



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish



Headline

What a wonderful month we've had at Soho Parish. The children have achieved very well in their assessments this term in English and Maths. Across the school there has been a large increase in the number of pupils attaining the expectation for their age, which demonstrates the superb progress across the school since Summer 2021, when the effects of the pandemic could clearly be seen. The children and teachers must be congratulated for their excellent, ongoing efforts.

In addition to their progress in English and Maths, the children have enjoyed a full curriculum and most recently an inspiring Art Week. The energy in the school was palpable as the children experimented with sketching, modelling, crafts, painting, collage and a



variety of other media to create art works inspired by their visits to the National Gallery. I would like to say a special thank you to Hannah and the Arts Council, who created the plan for the week, and to the staff who really went the extra mile to provide a cornucopia of artistic experience and skills. It was also lovely to welcome parents back into the building to view the exhibition – a big thank you to those who were able to visit.

The half term leading up to Easter is one of my favourites, as the promise of longer days and sunshine brings lots more opportunities for physical activity and outdoor learning. I am delighted that Year 4 will be going on their residential visit to Dalesdown, and afterwards Year 6 to Sayers Croft. After two years without a residential, excitement is running high!

Term dates

This is just a reminder that term dates were altered at the start of the year to reflect the Queen's Jubilee weekend. These are available on the website, and attached.

Parent governor

We are currently recruiting a parent governor. The role of the governing body is always a crucial one to schools, but in these challenging times, it is even more important to have governors committed to the cause of education in Soho. We have a good range of skills within the governing body, including legal, financial, marketing and HR, but would ideally like to recruit someone knowledgeable about the local area. All applicants are welcome, though, as the first and most important thing about this role is that it must be done by a parent at Soho Parish! See attached letter and information.

Louise

Diary Dates

Monday 21st February – Back to school

14th-18th March – Year 6 Residential (Sayers Croft)

14th-18th March – Assessment Week

WC 28th February – Book Week

Wednesday 2nd March – Dress up day

Friday 1st April – Last day of term

Tuesday 19th April – First day of term

18th-20th May – Year 4 Residential (Dalesdown)

18th and 19th June – Soho Food Feast



The next Soho Parish Sunday at St Anne's Church will be on Sunday 6th March at 11am. All children are invited, with their families, to share in this service at which

the school choir will again be singing. The service lasts an hour and is followed by refreshments and is adapted on these 'Soho Parish Sundays' to be particularly inclusive of children and those who might not go to church regularly. Everyone is invited and welcome at St Anne's.

SOUTHBANK CENTRE

Imagine Children's Festival

9 – 20 FEB 2022

The largest festival of its kind in the UK, *Imagine Children's Festival* is dedicated to families experiencing and enjoying all kinds of art and culture together.

For free events during half term, [click here](#).

MON 14 FEB, 10AM

The Origin of Carmen Power

Embark on an online quest filled with monsters, magic powers and unicorns

FREE

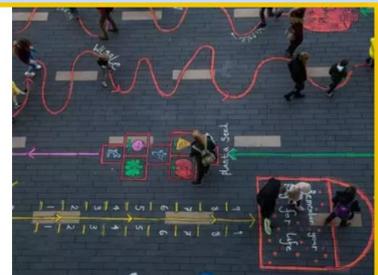


MON 14 FEB, 10AM

Family Activity Trail by Anna Bruder

Collect a trail sheet and lead your family on a do-it-yourself adventure

FREE



MON 14 FEB, FROM 10.30AM

Shape the World with OKIDO

Free your imagination with a giant free-play game of Tangram for you and your kids

BOOK TICKETS IN PERSON



WED 16 FEB, 10.30AM

ZooNation Youth Company's Hip-Hop Half-Term

Bust a move in this family-friendly day of hip-hop dancing demos and workshops

FREE





Soho Food Feast
Supporting Soho Parish Primary School

2020 should have seen us mark our 10th year Anniversary however, for obvious reasons it was not to be. We are pleased to announce that the Soho Food Feast will return after a two-year break

and will endeavour to be bigger and better than ever.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased by [clicking here](#). We are hoping this year's will be the most successful yet. The profits from this fabulous venture help to sustain our school. Soho Parish families are entitled to subsidised tickets (With Children 16 and under going free if accompanied by an adult). This year we are offering 2x subsidised tickets per family (costing £5 plus booking fee each instead of the general public cost of £15). To redeem this offer, please enter the code **2022family2022** at the checkout. This code is **only to be used by Soho Parish families**, so please do not share this code. Please book the tickets in your own name as the list will be cross referenced to ensure only adults on our system have purchased tickets using the discount code.

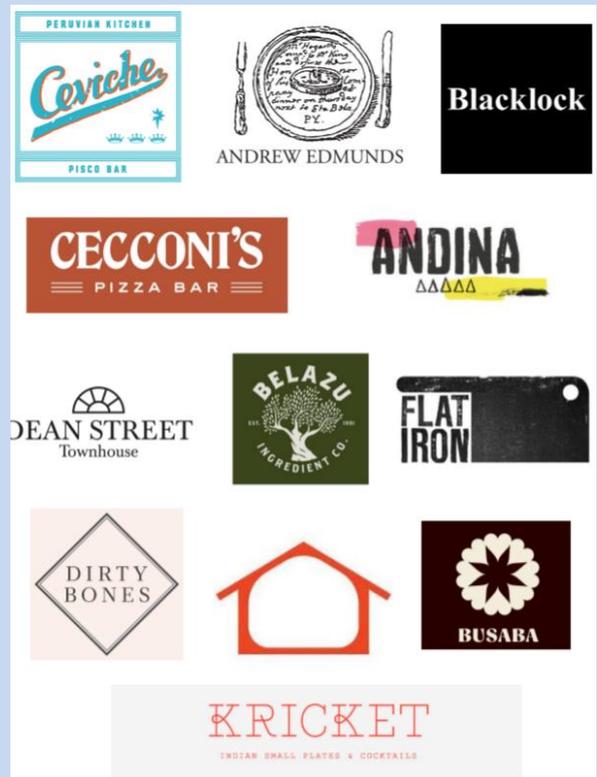


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RESTAURANTS & BARS 2022 ||

Bone Daddies * Shack-Fuyu * Ember Yard * The Groucho Club * Ducksoup * Sticks'n'Sushi * Hoppers * Brindisa * Lina Stores * Maltby & Greek * Mele e Pere * Pho * Ceviche * Casita Andina * Belazu Ingredient Co * Andrew Edmunds * Dean Street Townhouse * Cecconi Pizza Bar * Blacklock * Flat Iron * Busaba Eathai * Dirty Bones * Koya * Cricket * Brasserie Zedel * Pitstop * Old Compton Brasserie * Life Goddess * Norma

If you sign up to volunteer for the event (a 2hr slot) you will be able to buy another two subsidised tickets. As a volunteer you will also gain free access on the day you volunteer, plus a food token for your efforts. The volunteer sign up link will be available soon.

