

News from the Hill

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*"Learning Together, We Will All Be
Exceptional"*



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Issue 2

Our Values
respect one another
every individual matters
take responsibility
strive for excellence
try your best

Dear Parents/Carers,

There is lots happening in school already – please keep up to date with the latest workshops and events for you to get involved with. Information about the **Macmillan Coffee Morning on 29th September** is below.

Next week, we are holding our 'Meet the Teacher' event at 3.30pm for all children in Years 1-6 at 3.30pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher, see the classroom and find out about homework, reading books and what your child will be learning this year. Please come to the classrooms at **3.30pm on Wednesday 20th September**.

It's great to see the children in their school uniforms. Please ensure that children continue to wear their uniform every day – we are very proud of how smart the children look when dressed in the correct uniform. We have lots of spare and second-hand uniform, if there's something you need, please speak to Mrs Wilson, Ms Gentleman or Ms Trehwella. Children should not wear football boots, crocs or flip-flops to school.

On 1st September, the staff worked together on an art development day. We refreshed our knowledge of a range of different techniques and produced screen prints representing the school values. They are awaiting frames and will be displayed in school.



This term, we are working on Strive for Excellence – this will be reflected in children's reward certificates, tickets and the Recognition Board in the classroom.

Best wishes,
Sarah Wilson
Head Teacher

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Macmillan Coffee Morning supported by Friends of Sunnyhill and CanTeam.

On Friday 29th September, we will be marking the Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. This will be our first big community event of the school year!

The theme is *belonging*. The reason for choosing this theme is to welcome our new Reception and Nursery parents/carers and any new parents/carers from other year groups into the Sunnyhill community! This is a chance to meet others over tea, coffee and cake and learn more about the opportunities in school. All for a good cause!



8.00 – 8.30

staff breakfast (donations for staff gratefully received)

8.45 – 9.30

drop in for coffee/tea and cake – please bring your cake donations to the sports hall, then stay to socialise and enjoy!

We will request £1 donation or more, with funds raised donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please write down the ingredients for your cake so that they can be displayed alongside.

A bit more about Friends of Sunnyhill:

Who are we?

Friends of Sunnyhill is a registered charity (1162354) set up to bring the community together and raise money for projects for Sunnyhill children. We rely on help from the whole school community to make our projects a success. We are made up of enthusiastic parents and staff.

What have we done?

Money raised from Friends of Sunnyhill projects have been used to fund: playground equipment, Year 6 leavers' shirts, gardening equipment, cameras for use in school

Friends of Sunnyhill reps will be on hand to give you information at the coffee morning.

What is CanTeam?

CanTeam is a project run by Future Foundations and features a new social dining initiative aiming to transform access to nutritious food for young people and families. Hosted by school, CanTeam pilot events aim to demonstrate that communities that eat together, thrive together. More information can be found here: <https://www.future-foundations.co.uk/canteam/>

CanTeam will be working with us over the coming weeks and specifically with the School Council. The first big event with CanTeam will take place on Tuesday 10th October from 4-6pm. This will be a bring and share event when parents/carers will be asked to bring a dish from their own cultural heritage to share with others. The event will tie in with Black History Month, more information on this event will follow.

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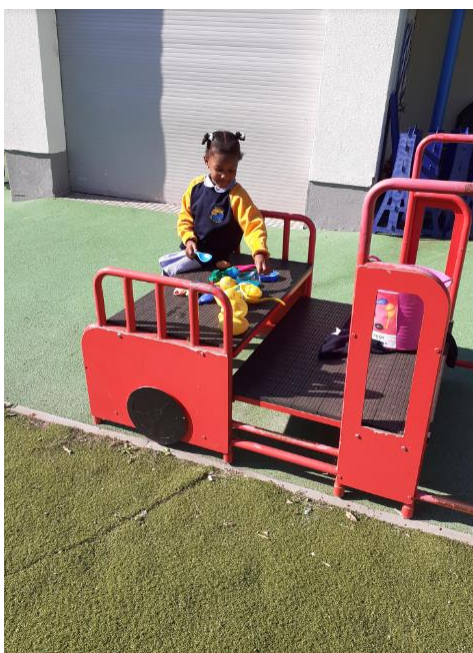
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A new start for our youngest children

Our Nursery and Reception children started school this week! There were excited faces and a few tears but above all, a smooth start. Thank you to the whole EYFS team who have worked really hard to make this possible.....

