Special Points of Interest:
- Sutherland House School receive a ‘Good’ by Ofsted
- Another Green from CQC for our Services

HEAD TEACHER - ANN STEWART

It’s lovely to see all the students back after their summer holidays!
I’m really excited and proud to be leading Sutherland House School as the new Head Teacher.

I look forward to working in partnership with parents and developing stronger links and working in collaboration with them over the coming school year.

Special thanks to all of the staff team who have worked incredibly hard before the summer holidays, during the summer holidays and the beginning of term to ensure the students had a smooth transition back and a meaningful timetable and curriculum.

I am looking forward to seeing our students progress and build happy memories throughout the next year.

Class news

Class 2 have been busy doing lots of different activities! To start off the week Jack, Owen and Jimmy went swimming. Lots of splashing, floating and swimming. They all worked together to build a cool castle using floats.

For the first time this year, all of class 2 students, Jimmy, Jack, Owen and Suleiman went shopping together! They all chose a pizza each, and also helped to pay for their own pizzas. On arriving back to school they made their pizzas in the teaching kitchen and ate these for their dinner!

Suleiman also went to the science lab for the first time! Lots of water play and experimenting with different cylinders.
**Active Living**

**Duke of Edinburgh:**

The new group have been planning their Volunteer section of their Bronze award. The group have had some great discussions in class around ‘litter picking’ and how this helps the community and will be a good thing to do as part of their award. The group have already started to put their classroom knowledge into practice and we have been across to Victoria Park to litter pick. The intention is we will visit lots of different areas and parks in Nottingham/shire as part of this 3 month section.

The group have gone online to register as a ‘Nottingham Clean Up Champion’ and we should be getting our welcome packs.

The Friday group have been introduced to a new 7 week term program of activities that have included: tree rubbing, leaf pressing, magic stick/wand.

**Forest School:**

There are three Forest School groups accessing the school allotments this year.

Activities for Lower School have included: hedgehog arts and crafts, whittling and insect/mini-beast hunt.

The Thursday group have been unlucky with some poor weather since we returned so their lessons have been classroom based. Today the group harvested some green beans and tomatoes from the courtyard and have been demonstrating a range of functional skills and abilities i.e. weighing, measuring.

The group have had an allotment and classroom sessions since we started back at school. They have helped to cut back last years growth on the blackberries and raspberries and we are starting to thin out the strawberries. There is lots to do this time of year as the allotment has grown over the summer. A local team of landscape gardeners help to keep the weeds back and have pruned all of the trees and hedges around the area ready for Autumn and Winter.
Theo, Bailey and Katie celebrated Katie’s 16th birthday with a visit to Planet Bounce and Cosmo for lunch. Katie highly recommends the chicken curry at Cosmo.

When we came back we had a party in the classroom with lots of Confetti, Balloons and Chocolate Malteser Cake that Katie chose herself. Katie and class 10 had a wonderful day.

The party celebrations carried on as Katie’s family brought in a snow and bubble machine.

Birthday celebrations in Class 10

Class news

Class 7 have settled back into school well. They are now accessing the new science lab with Kalpana for science sessions.

They have also enjoyed choosing what they would like to cook on a weekly basis and cooked their dinner last week!

Leisure Club has had an autumnal feel this week where we have made autumn leaf sun catchers for the windows.

They had their first typing lesson! They have been practising their typing and using the middle row of letters on a keyboard.

The pupils were practising using both hands to type with and worked very well to type 3-5 letter words.

We used a BBC website called Dance Mat typing where to pupils are guided to type letters to music.

By the end of term we aim for all class 7 boys to recognise the middle row letters on a keyboard independently.

Thomas N and Daniel are now doing work experience at the Mind Shop in Sherwood.

Thomas has also been to The Forest Recreation Grounds on the tram and had a piece of cake from the cake shop.

Gabe has returned to the allotment and has done an amazing job of clearing the summer strawberry patch and getting the garden ready for the next season.

Class 8 have welcomed a new student this week. Kain is settling in gradually and is getting to know his way around the school. Logan has been teaching him how to play chess, and Maycen accompanied him to the Avenue Café.

Joe has been supporting students in the Lego club alongside the Speech and Language Therapy Team, where he is an amazing mentor and helper to some of the younger students who are so happy to see him.

Kate is putting together an historical presentation based on the First World War which is an in depth analysis from all sides.

Joe, Maycen, Logan and Kain are all building and creating a historical model to represent the Siege of Kenilworth Castle in 1266.
Class 3 are all happy to be back in school after the summer holidays and have enjoyed meeting their new classmates and staff.

We went to the café for the first time for a community visit and had an amazing time! Harry was able to visit the swimming pool and has swam in the big pool and enjoyed choice time in the small pool too!

Birthday Celebrations in Class 4

Class 4 have had lots of nice trips out in the community practising their skills with money at the café.

Reegan has been on lots of nice community visits and walks around the city centre. Frankie and Benny seems to be a firm favourite for breakfast with Heather for his tutorial.

Jamal is doing really well with his swimming and particularly well with his requests for money to go swimming or out in the community for shopping.

Raushan has been helping his peers learn to tie their shoes in turn learning himself how to be a considerate and helpful member of his class - Dawid has now managed to tie his own laces.

Alex has been doing some great recycling for the school. Ensuring we do our bit to help the environment

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Class 1’s School Trip

Class 1 have started to learn about animals and their habitats this term.

We have visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park and The Sea Life Centre in Birmingham!

The boys have loved these trips and learning about different animals and their habitats!

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Class 5 have been focusing on learning to cook enabling them to become even more independent.

Mackenzie made himself a pizza. Stefan made a Polish dish, made smoked mackerel in puff pastry. Master Chef here we come!!
Workshop with Milly

Over the last 2 weeks we have been making some snowflake shaped decorations in the workshop.

The decorations have been sent to Sutherland House School from intu Broadmarsh and they will be installed on 19th November displayed on a series of tree and star decorations throughout the centre.

Intu Broadmarsh sent us lots of materials and equipment to use!
We had fun opening the boxes and decorating all of the decorations.

The Big Clean Up for Duke of Edinburgh

Class 9 have settled back into school life really well and are enjoying their new timetables.

Thomas C and Liam have started their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh and have already been to the allotment to practice map reading and have been to Victoria Park to do litter picking for their volunteering section.
The Snowdon Challenge

On accepting the challenge of Snowdon, I don’t think any of us at AEM thought it would be anything but a walk in the park, pardon the loose pun. And upon arriving in Wales we were all excited and ready for the magnificent views, the feeling of achievement and a weekend full of fun and bonding for the children we took with us.

The poet RS Thomas knew Snowdonia well. He wrote that people come to these mountains “seeking for something unnameable, a lost Eden, a lost childhood: for fulfilment, for escape, for refuge, for conquest of themselves for peace, for adventure. The list is endless. The hills have all this to give and more.”

At 3,560ft, Snowdon, (Yr Wyddia in Welsh, meaning “The Throne”) is the highest mountain in England and Wales – the path we took on Saturday was the Llanberis path, the longest path of all. These facts alone make me beyond proud of what we all achieved that day. Proud beyond measure of all the children, and play workers, who took on this challenge and without a single moan or grumble en route to the top.

Every single person who climbed that mountain achieved something brilliant. Not just for the sponsorship money that will help AEM provide more care for more people, but for the personal achievements.

The feeling of taking on a mountain – and completing something that we each, at some point up that mountain, would have thought impossible.

As I sit and type this now, my body sore and eyes still heavy from lack of sleep, I feel an overwhelming sense of pride. I am proud of our service for providing these opportunities, and I am proud of the children we support for never giving up, for never complaining, and for showing us all how it is done.


Congratulations to our amazing climbers, Lucas Hopkinson, Ruby Green, Nakiebra Palmer, Darius Sayar, Jacob Winnals, Duncan Jones, Callum McBrearty, Freya Franklin.

Be proud. I know we are.

Thank you for letting us take on this challenge with your children, for all having faith enough in them to let them take on the challenge with us, and us with them. Now to decide on what epic challenge we till take on next.
Hello from the Senior Leadership Team

I am very pleased to introduce the Senior Leadership Team at Sutherland House School. We are a new team and are excited to work together to ensure the very best for our special students. We look forward to working in partnership with you as parents and carers.

Ann Stewart
Head Teacher
BA Hons in Education
Post Grad diploma in Autism
Ann has 26 years of teaching experience and is originally from South East London and in December this year Ann will have worked at Sutherland House School for 22 years. Ann is married to Andy and they have a 13 year old son.

Kari Anson
Deputy Head Teacher
BSc (Hons) Psychology
QTS
National Award for SENCO
NPQML (National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership)
Post Graduate Certificate in PSHE
Kari has recently relocated having been Assistant Head at Tettenhal Wood School and Deputy at Longdon Park school - both specialist schools for Autism. Kari lives with her partner Liam and has two sons and a foster daughter.

Sam Summer Rell
Assistant Head Teacher
BA HONS + PGCE
(working with young people with Autism)
Sam has 19 years teaching experience, 15 years at Holbrook Centre for Autism, teacher and head of F.E. and 4 years as Head of Upper School at Rosehill.
Sam is married to Mark and has two step-children.

Harkireet Sohel
Assistant Head Teacher
BA Hons in Modern History & politics
PGCE Post Grad Cert in Education
NPQH National Professional Qualification for Headship
OFSTED Inspector
Harkireet has been teaching for thirty years and is married to Kamal and has a son at university.
We welcomed Kari Anson (Deputy Head), Emma Day (Primary Lead) and Emma Bacon (Senior Admin) who have all settled in wonderfully and we are very pleased to have them as part of our team.

Our Vision
“A world which recognises, understands and values people with autism, and where they, and their families, receive the services and support they need throughout their lives”

Our Mission
To advocate, provide and develop high-quality services, information and support, in partnership with others, for all those whose lives are affected by autism.

To recognise and respond to the needs of the individual, enabling people with autism to live their lives with dignity, choice and independence.

Sutherland House Parent Group
Our new Deputy Head teacher Kari Anson will be leading our parent groups this academic year. Topics will be set based upon parental demand and preferences. All parents are welcome. Come along, enjoy a cuppa and network with other parents whilst receiving information from a variety of professionals.

New Feature – Copies of all presentations will be available on the school website

Wednesday 24th September 1pm – 3pm Focus – Introduction to ‘Who’s Who in School’
Wednesday 14th November 10am – 12pm Focus – Meet & Greet & Direct Payments
Tuesday 22nd January 1pm – 3pm Focus – Signposting to support services and funding
Tuesday 19th March 10am – 12pm Focus TBC
Thursday 2nd May 10am – 12pm Focus TBC
Thursday 27th June 1pm – 3pm Focus TBC

Dont forget: Up and coming events

Dodgeball at Harvey Haddon 12th October

Half Term Holiday : 1st day of closure Monday 29th October 2018 - Monday 5th November

Congratulations, Welcome and Goodbye

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We have also had some wonderful young people join us. A huge welcome to Owen Jamie, Jack Meyrick, Kain Brierley, Ummara Khan and Umar Nathalia. They are all settling into the school environment really well.