



# Y1 JL Assembly Remembrance



Thank you to Y1 JL for presenting a very thoughtful class assembly on the theme of Remembrance this week. This was a lovely way to commemorate all those brave men and women who have laid down their lives fighting for our country in armed conflicts around the world. It was a wonderful reminder that the horrors of the First and Second World Wars must never be repeated.

## We shall not forget.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child  
Article 38: War and armed conflicts.



# The Armed Man



Another act of remembrance took place on Friday 9th November when Y5 CB performed in a requiem for peace at Warwick Arts Centre. The pupils really did themselves proud, singing beautifully with a live orchestra and choir of 500 other children and adult, professional singers. The children behaved impeccably, following instructions carefully and performing late in to the evening. Thank you to the many parents and carers who came along to support the children and to Mrs Murphy, Miss Ball and Miss Arundel for all their help preparing pupils for the show.

# Y5 Recounts of the Experience:

On the 19th of November, our class (Y5 CB) went to Warwick Arts' Centre to perform "The Armed Man" to mark a hundred years since World War I ended. Our class was chosen by Mrs Murphy because we are musically gifted. We practised for weeks and weeks but in the end our practice paid off!

We arrived at Warwick Arts' Centre at 3.00pm, by coach. It was very spacious and the hall we were performing in (The Butterworth Hall) had 1,083 seats. We had to wear special T shirts that said Armonico Academy. We practised for an hour and a half and my legs felt like metal! We had to sing in four languages (French, Latin, Greek and English.) Our conductor was very strict and we had to start again and again. There goes our smile, I thought! The orchestra looked amazing with the colossal drums and brass instruments. Finally, the rehearsal finished and we went for a tea break. It was all starting to feel real now.

Just before 7.00pm, we went on stage just as the gargantuan audience was arriving. Before long, the conductor walked on stage and introduced the show. We then launched straight into it, beginning with "The Armed Man" followed By "Kyrie," "Sanctus," "Charge," Agnus Dei," "Benedictus" and finally "Better Is Peace." My favourite song to perform was "Charge" because it was really loud. The whole show took about two hours with an interval of twenty minutes. During the interval, the Queen's representative shook hands with me! We could not talk in the performance and had to pay sharp attention to the conductor.

It was tiring but exhilarating to perform in this show. Someone in the audience told Mrs Murphy that they specifically liked Sydenham Primary School out of all the schools. I really liked this experience and I would like to do it again.

By Anshika Saxena

On the 9th November 2018, Y5 CB (my class) went to Warwick Arts' Centre to perform "The Armed Man." This was to remember soldiers who died in WWI. Weeks before, we practised and practised until the day came. We sang seven songs in total.

We performed in The Butterworth Hall and I was speechless at how humungous it was. We practised with the orchestra until 6.40pm, had dinner and the show began...

The orchestra was LOUD as ever, the conductor was energetic like a little puppy and I felt eager to start. The show lasted two hours. At the end, my voice was lost in the sea and my heart was like a drum being hit very loudly. I wished to do this for a life time. I had an amazing time and I would recommend everyone to do the same.

By Nuvya Wadhwa



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**

**Article 31: Leisure, play and culture.**



# Remembrance Poppies



We hope you're enjoying our beautiful, ceramic poppies on display as you enter the school grounds. The poppies have been made by KS2 pupils in memory of those who have passed away fighting for our country in armed conflicts around the world.



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**Article 38: War and armed conflicts.**



# Y3 Reading Cafe



Our Y3 reading Cafes were a great success this week. Thank you to all the parents, carers and volunteer readers who supported these events. Congratulations to Violet and Tani—the two lucky winners of our book raffle.



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**  
**Article 29: Goals of education.**

# MUFTI Day

**Thank you to everyone who supported our special non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need. Well done to Y4 KJ who held their own sponsored silence to raise extra funds.**



# Children in Need



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**

**Article 19: Protection from violence, abuse and neglect.**

# Sydenham Primary School

A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. In the center is a stable with a warm yellow light emanating from inside, where figures of Mary and Joseph are visible. To the left, three camels are silhouetted against the night sky. To the right, a shepherd with a staff and a dog are silhouetted. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright star shining down from above, casting rays of light across the scene. The entire scene is set against a dark, silhouetted landscape.

## Christmas Performances

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 9.30am, Year 2  
present "The Snowman at Sunset."**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 9.30am, Year 1  
present "The Nativity."**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 9.30am,  
Reception present "My First Nativity."**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2.15pm, Years 3  
and 4 present a Christmas carol concert.**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am, Years 5 and 6  
present a Christmas carol concert.**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON.**

# Christmas Lunch



We are serving a delicious Christmas lunch on Monday November 17th. The following information explains how to order a meal for your child.

## Reception/KSI Christmas Dinner

The Christmas lunch is free of charge for all pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Two. Please log in to your Parent Pay account by **Monday 26 November** and give consent under the *KS1 Christmas Dinner* item in order to book your child's meal.

## KS2 Christmas Dinner

The Christmas lunch costs £2.20 per child for pupils in Years Three, Four, Five and Six. Please log in to your Parent Pay account by **Monday 26 November** and make payment under the *KS2 Christmas Dinner* payment item in order to book your child's meal.

For those children in KS2 who are entitled to a **free** school meal, we will automatically book your child a meal. Please contact the school office by **Monday 26 November** if you DO NOT want your child to have a Christmas meal.

If your child normally has a school dinner every day that you pay for, we will not automatically assume that they will be having a Christmas dinner on 17 December and consent/payment for this meal **MUST** be made separately to the appropriate payment item in Parent Pay.

**Please note that we cannot accept any meal requests after Monday 26 November as the school kitchen cannot place any late food orders.**

If your child is poorly on the day of the meal, unfortunately we cannot offer a refund as the food will already have been ordered.

Our Christmas dinner always proves to be a popular event and even if your child does not want a Christmas meal, we provide crackers and Christmas music for everyone!

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# Christmas Menu



**Roast Turkey Breast Fillet with Chipolata Sausage, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy**

or

**(v) Roast Quorn Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy**

**Crispy Roast Potatoes  
Garden Peas and Carrots**

**(v) Ice Cream**

**Selection of Drinks**



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# Cup Stacking - Coming Soon!



**Our Y5 Sport's Ambassadors are currently organising a cup stacking tournament for Key Stage Two. The ambassadors will be visiting year groups soon to see who the fastest cup stacker is in each class. The tournament will continue until we have found Sydenham's number one, super stacker!**

**Rumour has it that there will also be a competition for the teachers. Watch this space...**



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**

**Article 31: Leisure, play and culture.**



**Well done to YR RK, Y3 AH, Y6 JB and Y6 KC  
who had the highest attendance at school this  
week with a 99%**

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

YR AH	98%
Y1 EL	98%
Y2 KG	98%
Y4 KJ	97%
Y5 JvS	97%
Y1 JL	96%
Y2 AP	94%
Y4 CD	93%
Y5 CB	93%
Y3 JM	89%

**Please note that our school attendance  
target is 97%.**

**The minimum acceptable attendance, as  
stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is  
95%.**

**Low attendance results in poorer educational  
progress and attainment.**



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:  
Article 3 (Best Interests of the Child.)**



# Autumn Term Diary Dates

*Please note that diary dates are correct at the time of publication but they are subject to change, sometimes at short notice, due to matters beyond our control.*

Monday 19th November 2018	Language of the Week—Hungarian
Monday 19th November 2018	Rocksteady concert at 2pm in the hall.
Tuesday 20th November 2018	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 2019/20
Tuesday 20th November 2018	Clean Up Britain assembly.
Thursday 22nd November 2018	Y1—6 Parent's Evening appointments sent home.
Friday 23rd November 2018	School closed for staff training (INSET) - Talk for Writing training, led by Pie Corbett.
Monday 26th November 2018	School closed for staff training (INSET) - Child Protection training, led by Adrian Over.
Tuesday 27th November 2018	Y5 JvS class assembly at 9.15am.
Wednesday 28th November 2018	Parent's Evening for Y1—6 from 3.30—7.00pm.
Thursday 29th November 2018	Parent's Evening for Y1—6 from 3.30—5.30pm.
Monday 3rd December 2018	Christmas Crafternoon for Reception families.
Wednesday 5th December 2018	Y2 Christmas show at 9.30am.

**Please remember that school is closed for staff continuing professional development on Friday 23rd November (Talk for Writing training) and Monday 26th November (safeguarding training.)**

Wednesday 5th—Friday 7th  
December 2018

Y6 residential visit to Marle Hall, Wales.

Monday 10th—Wednesday 12th  
December 2018

PTA Present Wrap Room

Wednesday 12th December 2018

Y1 Christmas show at 9.30am.

Thursday 13th December 2018

Flu immunisation for pupils in YR—5.

Thursday 13th December 2018

Reception, Y1 and Y2 visit to Warwick  
Arts' Centre to see "Wilde Creatures" (1.30pm  
performance.)

Friday 14th December 2018

Y5 and Y6 visit to The Birmingham  
Repertoty Theatre to see "The Wizard of Oz."

Monday 17th December 2018

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.

Tuesday 18th December 2018

KS1 Christmas parties (PM.)

Wednesday 19th December 2018

KS2 Christmas parties (PM.)

Wednesday 19th December 2018

Reception Nativity at 9.30am.

Thursday 20th December 2018

Y3/4 carol concert at 2.15pm

Friday 21st December 2018

Y5/6 carol concert at 9.30am.

Friday 21st December 2018

Break up for the Christmas holiday.

**Christmas holiday from Monday 24th December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2019**

**(Children return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.)**

**Please note that school is closed for staff training (INSET) on Monday 7th  
January 2019 - online training on health and safety, forced marriage and honour  
based violence, female genital mutilation and safeguarding.**

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Have a happy weekend.

Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand