



FRIDAY 7 MAY 2021

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend - despite the weather! The children have certainly been working hard to make up for their day off and we have had a fantastic week of learning. We had a visit from a local Headteacher yesterday and they were very impressed with the behaviour, attitude and learning of the children. I was very proud to show her around our school.

Mrs Frampton

COVID Reminders

Please can we remind parents:

- If your child shows ANY of the symptoms of COVID (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell) you must arrange for a full test and your child (and any siblings) must not attend school until you receive a negative result or complete 10 days isolation.
- You can book a test online for a test centre or order a test to be delivered. We also have some tests in school we can hand out.
- It must be a PCR test and NOT a 30 minute lateral flow test

We know this can be frustrating but these rules are here to keep everyone safe.

Goodbye

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Martin today, one of our lunchtime team. We also said a sad farewell to Miss Knox last Friday who had been working as part of our Reception class team.

We would like to wish them both the very best of luck in their new roles.

Tutoring

We are really pleased that our tutoring sessions with Miss Devine and Miss Hart will continue this term. There have been some changes in children receiving the sessions and you will be contacted if your child is taking part.

Fire drill

Last week the children showed great understanding of how to evacuate the building safely in case of a fire. We were all assembled in record time!

End of the day

Please make every effort to be on time to collect your children at the end of the day.

Staff have other working commitments after the children leave and sadly it is becoming more common that they are waiting outside with children who have not been collected.

Thank you

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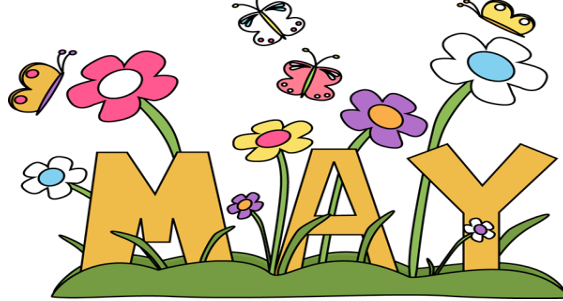
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Aaron Phipps
ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!

On Wednesday 5th May a famous Paralympian called Aaron Phipps visited our school. Aaron had meningitis when he was 15-years-old and had to relearn everything as they had to amputate his legs and finger tips because they weren't getting enough blood.

He has learnt to do many things in his wheelchair including his favourite sport which is Wheelchair Rugby (where he knocked an American out of his wheelchair during the London Olympics). He also was the first man in a wheelchair to reach the summit of Kilimanjaro without any assistance. Although he started the climb in his wheelchair, they soon discovered that it was taking far too long so they said he would have to be carried up. Aaron refused this and so he climbed the remaining 4 days of the trek on his hands and knees.

Aaron also finished the London Marathon in 1 hour and 59 minutes on his 2nd attempt. On his first attempt he broke his wheelchair but still made the race in 2 hours and 25 minutes.

He is a very inspiring person who taught us the 4 main rules in life: set a goal, get organised, ask for help, work hard. He was so inspiring that I went home the same night and searched him up on YouTube to watch more videos of him climbing up the mountains and he even inspired me to search up how to be a scientist. I personally think that he inspired the whole school that anything is possible with the right mind set.

He also played some mind games with us and taught us that we don't know what's going to happen in life and that we should try and be something great. He also has a good ego which he should have because he did unexpected things.

He is hoping to compete in the 2021 Paralympics for wheelchair rugby which you can watch on the TV on the 24 August to 5 September 2021. In conclusion he is one of the most inspirational and amazing people we have ever met.

Billy & Elena
Head Boy and Girl

Parent Survey results

Thank you to everyone who completed the online survey. We had the best response ever! The results have been sent as a separate document on Marvellous Me for your information. In each newsletter I will show how we are responding to the helpful issues raised in the comment section.

Updated guidance for schools

We are expecting some new guidance from the DfE relating to how schools can operate after the changes to lockdown in May. Please be patient with us as we read the guidance and consider any changes we can make safely at Somerford. I will write to you if any changes will be made as soon as possible.

Our next newsletter will be Friday 21st May 2021

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