children to perform at the Manchester Arena to take part in a huge celebration of song. 'The largest School Choir in the World' performed songs that the children had been working hard on all year supported by Mrs Weir, Mr Hayes and Mr Liddle. We are so proud of the way our children behaved and sang on the day and also want to thank the parents and friends who came along to show their support – Well done all!



#### **Arts Week at Summerbank**

Just before half-term, we held a whole school Arts week with each year group celebrating the work of a different artist.

The children enjoyed exploring a range of different art forms and children in Y1 and Y5 had the opportunity to work with a visiting artist to do print making. Children were also

able to talk knowledgeably about their artist – if your child hasn't already told you about this, why not ask them to tell you more...

#### **Dance Extravaganza at Victoria Hall**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> March children from the Y3/4 Dance Club will join children from other schools and colleges across Stoke-on-Trent to perform on stage at the Victoria Hall in Hanley. Our children will perform a dance based on Maori Haka and have been practicing hard to perfect their moves. This is an amazing opportunity for the children and we know their dance will be a real hit!

#### **Shakespeare Performance at the New Vic**

This term Y5 have been studying the play 'The Tempest'. A large group of Y5 children have also written their own section of the play and will perform it alongside groups from the other academies in The Societas Trust at the New Vic Theatre in Newcastle on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. This is a great opportunity to take part in a professional production and the 2nd year we have offered this. Good luck children and (don't) 'break a leg'!



### **WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day is held every year to celebrate the importance of reading and the joy that comes from a really good book. This year the children on our School Council have decided we will celebrate by coming to school on that day either **dressed up as a favourite book character or wearing pyjamas** to celebrate 'bedtime stories'. Reading every day makes a huge difference to your child's education. Research tells us that if a child reads for 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear/read as much as 1.8 million words per year, develop a great vocabulary and be more successful in their other learning too. Please help us by reading at home with your child each day or encouraging your child to read themselves.



### **RED NOSE DAY - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Comic Relief is a charity where we come together as a school to raise money for people and communities in the UK and around the world. We're very proud of how the children in our school care about others and they always do a brilliant job of fundraising each year. This year we are selling Red noses from now up to the day at a cost of £1.25. On Red Nose Day children can come into school **wearing red or non-uniform** for a donation of £1 (this will also include decorating (and eating!) a 'Red Nose Biscuit'); get the chance to 'Soak the Teacher' for 20p per sponge; enter a design a red nose competition and other activities still to be announced.

We will also be selling cakes on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, if you would like to donate some cakes then please send them in on that morning. Thank you.



### **WELLBEING & HEALTH**

We are joining with the other academies in The Societas Trust to have a joint focus on supporting the health and wellbeing of our school communities. Through this focus on wellbeing we aim to improve the school experience for our Summerbank community and be awarded 'The Sandwell Well-being Charter Mark'. More information about this will come out later this term.

### **FAMILY LEARNING**

We had a really good response from both parents and children to our Y3 Family Learning session on the first day back after half term, in the children's words, 'We loved it!'. This term the following sessions will run (if you're interested please make sure you return the slip when it is sent out, or speak to Miss Surtees for more information):

7<sup>th</sup> March Reception 'A Squash & a Squeeze'

18<sup>th</sup> March Y4 'World Book Day'

25<sup>th</sup> March Nursery 'The Gruffalo'

8<sup>th</sup> April Y1 'The Day the Crayons Quit'

### **A FEW REMINDERS...**

**Parents' Afternoon** will take place this term on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**PE Kit** should be worn for all PE lessons, green Summerbank PE T-shirts are available to purchase at Supersport on Tunstall High Street at a starting cost of £5.30.

**Pick-up and Drop-off** are very busy due to many children travelling to and from school by car. We are all responsible for the safety of our children and it is important that parents using the drop-off and pick-up point on the car park do so responsibly. Members of staff are on duty directing traffic to help things run smoothly, if you are asked to move your car, please do so. Thank you