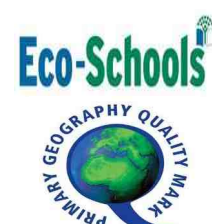


Music at Sydenham

On Tuesday afternoon, we were privileged to be visited by Chelys Consort of Viols who performed a wonderful concert for children in Years two to six. Chelys take their name from the ancient Greek word which referred to a bowed lyre, said to have been invented by the god Hermes. The children were fascinated to hear the group play a range of pieces and enjoyed joining in by singing along.



Y4 KJ Class Assembly



Miss Jewsbury's class have been learning about causal conjunctions, and used lots of examples to give a fantastic explanation of how the 'Teacher Pleaser' machine works in their class to keep Miss Jewsbury happy! They also made their own machines that did all kinds of things, from making different flavour jelly to helping people fly.



parent/Carer - Teacher Meetings

This week, the following letter was sent home inviting you in to school to discuss your child's progress. Please make sure you complete the slip at the bottom of the letter and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Organising the appointments is a tricky business and we need all the reply slips back to ensure you are given a convenient appointment time. Thank you in anticipation of your swift response.



Dear Parents / Carers,

We are holding two open evenings for you to come and meet your child's class teacher on **Wednesday 15th February (3.30 – 5.30) and Thursday 16th February (3.30 – 7.30.)**

Our aim is to work in partnership with parents and carers. The purpose of this discussion is to enable you to contribute to your child's learning. The discussion gives you and your child's class teacher the opportunity to celebrate your child's academic progress and achievements, and raise any concerns or areas for development.

Each appointment will last 10 minutes, so it is best to make sure you are armed with any questions! Please try to keep to agreed time-limit, so that other parents / carers are not inconvenienced. We are very happy to offer you a further appointment if you wish to have a more in-depth discussion. Please arrive a little earlier than your appointment and inform us if you would like to have an interpreter.

Please complete the tear-off slip below, and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. You will receive a note with an appointment date and time on **Thursday 9th February**. Please note that whilst we endeavour to give you your first choice, this is not always possible.

Yours sincerely,

Juliette Westwood

Juliette Westwood
Executive Head Teacher

Child's Name _____ in Class _____

My child has a brother / sister in Class _____ Name of sibling _____

I will / will not be able to attend the Parents / Carers conferencing evening

Wednesday 15th February
(3.30 – 5.30)

Before 4.30pm ☐

After 4.30pm ☐

Thursday 16th February
(3.30 – 7.30)

Before 4.30 pm ☐

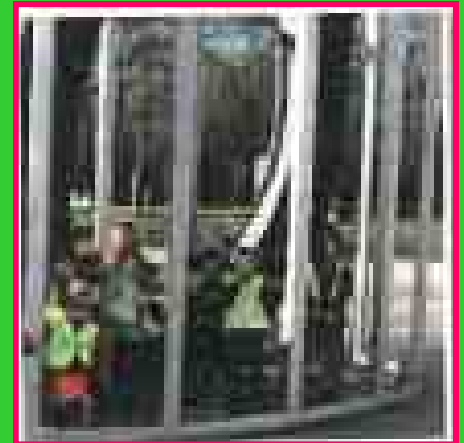
After 4.30 pm ☐

Signed _____ (Parent / Carer)

Warwick Arts Sculpture Trail

Year Three visited Warwick Arts Centre on Wednesday to take part in a special sculpture trail. They had the opportunity to look at lots of different types of sculpture, and were asked to describe what they could see, talk about the colours and the shapes, think about what each sculpture reminded them of, and think about what they thought the sculptures could be called. Miss Ball was particularly impressed with the way that Alistair was engaged in his learning!

I loved it! We went on a treasure trail to find the different sculptures. One was like pasta spinning. I named the colourful one 'Dark and Light DNA' because it reminded me of DNA - maybe the DNA of a bird. **Alistair**



Notices

Our lost property clothes bins are absolutely full to the brim with un-named uniform! We appreciate that school uniform is expensive, and always endeavour to return lost property to the correct child when we are able to do so. Please, please, please can you make sure that every item of your child's clothing, including shoes, is marked with a permanent pen, a sewn in name, or if you are using a biro, that you check the name is still there regularly.



