



Prince Edward's Visit



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AIM Climate Study

In September 2010, Somersfield, under the guidance of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), entered an 18 month Assessment of Multiculturalism and Inclusivity (AIM). AIM is a comprehensive instrument designed to evaluate diversity, multiculturalism, equity and justice in independent schools. The next stage will be a climate survey. Please keep an eye out for this survey that will be emailed out to you and have your voice heard! It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. We would like to hear from every parent, teacher, staff member, MYP student, board member and alumni.

Leah Amaral

We were excited to post M4 student Leah Amaral's first song "Read My Mind" on our blackboard and website. Please check it out! Leah wrote the song, sang it and played the guitar! You can also hear songs from other students on the website.



Important Dates

Start of third term
April 11th

Exhibition No School
April 15th

KatKids/PTA
Smoothie Sale
April 21st

Good Friday No School
April 22nd

Denim Day Open Airways
April 29th

Middle Years Honour Roll Second Term

To achieve high honours students must have an average of 6 or higher (out of a possible 7). To achieve honours students must have an average of 5 on their term report card. For more information on the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program please visit our website and blackboard. www.somersfield.bm/blackboard

M1 Honours - Max Betteto, Kirsten Dupuy, Joshua Kirk, Samuel Mello, Padraic O'Shaughnessy, Leah Smith, Arianna Stapley, Selaah Stephenson, Alexandra Gerenda, Sachio Harrison, Alicia Marshall, Caroline Musicant, Connor Wolfe and Maxwell Kuzyk.

M1 High Honours - Hana Bushara, Genevieve Fischer, Shanyce Morris Brian Darling, Erin McConnell and Donovan Stubbs.

M2 Honours - Benjamin Cook, Peter Dill, Joshua Madeiros, Alexander McCullum, Lara Nash, Fae Spasford, Jahmai Small, Zaji Smith, Heather Galloway, Daylon Johnston, Alexander Miranthis, Tyler Smith, Zachary Suazo and Ceara Walsh. **M2 High Honours** - Cherian Yit and Jacob Greene.

M3 Honours - Caleb Astwood, Aldon Campbell, Haley Dupuy, Harouna Gadio, Camila Papadopolou, Philip Smith, Tess Spencer, George Hajjar, Hannah Horsfield, Jessica Sharpe, Shannon Stapley and Cameron Turnbull. **M3 High Honours** - Reem Bushara, Edward Fischer, Ailey McLeod, Alex Rego, Niki Buechal, Lara Hall, Devin Moore, Shamar Morris, Kilian Rentrup and Sarah Zurbuchen.

M4 Honours - Leah Amaral, Michelle Caza, Rory Crofts, Aiyetoto Hinds, Nikolas Miranthis, Daniel Nash, Tadhg O'Shaughnessy and Savannah Stubbs. **M4 High Honours** - Conor Lohan

M5 Honours - Lucas Barbey, Sierra Botkin, Aidan Burke, Karim Creary, Geogia Harris, Scott Hendrick, Shi-Vaughn Lee, James Lorimer Turner, Liam Nash, Julien Papadopoulo, John Russell and Andrew Sussman.

M5 High Honours - Cara Johnston and Leonard Rentrup



Girls Rugby

Thank you to Sue Crofts for organizing a coaching session for our upper primary girls to attend a coaching session with the ladies Western rugby team. It was a fantastic opportunity for our girls to meet women playing a sport at a top level. It was great to see female rugby players playing hard and having fun.



Williams Mural

A Note from Stacey-Lee

For the past month now I have been wrecking my brain on how to show mine and my families appreciation for the support that many of you have shown towards us this past year.

In May 2010, we received the news once again that my son had Hodgkins Lymphoma. Whilst this form of cancer is treatable and rarely reoccurs, this was to be my son's third bout with it. He first presented at 4 years of age, again at 14 and yet again at 18. Our lives would once again be disrupted and our focus would be re-directed towards ensuring that he not only received the best of care, but that we as a family could work through this period emotionally and financially.

That is where so many of you have come in. We are grateful to the parent who offered me one month's salary if I needed to take the time off to be with my son. Fortunately, there was no need to take her up on her offer. Thank you to the parent who gave up her air miles every month so that I and a family member could travel back and forth to Boston. This was indeed a blessing as the insurance did not cover this expense. We have received gift certificates to spend some time in a SPA to relax, baked goods with warm thoughts, numerous cards and prayers and many hugs. Thank you to the student who on her own organized a pledge collection and ran the front street mile in aid of Donnie. We are so thankful for all of this support, and to the school for supporting us through this process by allowing me the time to be with Donnie. Donnie enjoyed the dinner and night out with a family that was visiting Boston. He recalls the visits to his hospital room by some of you when you were passing through and the many cards and well wishes extended by friends and family.

The overwhelming support of the entire Somersfield community through the beautiful

mural project brought tears to our eyes. This was certainly an innovative and thoughtful way for so many of you to express your support. Every time I look at the mural, I am reminded of just how wonderful it is to be surrounded by such a caring community of people. The financial donations did indeed assist us with the additional expenses associated with such an experience. We had to pay an additional \$600 a month alone to cover prescriptions after insurance. Your donations also aided us towards covering accommodation after reaching the insurance limitations. The generosity of so many of you made this experience for my son and my family that much more bearable. Acts of kindness and support are so important for families that are going through such experiences.

Donnie is doing very well now. He has recently completed his period of isolation that is required after receiving a transplant. He is strong, healthy and on his way to full recovery. He travels once per month to Boston for check ups and the doctors are amazed at how fast his recovery has occurred. We believe that it is through the many prayers and acts of support, that this has been possible.

Experiences such as these put things into perspective. We will be forever grateful to our Somersfield family and pray that we can be a blessing to each one of you and your children in some way.



Splashing into Reading

What a fabulous two weeks of reading! As we all know, reading makes you smarter and Somersfield students have surely achieved that as they participated in this year's Readathon. The events kicked off with the annual book swap and children went away laden with books to read. During the first week, students had the opportunity to "Kidnap a teacher", where all primary classes and M1 & M2 classes set out to kidnap another teacher to read to the class for 15 minutes. Children excitedly stalked the teacher they were to kidnap and escorted them back to the classroom. Character Day was a highlight for all students and teachers! It was wonderful to see all the characters that had stepped out of books and films and roamed around the school. Throughout the two weeks, children made book marks, had guest readers, worked on decorating their doors and of course read at any available opportunity. Readathon culminated for the primary students, with the Readover in the library on Friday evening. About 60 children came, wearing pajamas and carrying blankets and pillows and their favourite books. Guest authors included Mrs Trudy Snaith, author of the Sarah Catherine, a Bermudian Girl stories, Ms Nicole Robinson, who read some of her poetry and Mr Andrew Stevenson, who read a chapter of The Turtle who ate a Balloon. Special appearances were made by authors in Mrs White's class – Maxine Somers, Lucie Gariepy and Megan Johnston. MYP events included a debate by the M4s, a speech completion on the topic – Why Read? and a poetry slam by the M1 students. We are so appreciative of all the parental support for the Readathon. Not only do the children enjoy the events and get excited about reading, but Readathon provides much needed funds to support the purchase of books for the library and for classrooms. Please pass our thanks to all the friends and family who have supported the children through encouragement and financial contributions. Many thanks to all!

\$16,000.00 and counting!



Thank you to Mrs. Hall and Ms. Smith for organizing a great event again this year!!

Character Day Staff Winners

3 – 6 Lee-Ann Cox
6 – 11 Carolyn Toogood
MYP Fraser Dodd
Admin Kevin Maybury



KatKids Fundraisers

The P6 Student Council and middle years Student Government have been leading events in support of our global charity for 2011, KatKids. The student council held a prayer flag sale and had a mini market of items from Kathmandu at the 6-9 Opera "Pearl." The student government held a donut sale in conjunction with a hot dog lunch.

The third term brings new opportunities, the PTA will be having a smoothie sale, and we will also have a KatKids free dress day and a stand at the Spring Fair. If you are interested in supporting KatKids or any of these fundraising efforts please contact us on

advancement@soemrsfield.bm. For more information on KatKids please see their website <http://katkids.com> There are also a number of displays around the school for parents and students to view.



A Private School with a Public Purpose...



In 2009/2010 Somersfield started the Bermuda Math Educators Learning Network under the direction of Rosanna Luzaraga. Through the BMELN, Somersfield along with the support of BELCO, Arch and Nephila are improving the cohesion between math teachers across the island. This month, nine teachers will be attending the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics conference (NCTM) in Indianapolis. Upon their return all of the participants will be sharing their experience by providing professional development session for their peers. We look forward to the presentations!

Medal Cowboys Final Ride for 2011



The riding team enjoyed their last Tuesday afternoon ride last month. They finished the season at Spittal Pond. Thanks again to Mr. Brown and Dorte Horsfield for leading and tail ending the group.



Rugby Sandy's Sevens 2010

Rugby Sevens is perhaps the ultimate display of rugby. It is an exciting, fast paced and less attritional version of the full game and requires just 7 players to form a team and they play two seven minute periods. It is now an Olympic Sport and it has been a Commonwealth sport for some time. Teams like Samoa, India, Namibia and other lower ranked rugby countries have the opportunity to mix it with the Kiwis and the Aussies. Rugby sevens is set to grow, and one day will probably outstrip fifteens.

The Whitney Sevens revival started with the Somersfield Sevens in December 2010 and the second leg was held on March 10th at Sandy's Secondary School thanks to the drive and efforts of Chris Naylor, and the support from Dr. Jackson and his team at Sandy's. This was the first time they hosted a schools rugby tournament and they did a wonderful job.

Chris started his rugby career at the ripe old age of 11 playing for Trojans RFC, Southampton, England. He has played for his county, captained Teachers Rugby Club, played for Bermuda from 2003-2010 including captain in 2006, is a qualified coach and is still playing the game 27 years later! But if you ask Chris what's the best part about the game he would admit it's introducing the game to many young Bermudians especially his kids at Sandy's Secondary School. Many have had the honor of wearing the Bermuda jersey over the years including Shauntino Simons and Kai Edwards who are current Bermuda senior Internationals.

The Sevens tournament had participation from the following schools at two age groups (U12, U14) – Sandy's, Saltus, Warwick, Somersfield/Whitney Institute. The event was well attended by parents, friends, students, coaches and school teachers and the core values of rugby union (teamwork, discipline, enjoyment, respect and sportsmanship) were on display throughout the tournament. The games were both competitive and played in a good spirit with all players taking pride in representing their schools. Schools Sevens are now established on the schools calendar and the hope is that it gets expanded next year.

The many notable memories of the day include...

The first rugby competition for a number of the Whitney Institute boys at the U14 age group level. They played with a lot of heart and a skill which was remarkable given it was their first outing. Hope to see them more regularly at training.

Warwick, coached by Keith Hodgkins, made their entry into the sevens tournament arena and won the U12 tournament after a great tussle with Somersfield with a try in the last play of regulation time to tie the game and winning in extra time with a great team try.

Sandy's U14 which always field two strong teams won again after coming from behind late in the final against Somersfield and came through in extra time.

Great support from the Sandy's school throughout the tournament. Referees for the day were Chris Naylor and Keith Hodgkins – thank you! The games were fast and furious and played with a lot of commitment and special thank to Sue Crofts who became the on-site medic on her birthday!

Saltus, one of the strongholds of Bermuda rugby impressed everyone with their team's performance and input from coach Phil Heap.

Somersfield/Whitney coached by Dave Crofts and Patrick Topley had a great turnout with 30 kids playing the tournament

Ollie McKittrick, original founder of the Whitney Sevens 40 years ago, was in attendance to see his grandson Sam contribute to Warwick's come from behind victory at U12.

Overall, a beautiful Bermuda day in Sandy's and a very entertaining and exciting day of rugby. Thank you to Sandy's for hosting a great event.

James O'Shaughnessy

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Every and his kite

In the last week of school before the Spring Break term, Naomi Every's dad Troy came to the Hammer-Furbert/Northcott to demonstrate how to make a Bermuda box kite. Troy was very detailed in his presentation and the kids loved his animated personality. Thank you Troy!
Mrs. Hammer-Furbert and Mrs. Northcott



Hair loss

The Madeiros Sisters Locks of Love. Shelby and Gabriella each cut 12" of their braided pony tails for kids with cancer. Locks of love will take at least 12" of braided hair to make wigs for children who have lost their hair after chemo treatment. Two feet of Madeiros love was sent on!



Ayyam-i-ha

Thank you to our parents who provided a chili lunch for the staff in March. Parents showed their gratitude and appreciation to teachers in celebration of Ayyam-i-ha.



Thank you to Toby Gibbons and Yassin-Ahmed Chentouf who sent in pictures of their shaved heads from St. Baldrick's! All ready for summer!



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Montessori & Middle Years Programme ACADEMY

Our Core Values

We are a learning community. We practice peace. We inspire intellectual curiosity. We instil respect for self and others. We foster independence and responsibility. We embrace a sense of joy and wonder.
We honour the strength and courage to stand for truth.