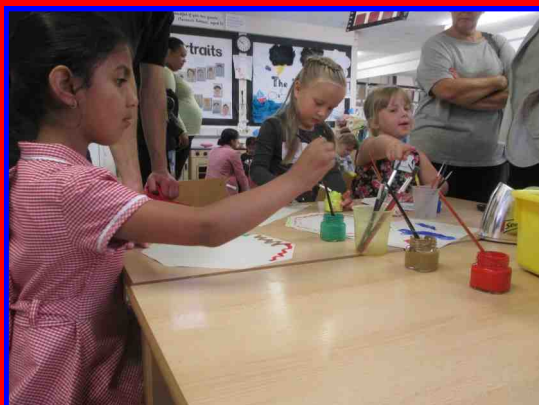




Stay and Play Sessions

This week, we welcomed our new Reception children and their families in to school to play and get to know one another.



Two sessions were held—one on Wednesday and the other on Thursday. Both were a great success, thanks partly to the help of older pupils who have the role of Young Interpreters in school.

Thank you as well to our existing Reception pupils, some of whom stayed to help out as “experts.”

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Y4 SPLAT! Performance



Year Four have been putting the finishing touches to their performances, ready for the SPLAT! Festival on Saturday. Both shows feature some fantastic physical theatre and require a high level of energy and team work from the children.

If you would like to watch Year 4 perform, please come along to the SPLAT Festival on Saturday in Jephson Gardens. You will need to make your way to the performance marquee at 3.30pm where you can watch the show free of charge!

There are lots of other exciting things to do and see at the festival including professional performances, an art gallery, craft activities, face painting and games. Everything is free of charge and you can bring along a picnic to enjoy.





Y2 Explorer Day



Y2 have been learning about the explorers Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong and Amelia Earhart in History and Geography. On Friday, they came to school in costume and enjoyed special themed lessons all about exploration!



Cyber Day!



Last Friday, a group of Year 4 pupils visited Campion School to participate in a special Cyber Day.

Once there, the children's computing skills were put to the test by a series of challenges. Pupils were asked to solve a crime scene, write instructions for building a Minecraft house, program a microbit and draw a 3D fish.

Not only did the children learn a lot from attending the event but they also had great fun. Well done to everybody!

Y2 Skype Mr Goodwin!



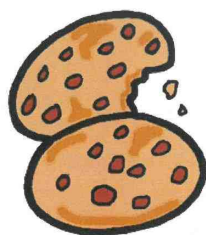
In Computing lessons, Year Two have been learning all about electronic forms of communication. On Tuesday, Y2 JRL used SKYPE to contact Mr Goodwin in Malaysia! The children asked him lots of questions about his new school. They learned that, when it is 2pm here, it is 9pm in Malaysia. They also looked outside Mr Goodwin's window and saw that it was night time.

YR Ballet Show



On Wednesday, Reception performed a lovely ballet show to mark the end of their lessons with Onside Coaches. Parents and carers were treated to some delightful dancing. Well done to all our beautiful ballet dancers.

CAKE SALE



**Cake and
cookie
sale!**



MONDAY 17TH

JULY ★ At break time (both KS1 and KS2)
★ After school



15p each



25p each

**Flapjacks
20p each**



Where: On the playground outside Y4

All money raised will go
towards funding new books for
the school library.

Picture of the Week



Alongside some familiar faces from Sydenham, in this photo you can see pupils from St Patrick's, Clapham Terrace and Shrubland Street schools. All the children are part of the SPLAT! Festival Management Group who have been working together all year in conjunction with Warwick Arts' Centre. They visited Sydenham on Monday for their last meeting to finalise the details regarding the SPLAT! Festival on Saturday. The children will all be helping at the festival and can be identified by the official, yellow SPLAT! T shirts that they will be wearing.

We hope to see you all in Jephson Gardens from 11.00am—4.00pm

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To find out more and to book a place please contact Emma on 07971 596126 or email emma@jogymadness.co.uk

Venue: Whitnash Primary School, Lingfield Road
Whitnash, Leamington Spa CV31 2EX

Diary Dates

Diary dates do sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. If any date changes, we will always notify you via text or letter. However, the following dates are correct at the point of going to press!!

Saturday 15th July 2017	SPLAT! Festival in Jephson Gardens, 11.00—4.00pm. Free!
Monday 17th July 2017	Y6 Leavers' dinner from 6.00—7.30pm.
Tuesday 18th July 2017	Meeting for YR parents re. Y1 transition at 9.00am.
Saturday 15th July 2017	SPLAT! Children's Arts' Festival in Jephson Gardens.
Wednesday 19th July 2017	KS1 Share a Book from 2.30—3.00pm.
Thursday 20th July 2017	Y6 leavers' assembly at 9.15—Y6 parents/carers warmly invited.
Friday 21st July 2017	Break up for the summer holiday.

Return to school on Monday 4th September 2017

Collecting your Child from School

Please note that all children must be collected from school at 3.20pm each day unless they are pre-booked in to Butterflies After School Club. If you know you are running late, please inform the school office by telephone and we will make sure your child is safe until your arrival. If you do have difficulties picking up on a regular basis for a legitimate reason, please let us know as we may be able to help.

From September, if a child is persistently late being picked up without good reason or prior arrangement, they will be placed in Butterflies Club and the parent/carers will be invoiced for the cost of after school care (£3.50 per hour.)

These arrangements are for reasons of safety as we do not have adequate staff to supervise large numbers of children waiting in the office area after school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter of safety.

Smoking

We have received another parental complaint about parents smoking just outside the school gates and blocking the pavement. If you do wish to smoke, could I politely request that you do so further away from the school gate and make sure other pedestrians have clear access. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Finance

Please read the following message from Sarah Beck (our School Business Manager) regarding payments to school:

School Meals

County Caterers have advised that the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.15 per day (£10.75 per week) with effect from 1 September 2017. Payments for school meals should be paid via your parent pay account or via a local paypoint.

If your child is moving to Year 3 in September, they will no longer receive a free school meal.

Parent Pay

If your child is currently in Year 6 or leaving Sydenham Primary School, please make sure all outstanding payments for trips/activities/dinners/swimming lessons or music lessons are cleared prior to them leaving. If you require an account balance report, please see the school office.

Ideally all pupils leaving school should have a zero balance on the last day of term. However, if your account is in credit we will refund this amount back to your Parent Pay account.

In the case of any outstanding debt, once a pupil leaves school their account is archived and parents will no longer have access to make payments. We will transfer any outstanding debt to any siblings remaining at school and payment can be made via their account. **Please note, it is preferable that you clear any outstanding payments prior to 21 July 2017.**

New children joining Sydenham in September 2017 will receive an activation letter week commencing 4 September with details on how to set up their parent pay account.

Breakfast Club & Butterflies Club

We have sent out letters this week to all families that have used either breakfast or butterflies club this academic year. Please ensure that all contracts are completed and returned to the office asap in order that we can plan adequate staffing for September.

Please note that the cost of breakfast club is increasing to £3.50 per morning and the cost of butterflies club is increasing to £3.50 per hour with effect from 1 September 2017.

Sydenham Super Stars!



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See you all at the SPLAT! Festival tomorrow.

Best wishes
Miss Glenny
(Associate Headteacher)