

Caring for the Environment

Keep Great Britain Clean!



On Monday we were visited by Claire Cobbalt of The Clean Up Great Britain Campaign. Claire talked to pupils about the importance of reducing waste and disposing rubbish in the bin. Pupils were particularly moved to learn about the negative impact of littering upon wildlife and the dangers of plastic pollution in our precious oceans. Claire was very keen to meet our Unicef Womblers who help to keep the school site litter free.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 6: Life, survival and development.



Rock Steady Concert



We had a fabulous Rocksteady concert on Monday featuring five, rocktastic bands. Well done to all the children who participated—your confidence and growing musical understanding was really impressive!



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 31: Leisure, play and culture.

Parking



We hope you have noticed our new signs to remind parents/carers to park sensibly and legally. These signs have been purchased from our school budget and we hope they will re-enforce the importance of parking within the law so that all are children can have a safe journey to and from school.

Mrs Westwood and Miss Glenly have also met with councillor Helen Adkins regarding traffic calming measures to be implemented during works scheduled for March 2019. These works are part of the "Safer Routes to School" programme. As such, the work which can be undertaken is limited and subject to strict rules but we are hoping it will help to make Calder Walk a safer place for all who use it. Mrs Westwood and Miss Glenly gave Councillor Adkins a "wish list" of measures although there is no guarantee they will be carried out by the Local Authority. However, every little helps!

School is trying to improve the parking situation for families and local residents, however, please remember that it is the **responsibility of parents/carers** to park with due consideration to others. Where possible please choose the healthy option and walk, scoot or cycle to school.

Language of the Week Hungarian



This week, we have been learning more about the culture and language of Hungary. On Wednesday, pupils enjoyed a special bi-lingual assembly led by visitors Nikki and Monika. Key Stage Two pupils completed a fun quiz which taught them lots of facts about Hungary whilst Key Stage One pupils learnt to sing "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" in Hungarian.

A special thank you goes out to Leon for appearing in the assembly and to his mum for providing traditional Hungarian biscuits and scones. Thank you also to Mrs Summerell for coordinating our Hungarian week.



YR Music Project



Reception pupils have been lucky enough to work with an Early Years Music Specialist, Nicola Burke, for the past four weeks. She is involved at a national level with music provision for under-fives and was commissioned by our school to come in and work with small groups of Reception children and to help staff to become more skilled at supporting children's musical development. Staff and children alike have had a great time singing, playing musical instruments and moving to lots of different kinds of music! We hope that Nicola will come back to continue her work with us!

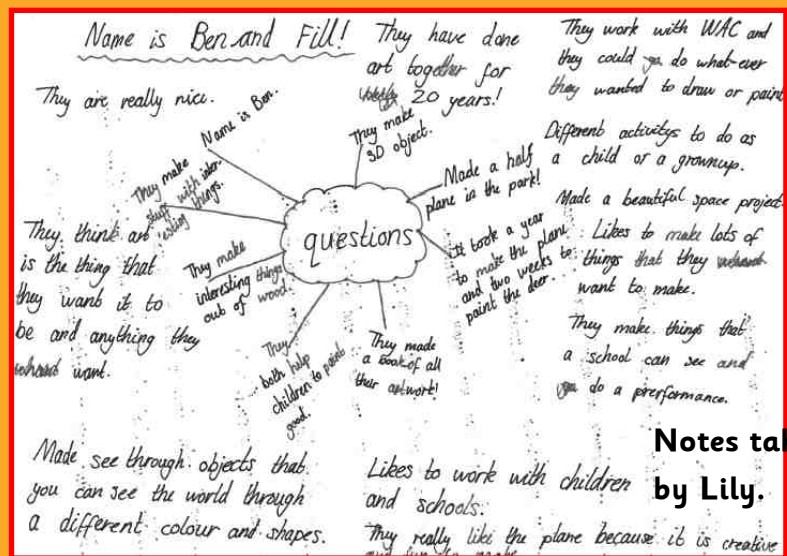




SPLAT! Art's Festival

On Thursday, three of our Art's Ambassadors (Nitya, Josh and Lily) interviewed visual artists interested in working with pupils in the Spring Term as part of the SPLAT! Children's Arts' Festival. They were joined by Arts' Ambassadors from our partner schools, Clapham Terrace and St Patrick's and Lynsey Cullen from the Creative Learning team at Warwick Arts' Centre.