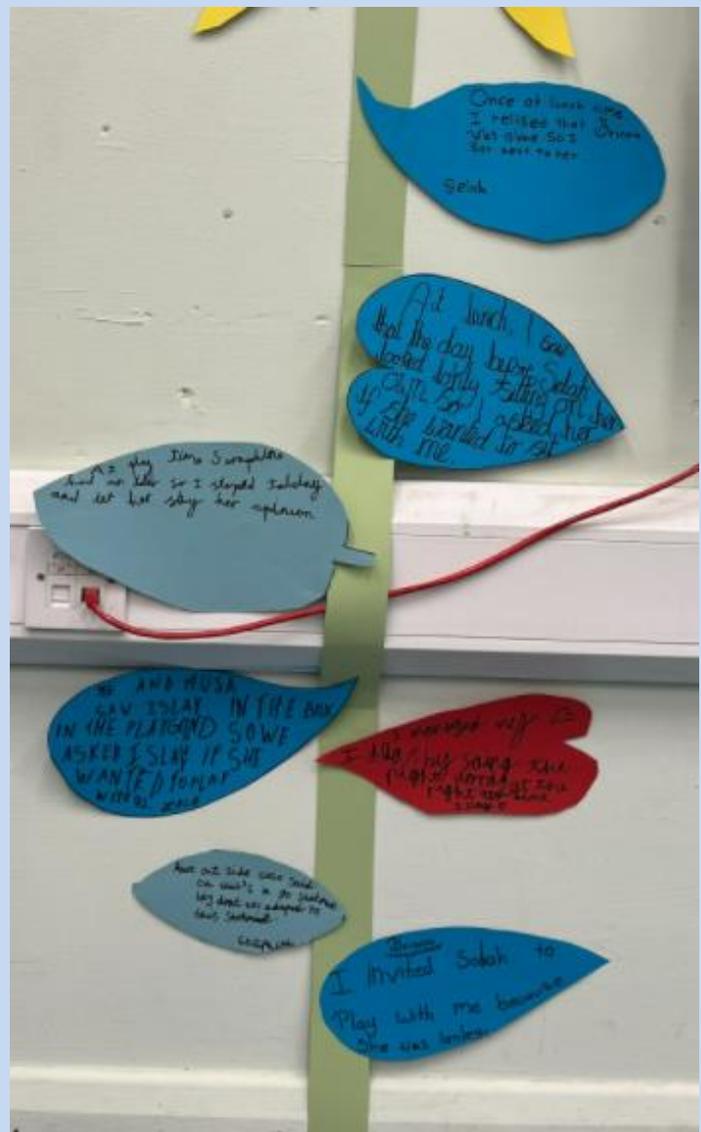
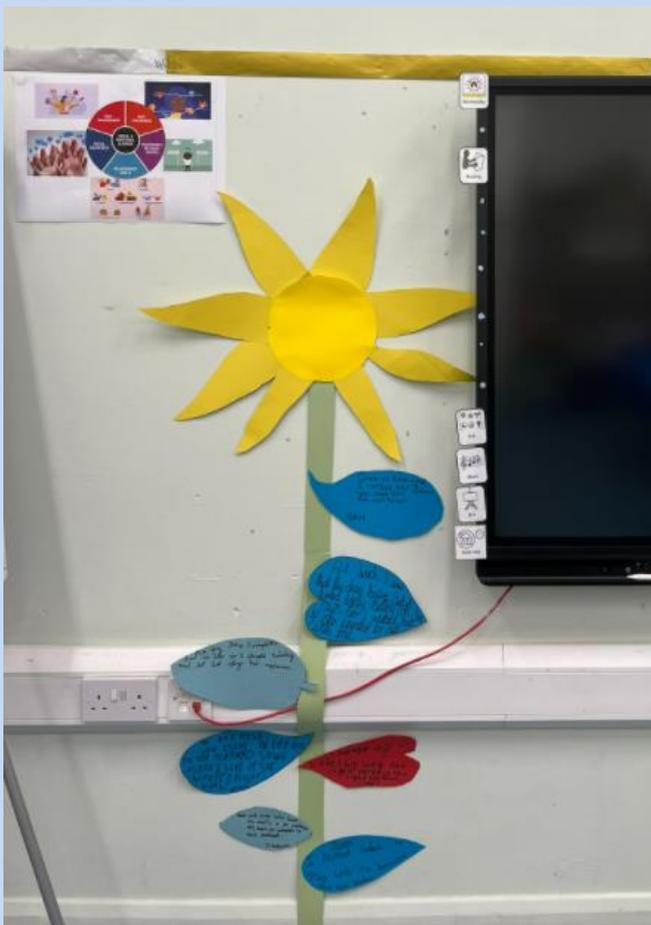


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Class Three

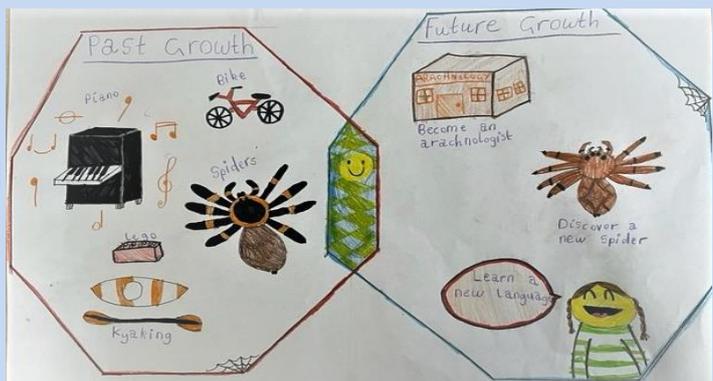
During mental health week, class three discussed the growth that they have noticed in themselves and in each other since September. We noticed that it came in many forms. We constructed a 'growing together' wall to celebrate this; a wall we will keep adding to. We also danced to some feel-good, confidence-building tunes during transitions.

Class 4 have created a growing together wall display in the form of a growing flower. We spent time discussing the different elements of social and emotional well-being (self-management, self-awareness, responsible decision making, relationship skills and social awareness) and then we shared examples of when we had grown emotionally with the support of our classmates. We wrote the scenarios on leaves and added them to our flower's stem. The more examples we shared, the more the plant grew, which creates a great representation how we are growing together. It is our aim for the plant to grow as high as our classroom clock by Friday!

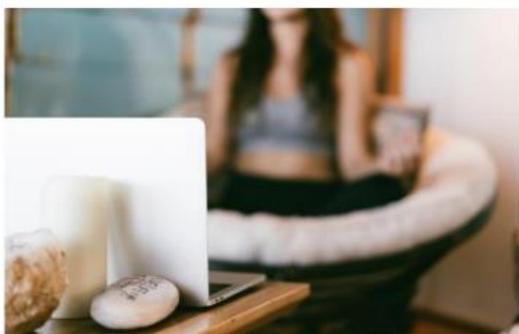


Class Five have been thinking about who we are when we are our 'best selves': How do we feel, what do we think and how do we act? We learnt that our best versions of ourselves are always within, even when times are tough and we face difficulties.

Class 6 thoroughly enjoyed creating their '**Changing Shapes**' posters, which as part of 2022's Children's Mental Health Week theme of 'Growing Together' depicted **Past Growth and Future Growth**. It helped the class explore their personal and whole class growth as they looked at ways they have grown in the past and imagined how they would want to keep growing in the future. This creative activity - using symbols, colours, patterns and words - allowed the class to reflect how they are all growing and changing, individually and as a class, all the time



MINDFULNESS FOR STRESS 8 WEEK ONLINE COURSE



Thursday Evenings 6-8pm

Where: Online via zoom

Cost per place: £250

(Limited number of bursary places available)

16 hours of quality teaching time, group discussion and practice. Unlimited online access to guided meditations during and after the course.

Runs 24th February - 14th April 2022


breath works



Mindfulness Teacher

Hannah Peaty

**Start the year with some personal
wellbeing!**

On this eight-week Online Mindfulness for Stress course you will learn mindfulness skills to cope with stress, depression, fear, and anxiety, within a supportive and friendly online group setting.

The course will also teach you how to boost your happiness and well-being, and find new sources of resilience, joy, and calm in your life.

" I run my own business so never feel like I have enough time to stop and just be. But this course made me realise that not only do I feel better in mind and body if I take time out to meditate, but I am more productive in my work and more clear"

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