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'Being and doing our very best'

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I had the pleasure of going to a conference in East London this week. The conference's themes were about providing holistic and rounded education experiences for all pupils; an educational experience that put the pupil first within an education sector that often prioritises other values. Workshops were led on well being for pupils, play throughout the curriculum, shared learning dialogue for staff, how to be an inclusive school and how to cater for challenging topics such as climate change. I left the conference heartened and proud of the work and community that exists at Sefton Park. I felt that the workshops held at the conference could have been delivered by any member of staff from our school.. The schools that the experts were describing sounded very much like Sefton Park. I realised that the 'how to ' examples of catering for each and every pupil were evidenced at Sefton Park and whilst we are very far from perfect, and things don't go as well as we would like from time to time, I felt that Sefton Park is a place that is forward thinking, progressive and continues to seek the opportunities that we are given to ensure that each and every child receives the most rounded education possible. It was an unusually uplifting experience!

Our **whole school Personal, Social, Health and Relationship Education (PSHRE)** topic has now changed and we



will be focussing our discussions and learning on **families and friendship**. Our PSHRE curriculum is the most important area of teaching across the school. Children can't be active, positive, community minded individuals who are ready to learn and work hard unless they are emotionally regulated and feel that they belong within institutions. Family is one such institution but friendships within school are incredibly important to the successful education of all. Friendships fluctuate, friendships morph and change over time, but one of the many joyous parts of working in Primary school is to see children at ease with each other and to see children actively enjoy the company of their peers. Friendships and dealing with the complexities of friends is something that needs to be taught. Our PSHRE focus for the next 4 weeks will include how to be a good friend, how to welcome

others and how to step away from friendships.

Last week we had a visit from Bristol City Council representatives about the opening of the new train station at Ashley Down. This is a great addition to our local community and we look forward to using it for local school excursions. Workshops were used to explain how train travel has positive knock on effects beyond less cars on the road. **Active travel** is a concept we support in school and many people cycle, scoot and walk into school. We urge those families who need to drive to school to park close by St Andrews Park and walk the short distance into Sefton Park. Not only will it cause less congestion on nearby roads but it will also provide a calmer and more enjoyable start to the school day for all. Please consider our request. A small change in behaviour will have really great positive knock on effects. Last week I shared a petition about traffic on Ashley Road. I am sharing it again as we believe in its importance to the health of our pupils. [Speeding petition on Ashley Road.](#)



On Monday, work will start on our Year 1 playground.. We are really excited about the new opportunities this will provide for our children. The work should be completed by the end of half term and so there will be minimal disruption for the children. In collaboration with the children, the space has been designed so that the play area can be used as an outdoor classroom and will support the provision that takes place in

Year 1. As well as specific areas for creativity and role play, it will retain a planting area that links a number of year 1 topics which are taught throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to visit class teachers for **parent consultations**. These are such an important part of the academic year, informing you of how your child is settling into the year and the learning routines they have established. If you have not met your child;s class teacher, please find time to meet with them before the half term break.

Sefton's budding musicians have been making waves at **FOLKSTARS, an instrument learning club for all abilities and ages**, held after school on Fridays. Kids receive a free guitar or violin to take home and low cost / free group tuition from an experienced guitar and violin tutor. There are still a few spaces left and we'd especially love to hear from anyone that already plays or wants to learn violin. Email info@folkstars.co.uk to arrange a free taster - more details at www.folkstars.co.uk



The group will be the opening act at a Pirate Ceilidh night on Friday 29th November at St Bonaventure's Hall, BS7 8HP. This family friendly event features special guest Anna Cornish (singer on the viral hit song Wellerman), a traditional sea shanty choir, Ceilidh Tree band and caller plus a full bar and street food on sale. Tickets and more info at www.folkstars.co.uk/pirate-ceilidh

A reminder that next week is the final week of the term. We return to school on Monday 4th November.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Dan Simson and the Team at Sefton Park

Sefton Spotlights presents Frozen Jr:

Members of Sefton Spotlights Musical Theatre Club are hard at work rehearsing for this year's Christmas spectacular, Frozen Jr, which will be taking place at Bristol Grammar School's MacKinnon Theatre at the 1532 Performing Arts Centre from Monday 16th - Thursday 19th December. We are looking for volunteers from our school community to help with a number of different roles around this time. Roles include:

- merchandise stall operators,
- hair and makeup assistants,
- wardrobe assistants
- Followspot operators
- someone with a van or large vehicle to help transport set pieces and scenery to and from the theatre.
- volunteers to help set up the theatre on Monday morning before the first performance,
- volunteers to tidy the hall after each performance, and
- volunteers to assist with clearing out the theatre after the final performance.