As you can see, our Reception children wasted no time in getting to grips with the indoor and outdoor classrooms.

To stay up to date with your children's progress in nursery and reception, please follow our EYFS Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/p/CxJBd1Is0CE/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==



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The Rivers Project

Every September, we start the year with our Rivers Project. This is a geography and art project which has a focus on a river somewhere in London or the world. It links to other learning which will follow this year.

We use this project to set up the expectations for the year and to teach the children a bit about the learning journey for this year.

All year groups have produced some beautiful art work using a range of media, from paint to pencil to collage to printing. Following our staff art development day at the start of September, Year 6 jumped straight in with silk screen printing and they produced a beautiful depiction of the River Niger, along with some thoughtful poetry dedicated to the river. Here are some images of the development of their print.



And the final piece can be seen in the Year 3 & 4 corridor along with some fantastic painting and collage work from other KS2 classes – well done everyone!



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Parent/Carer Workshops

The programme of workshops for this term has been released. In case you haven't seen it, here is a copy:

Date and time	Year Groups	Event	Information
Monday 18th September 5:00pm	Year 6	Secondary Transfer Information meeting	Come and find out more about how to apply for secondary school. This is a very important meeting for all of our year 6 parents.
Wednesday 20th September 3.30pm	All year groups (except 2S)	Meet the teacher	Come and meet your child's class teacher, find out what they will be learning, how to complete homework and more information about your child's new year group.
Thursday 21st September 3:30	2S	Meet the teacher	Come and meet Ms Sands and find out what your children will be learning, how to complete homework and more information about your child's new class.
Tuesday 26th September 9.00am	Year 6	Year 6 SATs information	Find out about the SATs tests that your child will be taking at the end of the year and learn how you can support them.
Thursday 28th September 9.00am	Reception	Phonics	Learn about how we teach phonics at Sunnyhill and how you can support your child at home
Thursday 12th October 2.00pm	All year groups	SEND Coffee Afternoon	Open to all parents and carers of children in our school who have a Special Educational Need. Come along and meet other parents and get expert advice from our SENDCo.
Tuesday 17th October 9.00am	All year groups	Online safety parent workshop	Come and learn how to keep your child safe on the internet. Find out how to manage your child's screen time and make the most of their computer skills.

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Tuesday 31st October 9.00am	Yr 3 - 6	Reading	Learn about how to support your child at home with reading.
Tuesday 7th November 2.00pm	All year groups	SEND Coffee Afternoon	Open to all parents and carers of children in our school who have a Special Educational Need. Come along and meet other parents and get expert advice from our SENDCo.
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November Timings to be confirmed	All year groups	Parent/carer Evening	Meet with your child's class teacher to find out how your child is doing in their new year group. You will be sent information for how to book your appointment closer to the time.
Tuesday 21st November 9.00am	Y1 - 2	Maths	Learn how we teach maths at Sunnyhill and how you can support your child at home.
Tuesday 28th November 9.00am	Year 3 - 6	Spelling and handwriting	Learn how we teach spelling and handwriting at Sunnyhill and how you can support your child to learn spelling patterns and rules.

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Term Dates 2023/2024

Term	Start Date	Finish Date	Number of days
Term One	INSET DAY 1&2 - 1st & 4th September 2023 Tuesday, 5th September 2023	Friday, 20th October 2023	36 days
Holiday Monday, 23rd October 2023 – Friday, 27th October 2023			
Term Two	Monday, 30th October 2023	Thursday, 21st December 2023	39 days
Christmas Holiday Friday, 22nd December 2023 – Friday, 5th January 2024			
Term Three	INSET DAY 3 - 8th January 2024 Tuesday, 9th January 2024	Friday, 9th February 2024	25 days
Holiday Monday, 12th February 2024 – Friday, 16th February 2024			
Term Four	Monday, 19th February 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024	29 days
Easter Holiday Friday, 29th March 2024 – Friday, 12th April 2024			
Term Five	INSET DAY 4 - 12th April 2024 Monday, 15th April 2024	Friday, 24th May 2024	30 days
Holiday Monday, 27th May 2024 – Friday, 31st May 2024			
Term Six	Monday, 3rd June 2024	Friday, 19th July 2024 INSET DAY 5 - 22nd July 2024	36 days
			195 days