

# Parents Newsletter - issue 85

End of Summer Term 2018

## FOSH Summer Fair

Saturday 30 June saw the annual Sunshine House Summer Fair. The sun shone down on us and there was plenty of smiling happy faces. We were so pleased to welcome so many parents and pupils friends' families and neighbours. There was hook-a-duck, yucky dip!, teddy games, tombola, hoopla and many more activities for the children to enjoy; a Pimms stall, bottle tombola for the adults and plenty of other stalls and yummy refreshments to be enjoyed by all. We would like to thank everyone who donated and helped us to make our Sunshine House summer Fair a great success and raise £2045.63 for FOSH.

## Sports Day

The following is a report on Sports Day by Thomaz. I did the walking race across the playground. Mum and Nanny were cheering me on. Hashim said 'Ready Steady Go'. The balloon throwing challenge got Justyn wet and I want to do the challenge next week. Jackie was laughing. Charlotte's Dad did the parents race and I was laughing a lot. Did you hear me? I did the bike race; I pedalled fast. The chicken lunch was very nice. My mother got very wet too. No idea why? Well done to everyone who took part in our activity day this year, and to everyone who came to cheer us on, we had such great fun! We split into our three school teams of Bells, Hooters and Drums to cheer on our friends as they participated in all of the races and challenges.

The first activity of the day saw bubble wrap popping under wheel chairs, wind chimes crashing together and a finish line powered by the sound beam, a fantastic way to wake everyone up and get ready for the day ahead! We then saw some fantastic walking skills as members from each team walked along the track using their canes or walkers to support them.

The sensory challenge saw balloons, bubbles and beach balls make an entrance with a great summer song to get everyone singing along, which

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was the perfect intro for the Big Band Race where we made lots of noise with all our different instruments!

The Beauty Race was very funny as we tried on different outfits to pose in the mirror, but they had to get out of the way quick before the Tin Can Alley race charged through the cones and ramps to knock down tin cans! And although it might not have come home for England, it certainly did for our football challenge, as our giant inflatable balls made their way across the garden!

The annual Tour de Northwood was a reliable favourite with everyone showing off their cycling skills, with a few bumps along the way causing a laugh or two! The bikes cleared the way for our Gardening challenge, getting our hands messy in the soil and plants.

The final activity for children was the Obstacle Challenge where we were able to see all of the apparatus skills we have learned this year, balancing on the bench, climbing over the climbing frame and bouncing on the trampoline!

As tradition dictates, the day finished with the family and staff races, where water balloons flew through the air filled with water and just about everyone walked away soaking wet!

### **It's a Strike**

Oak class were bowled over by their trip to Hollywood Bowl in Garston. There were two teams and Saad and Gaby won. Saad was the overall winner with 115 points, one strike and four spares! After wearing themselves out, it was time for lunch at McDonalds. With impeccable manners Leon, James and Hashim tucked into their Happy Meals; Gaby opted for the strawberry milkshake and Yanu and Saad took great pleasure in the lunchtime mayhem with builders, school parties and office people getting their lunch.

Elm class have been enjoying a mini topic of the farm. We have had lots of fun acting out the story of "What the ladybug Heard" by Julia Donaldson. We also experienced lots of sensory play activities related to the farm. A class favourite was animal sounds bingo.

On 15 June Mulberry Class went bowling in Watford for a class summer outing.

Monica was our class champion with a score of 101!!!

In July Willow class went on a trip to Oasis café in Northwood to celebrate the end of term. The staff were treated to tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes or teacakes. The children had juice and cake with Rebecca who is sadly leaving at the end of this term. Jane - one of our SMSAs also joined us for the trip, with everyone having a lovely time.

Cedar class were lucky to be welcomed back to Janice's farm this year for our end of year trip, and what a fantastic day we had! When we arrived at the farm, Janice greeted us all with a cup of tea and some homemade cookies. It was lovely to relax and listen to all the sounds of the farm. Archie the dog came to sit with us and everyone enjoyed petting him and sitting with him.

After tea, we went on our farm adventures to find the chickens and listen to their funny sounds, and then down to the yard to find the cows and a bull! We explored the hay and straw and listened to the sound of the tractor engine as it rumbled! Our last stop before lunch was the orchard where we found some goats bleating and picked some apples and pears from the tree.

As we ate lunch, Ibby and Kamaldeep found some toy cars and tractors which they rode around the farm yard whilst everyone else had some more time to relax in the hay!

No trip to Janice's farm would be complete without a big barn dance at the end of the day, we all learned some new moves and had great fun doing line dances with everyone up and down the yard!

Thank you so much Janice for inviting us to your farm, we had the best of times!

### **Achievement Assembly**

On Friday we had a lovely time celebrating the achievements of our pupils who are completing Year 6. This is an important rite of passage and made us all realise just how much their personalities have grown but how close they all are to each other. Elijah giggled through all the lovely things everyone said about him whilst Charlie was keen to keep the crowd going with an extra-long round of applause for himself.

Kamaldeep took the chance to join each year 6 to review their photo memories and talk to them while specially selected music played and

reminded us just what great friends they have at Sunshine House School. We wish them the very best of luck in Key Stage 3 next year.

### **Farewell Garden Party**

We spent a relaxed afternoon in the garden to celebrate the wonderful times we have had with some important staff who are leaving us this term. There were old friends, party music, fancy foods and decorations of a tropical theme to reflect the thoughts of summer and how these staff may celebrate their time after Sunshine House. Tim Godwin was on hand with another musical spectacular which even included a specially penned song all about what we love about our friends who are leaving. Good luck to all our leavers but we are sure to have them visit and work with us again soon.

### **Friday 20 July**

**Last day of term pupils leave at 1.15pm**

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing you a fabulous summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back in September –

**Wednesday 5 September**