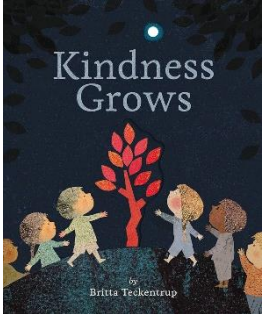




Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Families,

Kindness Grows Assembly



On Monday I read the book 'Kindness Grows' by Britta Teckentrup. We listened to the story of how kindness is so important in our daily lives and how it can impact on others. If you'd like to hear the story here is link on youtube for you to look at with your family <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loLilJFaLA> Take a look at the pictures in the book and how they helped us understand the power of words. We spoke about how kindness that just happens can really make others smile and make us feel better too. I've asked the children to be particularly kind in school and at home as well as when they are out and about in the community. Let's help kindness grow all around us.

Attendance – for week ending 3rd November

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
94.7%	90.5%	91.2%	95.3%	94%	99.2%	93.1%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
95.4%	92.9%	92.9%	100%	93.5%	94.6%	94.7%

Well done to 5Boseman with 100% attendance last week – children in 5B may come to school on Monday in non-uniform! It is a delight to see that 1Donaldson have handed the baton to another class – and we look forward to seeing which class will have 100% attendance next week! Please can we ask, if you are notifying your child's class teacher about an absence or appointment, that you also inform the school office and provide copies of appointment letters or emails – these can be emailed to: attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk. 😊

World Diabetic Day – 14th November

We are delighted to support our children with diabetes by wearing something blue on 14th November (no charge).

Anti-Bullying week

Next week, we will be taking part in and supporting Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme is 'Make a Noise'. Throughout the week, the children will be taking part in a variety of activities that will aim to cover some of the following aspects:

- To be able to define bullying.
- To recognise the difference between banter and bullying.
- To explore ways we can make a noise about bullying in our school.

Here is a link to the Anti-bullying Alliance website, which will take you to the Parent and Carer Pack - this will help you bring Anti-Bullying Week to life at home. The resources will help you start the conversation about bullying, no matter the age of your child, and give you other ideas about anti-bullying at home. <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

To start the week off in a positive way, children and adults may wear odd socks to school on Monday (no charge). This is to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Children In Need



Yesterday some of our Key Stage Two children were able to be in the audience for some Blue Peter filming for Children In Need! It was a lovely opportunity that I won't type any more about until next week – but the children who were there will be able to tell you all about it! As Friday 17th November is Children In Need, we are going to be raising money for this excellent charity that supports children here in our community and around the country. Children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes – spots are welcome as Children In Need is a 'Spotacular Day' – and bring in a £1 donation if you are able to. We will collect all donations and add it to the money raised on the day by people across the UK. We can't wait to see how fantastic we all look next week to celebrate this great day.

Sebby's Corner

Sebby's Corner are delighted to be hosting their 'Sebby's Christmas Grotto' again this year - but now in their new hub in Unit G, Queens Road Estate, Barnet, EN5 4DS. If Santa would like some support this year, families will be able to choose a brand new gift for their child at no charge – just click on this link: <https://sebbyschristmas2023.paperform.co/>. We hope this helps relieve some of the burden of buying Christmas presents, and Sebby's Corner look forward to welcoming families to their Christmas Pop-Up Shop

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

We are a nut-free school due to severe allergies amongst some of our children and staff. DO NOT send any nut products into school in your child's snack or lunchbags. This includes peanut butter, Nutella (and other nut-based chocolate spreads), chocolate filled pancakes/croissants, and some cereal bars. Please do be vigilant with the products that you send in with your child, so we can keep all our children and staff safe.

Photos – 16th November

We are delighted to welcome Vancols Photographers to school next Thursday to take photos of individual children and siblings. Please ensure that children are smartly dressed and wearing a jumper/cardigan on the day – the contrast of the navy cardigan and white polo shirt shows up much better in the photos, than just a white polo shirt.

World Mental Health Day



For World Mental Health Day, we asked children, parents and staff to tell us what sparks joy for you, and this is this week's note – "compliments from others".

Kind regards,



Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Interesting fact: 14 November 1883,
Robert Louis Stevenson's novel
"Treasure Island" was first published
in book form.

Dates to Remember

Monday 13th November	Anti-Bullying Week – wear odd socks on Monday
Tuesday 14th November	World Diabetic Day – wear something blue
Wednesday 15th November	3.30-6pm - Parents' Evening
Thursday 16th November	4-7pm - Parents' Evening
Thursday 16th November	Photos – individual child & sibling photos in school
Friday 1st December	OCCASIONAL DAY – no children in school
Monday 18th December	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of term – school finishes at 1.30pm
Wednesday 20th December	INSET Day – no children in school
Thursday 4th January 2024	Start of Spring Term 1
Friday 16th February	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February	HALF TERM
Monday 26th February	Start of Spring Term 2
Tuesday 26th March	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only
Wednesday 27th March	Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm
Thursday 28th March	INSET DAY – no children in school
Monday 15th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 23rd May	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Friday 24th May	INSET Day – no children in school
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	Start of Summer Term 2
Friday 5th July	#WOODFEST 2024
Monday 22nd July	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm

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December
21st - Christmas Arts & Crafts
22nd - Christmas Party & Prizes

8:45AM - 15.30PM
Early bird drop off - 8:30AM
Half days:
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12:30AM - 15.30PM

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