



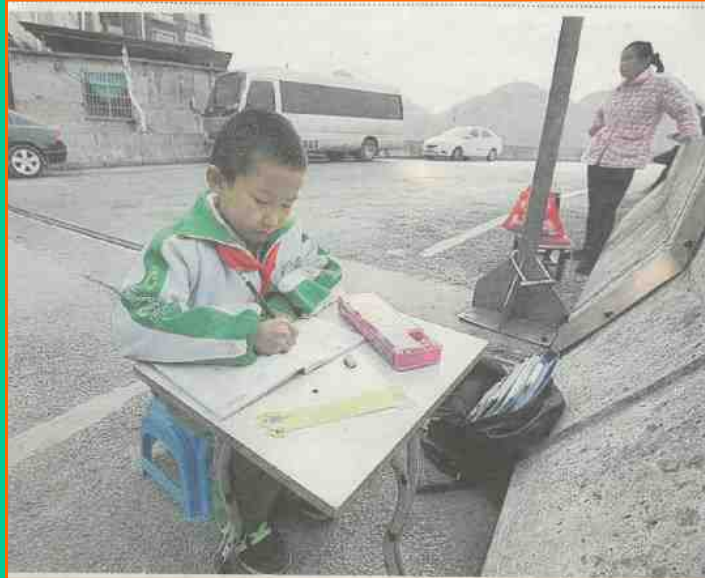
Welcome back everyone—we missed you!

We hope you are returning to school feeling refreshed after a relaxing break with family and friends. It has been lovely to catch up with everybody's news this week and to see all the children so keen to get back to their studies.

Here's to a 2018 full of fun and learning.



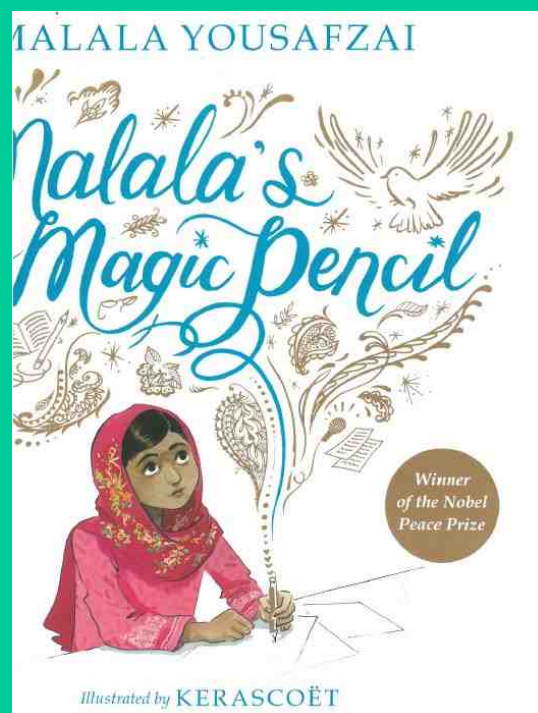
Learning heroes



In our assemblies this week we have been thinking about learning heroes. On Monday, Miss Glenny shared a story she read in the newspaper about a nine year old school boy called Qu Sinian who has to do his home learning on a motorway flyover bridge! This is because Qu's family live in one room without adequate lighting. Amazingly, Qu is not deterred by these challenging circumstances and works outside until sundown on his studies. Because of his determination and hard work, he is making excellent progress and is well on the way to fulfilling his dream of becoming a doctor. What a learning hero!

On Tuesday, Miss Glenny read the picture book "Malala's Magic Pencil" which re-tells the life story of a more well known learning hero, Malala Yousafzai. As you may know, Malala has campaigned for girls to be allowed access to education. Because of her work, in 2012 she was shot in the head by members of the Taliban who wished to silence her. Thankfully, Malala recovered from her awful injuries and is now living in Britain. She travels the world continuing her fight for girls' education and, in 2014, was awarded The Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her work.

Every day we see lots of home grown learning heroes at Sydenham Primary School. Keep up the good work everyone!



The RSC are coming to Sydenham!

"This new version of Julius Caesar is the perfect introduction to Shakespeare for 7 to 13 year olds.

A company of actors have travelled up and down the land performing their stories. Now they've arrived in your town to tell a tale of friendship and betrayal. Caesar, Rome's leader, has returned from war stronger than ever, but some of his followers are questioning his powers. The plotting continues...

Part of our First Encounters with Shakespeare series, these engaging adaptations are 90 minutes long, use Shakespeare's original language and ask audiences to participate in the story. They are a fantastic first step into Shakespeare for children, families and schools." (Royal Shakespeare Company, First Encounters website.)

On Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January, the RSC are visiting Sydenham to rehearse and perform Julius Caesar, First Encounters. Pupils in Key Stage Two will be invited to watch the performance of this exciting play which they know and love thanks to the work undertaken during last term's Shakespeare Week.

Please note that use of the school halls will be severely restricted on January 29th and 30th due to rehearsals and the performance. This means we are unable to serve hot dinners to children unless they are in Reception. All children in Y1—6 will need to bring a packed lunch on these days (the school kitchen will provide a packed lunch for any child eligible for free school meals.)



PTA Update

Sydenham PTA End of Term Newsletter

December
2017

Hello!

What a great start to the school year we have had so far! In October we held our **AGM** and gained some new members (yay!), we had a successful **Jumble Sale** in November raising over £380, and this month we have been very busy indeed with a **Christmas Craftersnoon** to introduce ourselves to the lovely new Reception children and their parents/carers, fundraising through Rudolph Cards with **Christmas Cards and Mugs** and finally the **Present Wrap Room!** The combined profit from these is just over £600 which is fantastic. We would like to say a big thank you to all those who took part.

We decided to use some of the money raised from last year to provide new reading books and give the KS1 reading area a bit of a makeover to refresh it. There were very few books to choose from for some of the reading levels, and a lot of them were quite dated. After consultation with the Reading Recovery Teacher Mrs Napier, we have chosen hundreds of lovely new books that will appeal to the children and extend and develop their reading abilities. We have also purchased new baskets to replace the tired old ones and updated the labels to make the area more appealing and we look forward to showing you the before and after photos of this next term.

As always we value your ideas and input and welcome any new members on board. ☺

Have a lovely break and see you next term!



Diary Dates

Our first event of 2018 will be a **Disco** on Friday 26th January.

We are aiming to have a **Bags2School Collection** sometime in February so we will be collecting donations of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, soft toys, curtains, towels, sheets and duvet covers.

In March we are hoping to have a **Bingo Night** (date to be confirmed).

Ink Cartridge Recycling

We have started recycling printer ink cartridges with the **Recycle4Charity** scheme. There is a box in the school reception area where you can donate your cartridges and each one we send raises £1! Thank you to all those who have donated cartridges so far. A list of cartridges that can be recycled with this scheme can be found at: www.recycle4charity.co.uk

Your Suggestions

In the school reception area we now have a **PTA Suggestions Box** – here you can give us your ideas for events or suggestions for things we could purchase.

Fundraising for Myton Hospice

We have received this thank you card from Myton Hospice in recognition of school's fundraising work at Christmas. Well done to Mrs Murphy and our Y6 recorder players who played carols in the ASDA coffee shop to raise money for the hospice. You all did a brilliant job!

Dear Mrs Westwood

Thank you very much for your donation of £83.57 raised from your recorder concert in Asda Leamington. We really appreciate your support.

Your recent donation, along with the other generous donations you have made in the past, will enable us to continue providing the best possible care and support for our patients and their loved ones. On behalf of everyone at Myton - thank you so much.

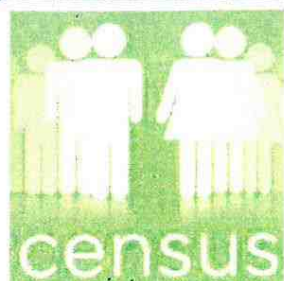
If you'd like to talk about the work of Myton, give us feedback, or find out about other ways you could get involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing communityteam@mytonhospice.org or calling 01926 838 892.

Yours sincerely



Charlotte Ingram
Director of Income Generation

P.S. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for all of our latest news - www.facebook.com/mytonhospices.



Census Day Pupil Favourites Lunch Menu

Thursday 18th January 2018

Hot Dog

Our award winning pork sausage in a soft hot dog roll
served with ketchup

(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza

served with

Potato Wedges

and

Baked Beans
or Fresh Salad

(v) American Style Pancake
with Fruit Topping
or (v) Ice Cream



Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th January 2018	Y5 JvS class assembly at 9.15 am.
Tuesday 16th January 2018	SAT's information session for Y6 parents, 6.00pm in the Y6 classroom.
Wednesday 17th January 2018	Bake It Up club starts, 3.20—4.45pm.
Friday 19th January 2018	Phonics information session for YR RK parents.
Tuesday 23rd January 2018	Y5 CB class assembly.
Wednesday 24th January 2018	Height and weight checks for YR and Y6.
Friday 26th January 2018	PTA discos for YR; Y1/2/3 and Y4/5/6.
Monday 29th January 2018	RSC in school to rehearse Julius Caesar.
Tuesday 30th January 2018	RSC performance in school of Julius Caesar.
Monday 29/Tuesday 30th January 2018	All children except YR and those eligible for free school meals) need to bring a packed lunch—no hot dinners for Y1—6
Tuesday 6th February 2018	Y4 KG class assembly.
Monday 12th February 2018	No teacher led clubs this week except Breakfast Club and Butterflies After School Club.
Tuesday 13th February 2018	Y3 JM class assembly.
HALF TERM—Break up Friday 16th February 2018	
Monday 26th February 2018	Return to school after the half-term holiday.
Tuesday 27th February 2018	Y6 class assembly.
Tuesday 6th March 2018	Y3 AH class assembly.
Wednesday 7th March 2018	Last Bake It Up session.
Tuesday 13th March 2018	Y2 ES class assembly.
Tuesday 20th March 2018	Y2 HC class assembly.
Tuesday 27th March 2018	Last Bayleaf Cookery School session.
Tuesday 27th March 2018	Y1 MBB and Y1 JL class assembly
Wednesday 28th March 2018	Y6 trip to The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Sydenham Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of this week's KS2 Sydenham Super Stars!

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Have a fun weekend!
Best wishes from Miss Glenny
(Associate Headteacher)