Next week, we will be putting all of the lost property out on tables on the playground. Please come and look through it and see if you can find some of your child's belongings!



GRANDPARENT GARDENING WEEK

March 27th - March 31st



As part of our Food for Life Project we would like to prepare the raised garden beds for growing fruit and vegetables. It is a big a task for us to complete alone and so we have decided to use it as a focus for Grandparent Gardening Week.



This will take place from Monday March 27th to Friday March 31st. A letter will be sent out soon asking for volunteers, especially grandparents who might be able to help us with this addition to our lovely school garden, so please look out for it!

We will also be collecting seeds for each class to plant in their own raised bed so any donations of vegetable seeds would be really useful!



WWW.FOODFORLIFE.ORG.UK/GARDENINGWEEK





Congratulations to Ashley-Ray for being awarded this certificate for excellent participation in the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire School Games Pantathlon. Ashley showed his certificate in assembly, and enjoyed explaining how he had to “up his game” when other children were beginning to win in one of the events. It sounds like he had lots of fun taking part in the various activities, which included curling! Well done, Ashley-Ray!

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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!!

Tuesday 31st Jan 2017	Y4 AH class assembly at 9.15 am.
Tuesday 31st Jan 2017	Y3 visit to Warwick Art's Centre colour trails.
Friday 3rd Feb 2017	Y5 to watch a performance of "The Tempest" at The Swan Theatre, Stratford.
Monday 6th Feb 2017	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7th Feb 2017	Y3 CB class assembly at 9.15 am.
Tuesday 14th Feb 2017	Y3 JM class assembly at 9.15 am.
Wednesday 15th Feb 2017	Parent/Carer's Evening, 3.30pm—6.00pm.
Thursday 16th Feb 2017	Parent/Carer's Evening, 3.30pm—7.30pm.
Friday 17th Feb 2017	Break up for Spring half-term holiday.
Monday 27th Feb 2017	Return to school.
Thursday 2nd March 2017	Bed Time Stories (time to be confirmed.)
Thursday 2nd March 2017	World Book Day—come to school dressed as your favourite book character!
Thursday 2nd March 2017	Y2 visit to The Butterfly Farm, Stratford.
Tuesday 7th March 2017	Y2 JRL class assembly at 9.15 am.
Monday 13th March 2017	Ensemble 360 performance for Y2—Y6
Tuesday 14th March 2017	Y2 ES class assembly.
Tuesday 21st March 2017	Y1 JL class assembly at 9.15 am.
Thursday 23rd March 2017	PTA cake raffle.
Thursday 23rd March 2017	Y5 Kip on a Ship residential, London.
Friday 24th March 2017	Y5 return from Kip on a Ship trip.
Friday 24th March 2017	Mufti Day (bring 50p for School Fund.)
Mon 27th - Fri 31st March 2017	Grandparent Gardening Week
Tuesday 28th March 2017	Y1 MB class assembly at 9.15 am.
Wednesday 5th April 2017	PTA Easter bingo, 5.30pm—7.00pm.
Friday 7th April 2017	Break up for Easter holiday.

Other Dates

For those of you who need to plan ahead, please note that our next Inset Day is Monday June 5th when school is **closed** for staff training.

School will also be closed on Thursday May 4th due to local elections.

Photo of the Week



This is Emma with the amazing Teach-Pleaser machine. If only there was one in every class!!

Sydenham Super Stars!



Congratulations to last week's KS2 Sydenham Super Stars!
Friday 20th January, 2017

Sydenham Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of this week's YR/KS1 Sydenham Super Stars!
Friday 27th January, 2017

Sydenham Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of this week's KS2 Sydenham Super Stars!
Friday 27th January, 2017

Have a fantastic weekend!
Best wishes from Miss Glenney and Miss Challand (Associate Head Teachers)