Nitya, Josh and Lily listened to presentations from each artist, taking careful notes. They also saw samples of each artist's work and asked questions. They have two more artists to meet next week and then have the difficult decision of deciding who they will employ to work at Sydenham.



Notes taken by Lily.



Cup Stacking Tournament

Our Sport's Ambassador (Tristan, Jaya, Chloe, Noah and Muskaan) are organising a charity, knock-out cup stacking tournament for all pupils in Key Stage Two. They would like to send you this message:

"Your child, if in Key Stage Two, will be participating in a cup stacking competition. Years Five and Six will take part on Tuesday 27th November and Years Three and Four on Wednesday 28th November. They will get twelve cups to stack, laid out as 3 on each side and six in the middle.

There is also a competition for the teachers! The winners of both competitions will receive a prize.

If you may, please donate 20p to go towards Sport's Relief.

Thank you.

From Muskaan, Chloe, Noah, Tristan and Jaya

If you would like to get in some practice before the competition, there are videos of the world's fastest cup stacker on the internet. For very clear, step by step instructions please visit:
www.wikihow.com/Do-a-Speed-Stack-Cycle



Please could you all bring a 20p donation in aid of Sport's Relief.

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Article31: Leisure, play and culture.

PTA Jumble Sale

Thank you to everybody involved in the PTA jumble sale last week. The event raised a fantastic £219.49. Proceeds will be used to buy resources linked to a particular curriculum area.

Watch this space...

Poppy Appeal

Our Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised £92.87 raised £92.87.

Thank you to everybody for their generosity in supporting this very worthy cause.

Flu Immunisation

Please remember that pupils in Y1 –5 will receive their flu immunisation in school on Thursday 13th December. Your child should have brought home a letter about this today.

It will soon be time for the...

★ Secret Present Wrap Room ★

The Secret Present Wrap Room is run by the PTA each year as a fun opportunity for children to choose Christmas gifts for a family member or friend.

We have a room set up with a variety of suitable presents to choose from and festive music playing along in the background.

Each gift costs £1.50

Children are allowed to choose a maximum of two gifts.



How it works:

Every child who has paid to participate comes along to the Secret Present Wrap Room during the school day and gets to choose their gift(s) from the selection available and decide who it is for.

They then pick from a wide range of wrapping paper and we help them to wrap their gift and write out a gift tag.

The children take the wrapped present(s) back to their classroom and then bring it home with them at the end of that day, ready to give to the lucky recipient!



This year's Secret Present Wrap Room will take place on Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December.

If you would like your child to participate, the PTA will be collecting payments in the school hall from 3pm onwards on certain days during the next few weeks. Please look out for text messages confirming dates.

Many thanks for your continued support.

From the PTA



Well done to YR RK who had the highest attendance at school this week with 100% of pupils attending.

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y6 KC	99%
Y4 KJ	99%
Y1 EL	98%
Y2 KG	98%
Y6 JB	98%
Y2 AP	98%
Y5 CB	96%
Y3 JM	96%
Y5 JvS	95%
Y1 JL	93%
Y4CD	90%
YR AH	90%
Y3 AH	88%

Please note that our school attendance target is 97%.

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

Sydenham Primary School

A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. In the center is a stable with a glowing light inside. Above the stable is a bright star with rays emanating from it. To the left, three camels are silhouetted against the night sky. To the right, three shepherds with staffs are silhouetted. The background is a dark blue sky with white stars and rays of light from the star above the stable.

Christmas Performances

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.
Friday 6th December 2018	Y3 and Y4 visit to The Birmingham Repertory Theatre to see "The Wizard of Oz."
Wednesday 5th—Friday 7th December 2018	Y6 residential visit to Marle Hall, Wales.
Monday 10th—Wednesday 12th December 2018	PTA Present Wrap Room

Tickets for our Christmas Shows

Y2 deadline to order tickets is Thursday 29th November 2018

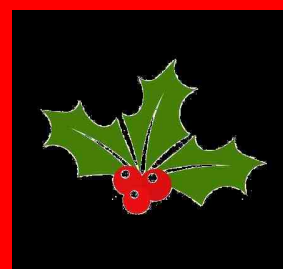
Tickets sent home on Monday 3rd December 2018.

Y1 deadline to order tickets is Thursday 6th December 2018.

Tickets sent home on Monday 10th December 2018

YR deadline to order tickets is Thursday 13th December 2018

Tickets sent home on Monday 17th December 2018



You do not need a ticket to attend the Y3/4 or Y5/6 carol concert.

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 Repertory 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.

See you all back in school on Tuesday.

Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand