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Teachers and students have felt the spirit of giving and participated in various fundraisers for registered local charities across the island. Thank you to all the parents and staff members for your support.

Khan/Coleman - held a movie night last week and raised \$700 for the Sunshine League

Outerbridge/Carpenter - held a bake sale and raised \$100 for the Women's Resource Center

Davis - Will be doing an activity in January for the Sunshine League

Outerbridge/Osborne - will be participating in local charity events throughout the

year such as PALS walk, End-to End etc

White - students did jobs at home to earn funds to buy food, toys and supplies for the SPCA

Jarecki - Collected presents for Toys for Tots

Pringle - Helped sort gift in kinds to Somersfield Academy

Thompson - held a bake sale and raised \$100 for Westmeath

Brown - brought in food and made lunchboxes for Salvation Army to distribute

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Windreach **WWW 4**

Thank you to the M5 graduating class and advisors for completing the Dollars for Hours program this year. Somersfield received \$30,000 on behalf of the students community and service hours at Windreach. The students designed and painted a colourful mural at the facilities main entrance. WindReach will be selling tiles in the next year and Somersfield students will be helping install the tiles on the mosaic one Saturday a month for the rest of the academic year. If you would like to help put tiles on the wall at Windreach please be in touch with C&S advisor Jason Reagin.



Let's not forget about ourselves! Somersfield is a charity too.

Thank you to the 45 families who have donated to the Somersfield Annual Fund!

We are on track for a record breaking year in participation!



3-6 year olds Casa Dei Bambini

The child...passes little by little from the unconscious to the conscious, treading always in the path of joy and love."

Dr. Maria Montessori

As we look forward to the holidays and celebrating new beginnings in 2010 it is important to pause and reflect on your children's accomplishments, to remember your loved ones and to think about people in need.

Our school-wide United Nations Year of the Natural Fibre project helped the children understand some of the effects fibres have on countries and their people. Through the "Change for Change" initiative, enough money was raised to provide families in other countries with various resources that they will learn to manage and benefit from over time. In addition, the children have talked about how they can help others locally through "acts of kindness" which will be further explored in January.

For many people their loved ones live in Bermuda while other families have loved ones overseas. The children, particularly during the time just before the holidays, often talk about the people they miss. One day, when I was in class reading to the children about a fish who

Philip Smith

In October, Philip competed as a Red Belt in the 23rd HMA International Tae Kwon Do Championship in Louisville, Kentucky. This was his third consecutive year attending the tournament as a representative of the Bermuda Tae Kwon Do Association. He obtained a first place in 'Sparring', and second place in both 'Forms' and 'Board Breaking'. Congratulations Philip!



could make wishes, I asked them what they would wish for if they knew it would come true. While some said toys, one child said she wished that her grandma and auntie could be with her for the holidays. She was three! A hush fell over the group while they considered this wish before sharing theirs. It was a precious moment.

Rice Day brought a sense of awareness to all students that in other parts of the world the only food available to eat is rice. Some of our children had never eaten rice before and simply loved it, and a few even said they could eat it every day! However, for the most part, our little ones realized that it would be "sad if children had only rice to eat every day" and some wanted to "share their favorite food" with those who did not have any.

Children are compassionate by nature and part of what we do at Somersfield is to heighten their awareness by nurturing their spirit. Like you, our teachers guide them towards becoming loving, caring and giving adults. They are a joy to have!

From all of us in 3-6 we wish you a wonderful, safe and happy holiday season.

Gwen Fahy

CHARITABLE GIVING UPDATE

As most parents are aware, this year the Somersfield Charities Committee decided to divide our efforts between local and international causes. To this end, the committee has identified **World Vision** as our primary international charity. For those parents and children who would like a different choice towards which they could direct their own giving, we have designated **Kat Kids** as an alternative. At the end of our charitable fundraising season, families will be able to direct their accumulated contributions to this second option if they so choose.

SCHOOL SPORTS ALL STARS

This year the Somersfield Netball Team succeeded in representing our school in various tournaments on the Island. We had several players who were selected to play on the All Star Netball Tournament on December 5th at BHS. The All Star Tournament is where the East end of the island's best netball players play the best in the West end.

For the Under 13 team Reem Bushara was selected to represent Somersfield and did a wonderful job playing Wing Attack the East brought home a win! On the Under 15



**AMBER MAPP
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
EAST NETBALL TEAM 2009**

team we had two players Amber Mapp as Goal Shooter and Shi-Vaughn Lee as Wing Defense represent Somersfield Academy. Although the under 15 team East was defeated they played well to the very end and our Amber Mapp was voted MVP. This is the first time a Somersfield student has been given this distinguished honor



In the girls Primary game, Hana Bushara and Leah Smith represented the best of the best from the East.

Leah Smith was the captain for the East Team and Hana Bushara scored a 30 yard penalty kick! These are both first time achievements for Somersfield. Congratulations girls!

Somersfield help Philippines



We just want to extend our gratitude to everyone especially M2 Green who made all these children very happy this yuletide season. The recipients are poor students in a rural area in the Philippines. The aids that were given to them were based upon the recommendations of their teachers which were slippers and clothing. They were also given food. The teachers themselves received special gifts.

Farewell Coulman Family

The Coulman family has been with Somersfield since we were Montessori International Academy in the days at Tivoli. A family of three, eldest sibling Jessica moved on to a boarding school a few years ago. We are now sad to say goodbye to William and Laura this holiday. We have many fond memories of your time here and hope you can all come back to visit us soon. Thank you for your years of volunteering and commitment to Somersfield. You are one of our founding families and we'll miss you! Safe travels, farewell and stay in touch!



Did You Know...

William Coulman was awarded a distinction in his ABRSM grade 1 theory of music and a merit in his grade 2 classical guitar. Laura Coulman passed her grade 1 piano exam. Congratulations!

The Pearman girls, Jasper and Bradley Stewart participated in the Pantomime this year?



Somersfield will be **closed** Monday, December 21st– Tuesday, December 29th

School is back in for all students on **TUESDAY** January 5th?

We have two full teams representing the Elementary and MYP parent football teams tomorrow.



Working with Words RESULTS for 2009

Class	Points - Weeks thru 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Total	Wins	Ties	
Medved (Singapore)		957	391	203	115	455	263	2384	3	1
Thompson (Bermuda)		978	395	171	115	322	302	2283	3	1
Brown (Bermuda)		977	325	141	110	403	319	2275	2	0
Le Blanc (Canada)		920	298	130	112	457	329	2246	2	0



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.