

Sydenham goes Cup Stacking Crazy!

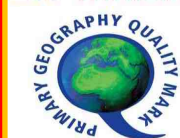


Fingers have been flying this week in Key Stage Two as our charity cup stacking event took place. It was a nail biting competition with some children completing the challenge in under 20 seconds! Our cup stacking final is next week and is a play-off between our two fastest stackers. There will also be a teacher final! If you are yet to donate your 20p towards Sport's Relief, please send your money to the office as soon as possible.

Supporting Sport's Relief



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 31: Leisure, play and culture.



EAL Gold Award

We are thrilled to announce that our school has been awarded the highest possible accolade by The EAL Academy in recognition of the education and support we provide to all our learners who have English as an Additional Language.

The EAL Academy are a team of language specialists with experience gained both in the UK and internationally in the fields of literacy, ethnic minority achievement, and English as an Additional Language. We were visited on Tuesday by Sara McLaughlin, an assessor from The EAL Academy. After reading our award application, visiting our website and meeting parents/carers, governors, senior leaders and pupils she announced that we had met the criteria for a gold award!

Sarah will send through her full report soon but she had this message for our school community:

Dear staff and pupils at Sydenham Primary School,

Thank you very much for my visit to your school yesterday. I was very impressed by the way your school supports and challenges all pupils coming to the school with English as an Additional Language. The data you provided show that the children with EAL are successful and confident learners. The school is clearly a beacon of good practice in the area.

This was a very well organised visit. I saw some excellent practice which is so obviously embedded in everyone's work. The Gold award is only given where a school can demonstrate that supporting pupils with EAL is part of a successful whole school culture of teaching and learning, leadership and working with parents.

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This award is good news for **all** our families since excellent EAL provision ensures the best quality teaching for children regardless of their mother tongue. Indeed, research shows that the strategies which accelerate learning for EAL pupils also help English speaking children to make the best possible progress.

Excellent EAL provision = excellent teaching for all our pupils!



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Article 30: Children from minority or indigenous groups



Y5 JvS Assembly

The First World War



A World War One Poem

Bent over like hags,
Limping through mud,
Falling, clumsy, in sludge,
Blind soldiers trudge through haunting trenches.

Gas! Gas! Run boys!
Someone was crying out,
Floundering in the mud,
In flames of lime,
Under a khaki sea, I saw him drowning.

In my stifled dreams,
I pace behind the vehicle that we chucked him in,
Hearing every jolt,
Every gargle from his froth corrupted lungs.
For what glory?

By Pari

**Well done to Y5 JvS for
presenting an evocative assembly
on the theme of World War One.
This was the culmination of
children's learning in History.**

**Please enjoy reading Pari's First
World War poem which was
composed in response to Wilfred
Owen's classic work "Dulce et
Decorum Est."**



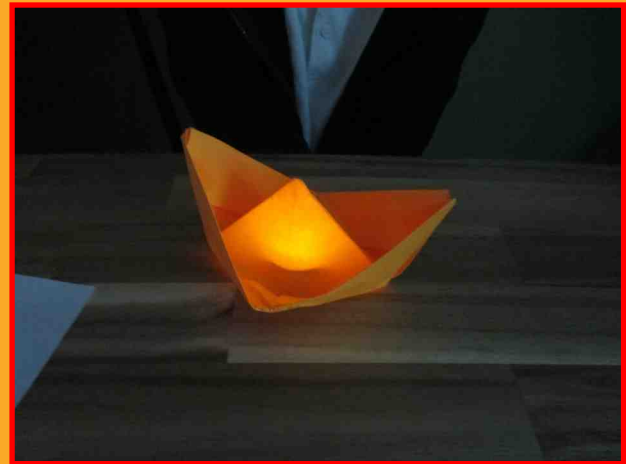
UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:

Article 29: Goals of education.



SPLAT! Art's Festival

This week, our Arts' Ambassadors have continued to interview potential artists to work in school during the Spring Term on The SPLAT! Children's Arts' Festival. The Ambassadors have really enjoyed meeting the artists and now have the difficult job of deciding who to employ.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 12: Respect for the views of the child.

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A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. In the center is a stable with a warm yellow light emanating from inside, where the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus are visible. To the left, three camels and two shepherds are silhouetted against the night sky. To the right, two sheep and another shepherd are silhouetted. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright star at the top center, from which rays of light radiate outwards. The entire scene is set on a dark, rolling hill.

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.**

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 Y6 KC and Y3 AH who had the highest attendance at school this week with 99% of pupils attending.

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y3 JM	99%
Y2 AP	99%
Y4 CD	98%
Y1 JL	98%
Y6 JB	96%
Y4 KJ	95%
Y1 EL	95%
Y5 JvS	93%
YR RK	93%
Y2 KG	93%
Y5 CB	92%
YR AH	86%

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 3rd December 2018	Christmas Crafternoon for Reception families.
Wednesday 5th December 2018	Y2 Christmas show at 9.30am.
Thursday 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

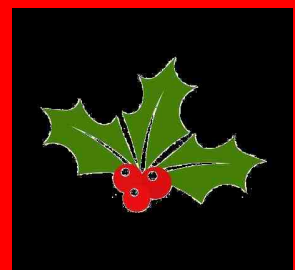
Tickets sent home on Monday 3rd December 2018.

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



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.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand