

Summerhill School Newsletter

Summer 2023

A word from the head...

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well as we move into the Summer.

It is hard to believe how quickly the academic year is passing and this half term has been especially strange with Bank Holidays, Election Day and Strike days. Year 11 are currently undertaking their final GCSE exams and have made a brilliant start. The effort, conduct and commitment has been wonderful to see, and everyone associated with Summerhill hope that they reap the rewards of their endeavour on August's results day.

There have been many highlights again this half term, starting with Kristof, in Year 10, exploits at the World Transplant Games, returning as 4xWorld Champion. Along with a whole list of tremendous successes from students achieving places on stage in the West End, qualifying for British finals and giving up so much of their own time to support charities and the community. One of my personal highlights was being part of the parade for the Kings Coronation celebrations. To see what felt like the entirety of Kingswinford and Wall Heath turn out to celebrate made it such a fabulous event. The Summerhill float was a pleasure to see and hear. The Steel Pans really gave a carnival, summer vibe, and I cannot thank the staff, students, and ex-students enough for making it such a special day.

If you missed it the link below will give you a flavour of the day.

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In this short and disjointed half term we have also had students out on DofE expeditions, Art Gallery visits and Religious Studies trips to various places of worship. All of these opportunities add to the rich cultural capital that was so sadly missed over the pandemic period. As well as this we also welcomed in our new Junior Leadership Team at our prefect presentation evening. What a group!!! We look forward as staff to working with the group to develop and improve our school.

As we move into the break we have to say goodbye to Miss Taylor. Joining us in June 2020, Miss Taylor has been a key part of our MFL department. A change in career to Project Management awaits and we wish Miss Taylor all the very best for the future. Thank you from everyone at Summerhill and good luck.

Once again as we approach a holiday, please do the best things in life. Enjoy time with friends, family and loved ones, be happy and take care.

Kind regards



Mr Harris

Summerhill School proudly presents



15th - 16th June 2023

THE MUSICAL

Annie

Tickets £6

Doors Open 6:30pm



Tickets available from Summerhill School
Contact: 01384 816165 or info@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk

**Book by
THOMAS MEEHAN**

**Music by
CHARLES STROUSE**

**Lyrics by
MARTIN CHARNIN**

Original Broadway Production Directed by Martin Charnin

Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols

Produced by

Irwin Meyer, Stephen R. Friedman, Lewis Allen, Alvin Nederlander Associates Inc., The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Icarus Productions.

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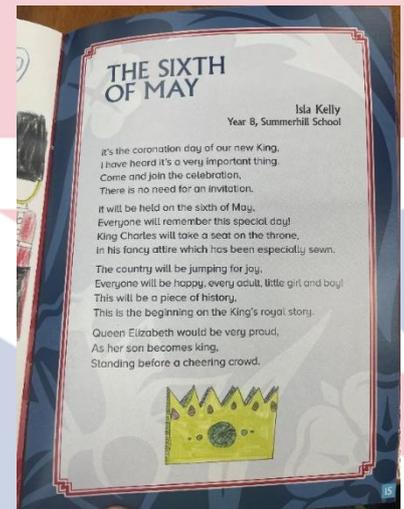
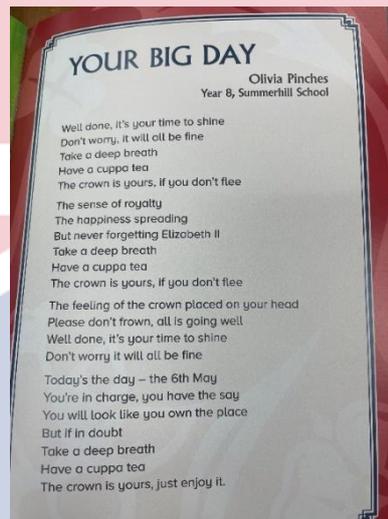
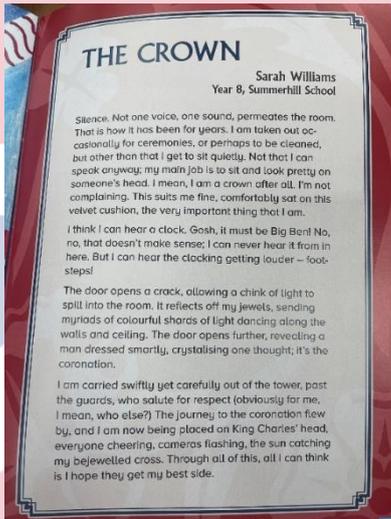
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KING'S CORONATION

