



School Newsletter

27 September 2024

Sunnyside Spencer Academy



What a fabulous week it has been here at Sunnyside.

This week in EYFS, the children have been reading 'Super Duper You' and thinking about what makes them special and what they can achieve.

In year 1 and 2 our children have been learning how to use a keyboard and a mouse and have used their new knowledge to draw pictures on their laptops. They have also been learning all about the geographical features of London.

In year 3 and 4, we made ice lollies to learn all about turning liquids into solids in science. The children have also been learning all about ordnance survey maps and how we can read them using the coordinates.

Year 5 and 6 the children have created some superb two-page information texts spreads about Mountains. They also had an immersive experience to see what it takes to be an explorer! They would make great explorers!!

Finally, thank you so much for all those that joined us for our Macmillan coffee and cake afternoon. What a lovely way to raise money for an incredible charity.

Top 10 Tips

for Reading for Pleasure at Home



1. Try to have a selection of books at home. You could create your own family bookshelf together. Start by signing up to [Twinkl Book Club](#) to receive a printed story every half term.



2. We know how busy family life can be but try to make time to read together. Reading is everywhere! You could incorporate reading into a trip to the shops, reading road signs when you're in the car, playing a game, reading instructions when baking together, reading song lyrics or popping on the subtitles while children are watching their favourite film. Take a look at the [24 Hour Reading Challenge](#) and discover the wide variety of things that you read in 24 hours together.



3. Let your children see you as a reader. Talk about the book you're reading to your children - talk about what the character is doing, where it's set and the plot.

4. Let children take ownership of what they read and try to give them choices. You could create a storytime [book voting station](#). Discuss with children their likes and dislikes - it's OK for children not to want to finish a story because they aren't enjoying it. Let them move on and choose another.



5. Try to give books as presents and put a spotlight on how wonderful they are.

6. Join your local library.



7. Try to talk about stories, settings, characters, the plot and all aspects of reading. Ask them about what they have been reading at school. Are there any other books by the same author that they could get from the school library? Build intrigue and excitement.

8. Read aloud to children and let them read aloud to each other. You could work together and enjoy [journaling](#) what you are reading or take on a reading challenge together.



9. Build a reading den, jump in with your children and enjoy a good story.

10. Most importantly, have FUN!

The more that
YOU READ,
THE MORE THINGS
YOU WILL KNOW.
The more that you learn,
THE MORE PLACES
YOU'LL GO.

-DR. SEUSS



Please don't forget to send the children in to school with their reading diaries each day.



Sunnyside SHINE Awards

This week's award is NURTURE

Our Pride Pound winners for w/c 23rd September are team Self-Awareness.



Big Acorns
Imani-Lee

For always being kind to her friends and helping the little Acorns settle in.



Year 1
Asrith

For completing work to an amazing standard and helping friends.



Year 2
Sithuki

For always being supportive to those around her and for being a great friend.



Year 3
Meadow

For always looking after her friends and being such a caring member of the class!



Year 4
Amileah-Rose

For always showing her friends that she cares about them.



Year 5
Elijah

For always being a nurturing friend.



Year 6
Ralphie

For being kind and looking after his friends.



Sunnyside **LUNCHTIME** Behaviour Awards

Awarded each week by our Midday Supervisors.



Miss Leung

Darcy (Year 1) For behaving well in the playground and supporting her peers.



Miss Teasdale

Arlo (R) for always behaving well in the hall and eating his dinner.



Miss Hallam

Oskar (Year 5) For making a band and practicing nicely.



Miss Nugent

Wafaa (Year 5) For helping to tidy up the hall at lunchtime.



Miss Bulmer

Mohammed (Year 5) For making a band and practicing nicely.



Miss Fung

Mya (Year 4) For a great smile and sharing equipment in the playground.



Questions of the Week

Each week we will be sharing some questions from your child's class teacher to help them share their learning with you.

- EYFS –
1. What things do i like to do?
 2. How do i look the same or different to others?
- Year 1 –
1. Can you name some materials?
 2. What different feelings do we have?
- Year 2 –
1. What is a mouse on a computer used for?
 2. Can you recall your 2, 5 and 10 x tables?
- Year 3 –
1. What can a 4-figure grid reference tell us?
 2. What is the purpose of a diary entry and who is the audience?
- Year 4 –
1. How do Jewish people celebrate Sukkot?
 2. At what temperature does water freeze and become ice?
- Year 5 –
1. what is 234,074 to the nearest 10,000?
 2. What is refraction?
- Year 6 –
1. Why do some mountains have different climates?
 2. What is the difference between a factor, a prime number and a multiple?



First aid course for parents

Here at Sunnyside we are looking at whether there might be enough interest from parents to put on a course covering **Baby and Child First Aid**. Please give us a call at the office if you might be interested - Tel. 0115 9174310.

Curriculum drop in day

On **Tuesday 5th November**, we will be holding a curriculum drop in after school in the hall, 3.30 until 4. Drop in to find out how we teach phonics, reading, maths and science and how you can support your child at home.



School attendance up to 27th September 2024

Whole School

All Pupils – **96.2%**

Girls - **96.4%**

Boys - **95.9%**

Receives Pupil Premium - **94.5%**

Not Pupil Premium – **97.9%**

NB. Colour coded in line with National Attendance currently 4.8%:
Green = above national, Red = below national

Individual Class Attendance

Cherry Blossom – **97.2%**

Cherry Tree – **96.8%**

Willow – **96.2%**

Sycamore – **94.3%**

Oak – **93.6%**

Mighty Oak – **96.5%**

NB. Colour coded in line with SHINE Reports:-

Perfect, **Well done**, **Worrying**, **Concern**, **Serious**



Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday	Chicken Burger or Quorn Nuggets Baked Beans or Garden Peas Herby Dice	Upside Down Berry Cake Custard Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Tuesday	Chicken Tikka Masala or Quorn Tikka Masala Mixed Vegetables Steamed Rice, Naan Bread	Cherry Oatmeal Biscuit Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Wednesday	Mince Beef Pasta Bolognese Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Slice	Iced Chocolate Sponge Custard Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Thursday	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Broccoli, Carrots Creamed Potatoes, Stuffing	Iced Toffee Shortcake Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Friday	Pepperoni Pizza Cheese & Tomato Pizza Baked Beans, Chips	Decorated Shortbread Biscuit Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits

Dinners are £2.95 per meal or £14.75 for the week
Wake and Shake/Learning Zone are £4.00 per session.



Weekly Activities

Monday	PE – Year 5 & 6 Forest Schools – Year 1 & 2 Eco Club (3:30pm – 4:30pm) Year 2, 3,4,5 & 6 (Please note on w/c 16 September 2024 only Eco Club is on Tuesday, not Monday)
Tuesday	PE – Year 3 & 4 Forest School – Year 5 & 6 Lego Club (3:30pm – 4:30pm) Year 3,4,5 & 6 Tag Rugby Club (3:30pm – 4:30pm) Year 5 & 6
Wednesday	Forest School – Little Acorns AM, Acorns PM Drumba – Year 3,4,5 & 6
Thursday	Gymnastics Club (3:30pm – 4:30pm) Year 3 & 4 Choir Club (3:30pm – 4:30pm) Year 3,4,5 & 6 PE - Little Acorns and Acorns
Friday	PE – Year 1 & 2 Forest School – Year 3 & 4

Full PE Kit – blue/black shorts, joggers for outdoor PE, white T-shirt & black trainers/plimsolls are worn on the day of PE
Forest School – Wellies/Old Trainers, Long Trousers, Warm Hat, Gloves, Scarf and Waterproof Jacket



School Calendar

September

12/09 Swimming Starts – Year 5 & 6
16/09 Individual and Siblings Photos

October

04/10 Inset Day
10/10 Wear Green Day - Mental Health Awareness Day
11/10 EYFS New Parent Tours 4pm
14/10 Sunnyside University Afternoon
16/10 EYFS New Parent Tours 1.30pm
17/10 Harry Potter themed dress up day
21/10 Half Term

November

05/11 Curriculum drop in event
12/11 Parent Conferences

December

02/12 Inset Day
13/12 Winter Craft Fair
19/12 Christmas Dinner Day
20/12 Last Day of Term

January

06/01 Term starts
24/01 Bikeability – Year 3 & 4
28/01 & 29/01 Bikeability – Year 5 & 6
30/01 & 31/01 Bikeability – Year 5 & 6

February

13/02 Last swimming – Year 5 & 6
17/02 Half Term
24/02 Inset Day