[If you can help please fill in this Google Form.](#)



LOST PROPERTY

Please can we politely ask that jumpers, coats, water bottles and other items are clearly marked with your child's name along with their class name. Unfortunately, we are seeing very large numbers of lost items on a daily basis. It can be very hard for items to be returned to the owner if they are not clearly labelled. We also know it must be frustrating for you as parent/carers.

Please also note that we will be laying out missing items at the end of each week on a **Friday**. This will be a combination of both KS1 and KS2 items that are collected during the week.

They will be **laid out outside our Year 2 classrooms underneath the shelter**.

Unfortunately, if items are not collected by the end of next week, we will be donating items to a new home as we cannot store the large numbers that are found on a weekly basis.



After School / Breakfast Clubs

All after school activities can be found on the website. There are lots of clubs to choose from and Premier also offers After School and Breakfast Clubs.

<https://www.seftonparkschools.co.uk/extra-curricular-clubs-and-activities/>

Please contact the club provider directly and remember to let them know if there is a change to collection arrangements. If you can also let the School Office know this helps us ensure the safety of children at the end of the day.

St Werbergs City Farm - Forest Play and Cooking

FREE 6-12 year olds

When: 11.00-3.30 Monday 28th October –
Tuesday 29th October

Where: Boiling Wells (a short walk from St
Werburghs city farm)

What: These sessions are led by experienced
professionals – they support young people to
connect with each other and nature. We will
do pumpkin carving, candle making and some
cooking.

Lunch and a snack will be provided.

Who: These sessions are for children aged 6-
12. Young people who may have difficulty
accessing the outdoors, are experiencing a
tricky time at school or home or would benefit
from time in nature for another reason are
welcome.

We welcome referrals **from teachers,
parents, social workers, youth workers and
other professionals** who work with young
people.



**FOREST PLAY
AND COOKING**

FREE FOR AGE 6-12	28th-29th October 11.00-3.30
	St Werburghs City Farm WATERCRESS ROAD BS2 9YJ, BRISTOL

**CAMPFIRE - COOKING -
CRAFTS - GAMES**

EMAIL: CHILDANDYOUTH@SWCITYFARM.CO.UK
OR TEXT ON 07706 252 737 TO FIND OUT MORE

Just email:

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TAYLOR SWIFT

Beginners Dance workshop

SATURDAY 14TH
DEC
12.30 - 2.30 PM

£15
Per person
Ages 6-13



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AGE 6-13



HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY CLUBS

Dance, arts & crafts, pumpkin carving, ghost making and more...

WEDS
30TH
OCT

THURS
31ST
OCT

8.30 am - 4.30 pm
Streetenvy Studios, BS56XX

OCTOBER 1/2 TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS



**SEFTON PARK SCHOOL,
BS7 9BJ**

**MONDAY 28TH OCT
CAMPFIRE CRAFTS &
PUMPKIN CATAPULTS**

**TUESDAY 29TH OCT
CIRCUS SKILLS
& SPOOKY FUN**

**WEDNESDAY 30th OCT
NERF: FORAGE,
LOCK & LOAD!**

**THURSDAY 31st OCT
TRICK OR
TREAT DAY**

**FRIDAY 1st Nov
HARRY POTTER QUIDDITCH, WAND MAKING
& POTIONS**

**JOIN US FOR AUTUMNAL & SPOOKY FUN THIS HALF
TERM. EVERY DAY HAS DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES BASED
ON THE DAY'S THEME. COME FOR JUST 1 DAY OR THE
WEEK. OFSTED REGISTERED. CHILDCARE VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED. 9AM TO 3PM. £37 PER DAY. AGES 5-11**

**BOOK
NOW**

**SLIME
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CATAPULTS**

**CAMPFIRE
TREATS**

**ZOMBIE
SCAVENGER
HUNT**

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For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK



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BOOK NOW

<https://bristol.classforkids.io/term/31>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following after school clubs at Sefton Park School for Autumn term 2.

Dodgeball After School Club | Year R – 2
Wednesday | 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Soft Archery After School Club | Year 3 – 6
Wednesday | 3.30pm – 4.30pm

£7 Per Session

6th November – 11th December | 6 Sessions | £42

Best Wishes,

Ben Brown
uSports Partner

How To Book

1. Click the 'Book Now' button or type in the link underneath
2. Scroll to find the right club
3. Add your child's details
4. Book your child's place
5. Pay for your session