At Summerhill we joined in with the celebrations for the King's Coronation

We have 3 Students who have had their poems published into a Kings Coronation creative writing contest. This has also been sent to the Palace! There was over 1000 entries and 20 have been published with 3 of them being our students!

Well done to Liv, Sarah and Isla!

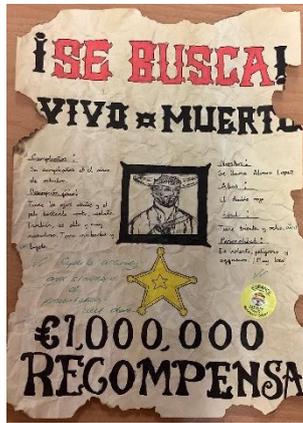


What a great community event through Kingswinford & Wall Heath!!!

The Summerhill Steel Band had an amazing time playing in the Coronation Parade on 7th May!
Absolutely amazing to all who were involved!



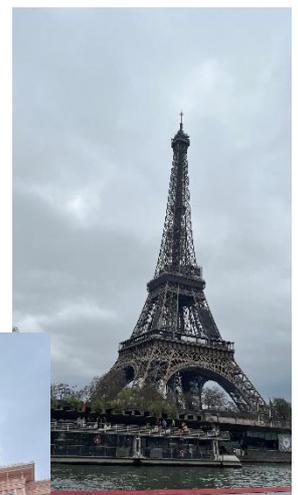
MFL



A superb selection of "Wanted" posters submitted by Year 7 Spanish students
Well Done!



PARIS TRIP 2023



DANCE



Year 8 Students receiving BSL inspired Dance lesson taught by fellow student Masie

Year 7 pupils have been enjoying being creative with the Haka in their PE Dance lessons



Monday night Dance club with lots of students getting involved and learning new skills.



Exceptionally talented Year 7 Dancers being rewarded for their hard work collaborating with Year 11 GCSE Dance pupils.



PE



The Year 7 Netball Teams who did themselves proud in their Annual Netball Tournament at Kinver

Year 8 Netball - Having played against 10 other schools, Summerhill finished second to Hagley in our pool which meant we went through as group runners up to play in the finals. A narrow defeat to the eventual tournament winners OSH left us battling it out with Holy Trinity for a third-place finish. Needless to say that our girls did us proud, they showed excellent resilience and a brilliant attitude throughout the tournament and left the evening in a very respectable bronze medal position. Final match score 5-3 to Summerhill.

On a side note, whilst it is always great to do well in tournaments, it means so much more to me to hear other staff in the Dudley borough comment upon how polite, positive and well-mannered our girls were.

The girls are deservedly very proud of their achievements



Well done to Martha, Freya, Jess, Scarlett, Emma, Eva, Amelia, Esmee & Molly



On the 19th April Miss Robinson took our Year 9 team across to Hagley for the annual Netball Tournament.

It was a pretty full-on evening. Our girls played in 7 consecutive 10-minute matches.

Throughout the tournament they only lost one match (to the eventual tournament winners, Hagley) and finished in an outstanding 2nd place.

In my time at Summerhill, we've never had a Netball team finish so high in a DAGS Netball tournament. They were a credit to themselves and to Summerhill – Miss Robinson

Left to right – Isabelle, Lois, Charlotte, Ruby, Aoife, Martha, Jess

Amazing achievement, Well Done Girls!!

WINNERS



We have had amazing football success!!

Our U16 Girls and our U16 Boy's both WON the West Midlands Cup!

We had the girls winning with an amazing 5-1 and then our boys finishing with a tense penalty shootout



PLACES OF WORSHIP TRIP

Miss Rani organised for our Year 9's to go on a places of worship trip. It was an informative day for our students who soaked up all the cultural learning



YEAR 9



ART

Mrs O'Dea arranged for some of our Art club students to go to the Wolverhampton Art Gallery, they had a guided tour around the gallery and also participated in a printmaking workshop.



Left to right – Alex, Lois, Tom, Georgia & Olivia



Mrs Fisher has shared some amazing Art work from our students!

Betsy Castle – Year 7



Louie Witts – Year 7



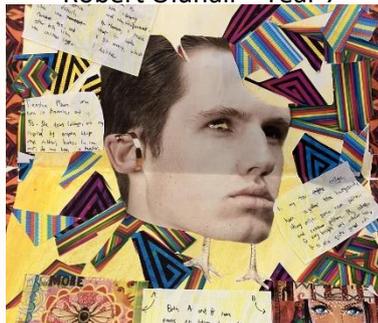
Lily Laid Hobday – Year 7



Milly Adams – Year 7



Robert Oldnall – Year 7



Emily Rose Cullis – Year 7



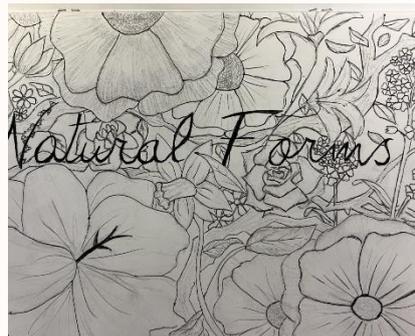
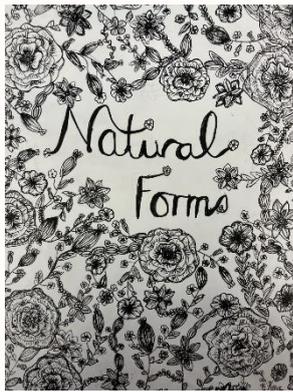
Harriette Paskin – Year 7



Isabelle Booth – Year 7

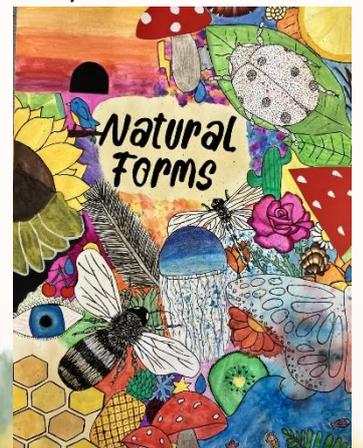


Jessica Poulding – Year 8



Charlotte Loach – Year 8

Libby Wheeler – Year 9

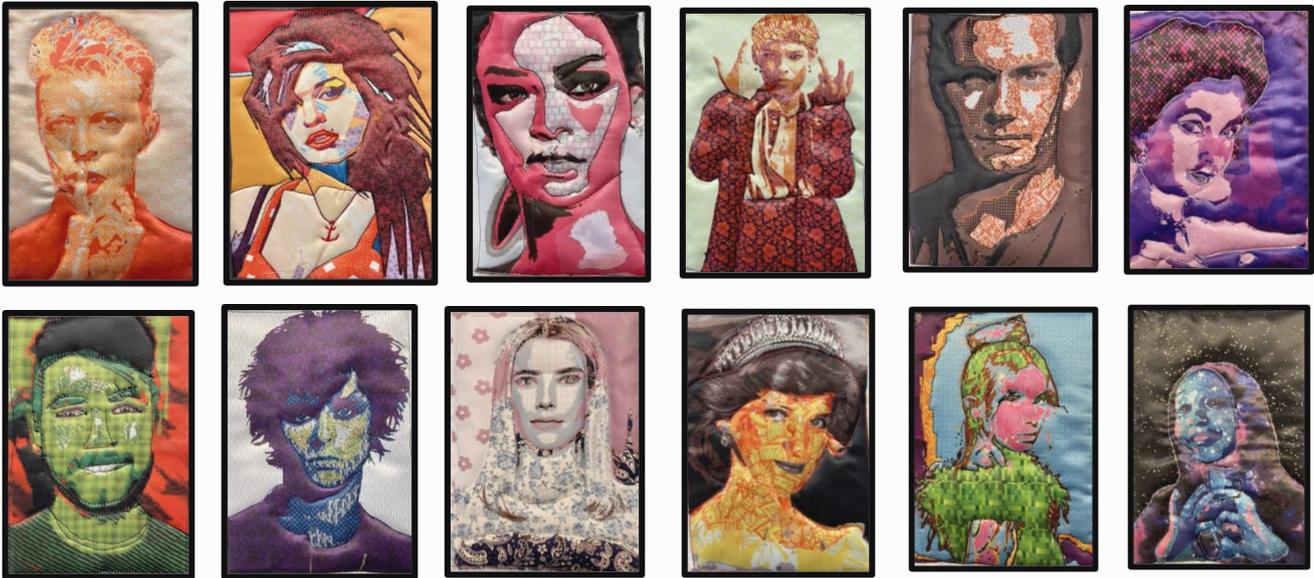


Holly Chen – Year 9



TEXTILES

YEAR 9



Our Year 9's have been doing some amazing work in Textiles creating stitched icons

YEAR 7



Year 7 have been getting creative by making some Worry Monsters

JEWELLERY CLUB



Jewellery club have been focusing on rings this term made out of copper and brass

GERMANY TRIP 2023

During the Easter holidays the History Department, along with 48 Summerhill students, visited three of Germany's most famous cities.

The group arrived in Munich, where we took in the scenery and retraced the events of the infamous Munich Putsch of 1923. Students were fascinated to see the places where Nazism began and immersed themselves in the cultural elegance of Bavaria. Our journey continued to Nuremberg, a picturesque medieval city that became the cultural heartland of the Nazis during the 1930s. Here, our students were able to gain an insight into the sheer ambition of the Nazis and their vision of building a 'Reich to last a thousand years'. Tour guides were incredibly impressed with both the knowledge and curiosity that our students possessed.

After eating a traditional German meal of bratwurst and sauerkraut, the group boarded a coach to Berlin. Here we visited Sachsenhausen, one of the early Nazi concentration camps. Once again, the students conducted themselves with dignity and respect whilst taking in the expertise of their tour guides. Next, we were treated to an all access tour of the Berlin Olympic Stadium (now home to Hertha Berlin football club) before soaking up the sights and sounds of 'Checkpoint Charlie'.

The students were impeccably behaved and provided wonderful company throughout the trip. Additionally, a huge thank you to Miss Lovatt, Mr Smith, Ms Stevens and Mrs McPherson for making the experience so memorable. We plan to do it all again in two years time!

Mr Hall



Dates For The Diary

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| MONDAY 5TH JUNE | TERM STARTS |
| MONDAY 5TH – FRIDAY 9TH JUNE | YEAR 9 EXAMS |
| THURSDAY 15TH – FRIDAY 16TH JUNE | SCHOOL PRODUCTION |
| MONDAY 19TH – FRIDAY 23RD JUNE | YEAR 10 EXAMS |
| FRIDAY 30TH JUNE | YEAR 11 PROM |
| FRIDAY 7TH JULY | SPORTS DAY |
| MONDAY 10TH- FRIDAY 14TH JULY | YEAR 7 PGL |
| TUESDAY 18TH JULY | SUCCESS AWARDS EVENING |
| FRIDAYS 21ST JULY | TERM FINISHES |



REMINDER!!

Please remember that we are a nut free school. We therefore ask that you do not bring any food containing nuts into school

Thank you



LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost any uniform, coats, jackets, hoodies, bags or shoes then please ask them to pop to the First Aid room and have a look through the lost property