



## Bed Time Stories

It was lovely to see so many children returning to school on Thursday evening to enjoy hot chocolate and a bed time story with their teacher. Everybody enjoyed getting cosy in their pyjamas as part of our World Book Day celebrations which continued on Friday with our popular dress-up day.



Pictures of our World Book dress-up day will be in next week's newsletter.



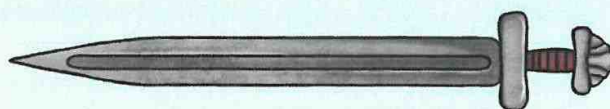
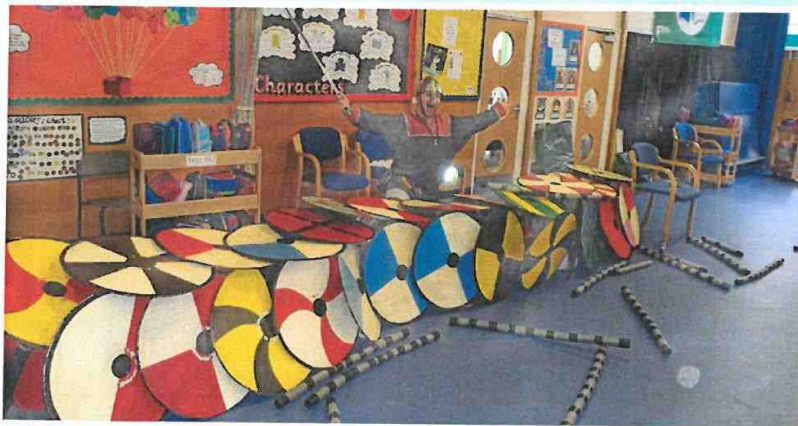


# Y3 Viking Invasion!

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Today we were visited by Olaf the Viking who taught us lots of exciting facts about the Vikings! We learnt all about Viking life and sagas about the gods. We even fought in a Viking battle against the Anglo-Saxons!

## Viking Day!









# Food For Life



## CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

This is to certify that

**Sydenham Primary School**

has achieved

**Level One**

in the

**School Gardening Awards**

Alana Tapsell  
Schools' Communications Officer



**We are thrilled to announce that our school has recently achieved Level One of The Royal Horticultural Society's School Gardening Award.**

**As Spring approaches, we are looking forward to lots more growing activities on the allotment and in the classroom. These include:**

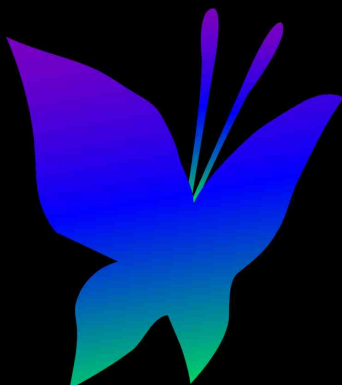
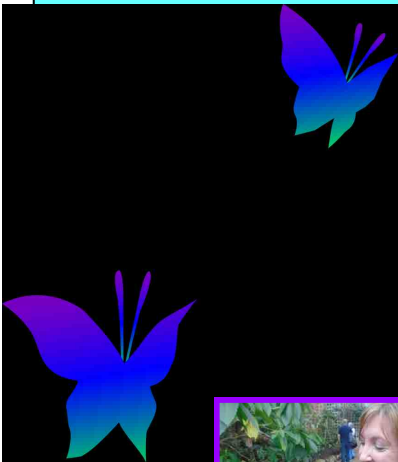
- **Growing potatoes, leeks and onions. We will be harvesting them in the autumn and using them to make a delicious soup for all the children to enjoy.**
- **The Big Dig on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st March from 3.30 –4.30pm. Please come along and help us to prepare the raised beds in the allotment for sowing.**
- **Cultivating vegetables in the classroom and Early Years outdoor area.**





# Y2 Visit the Butterfly Farm

Year 2 visited the Butterfly Farm on Thursday as part of their learning in Science. The children learnt all about the lifecycle of a butterfly as well as its diet and preferred habitats. Some very brave pupils even handled cockroaches and millipedes!



# International Languages Event

Come and join us to celebrate some of the different languages we speak in school by taking part in different games, activities and food tasting.



**On:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

**At:** 3:20pm-5pm

**Where:** in the school hall



There will be quizzes, games, and activities, as well as facts to learn and food to sample, from our children and their parents.

So far there will be language activities in:



**Bulgarian**

**English**

**French**

**Gujarati**

**Hindi**

**Irish**

**Italian**

**Korean**

**Latvian**

**Lithuanian**

**Malayalam**

**Polish**

**Portuguese**

**Punjabi**

**Romanian**

**Tamil**

**Turkish**

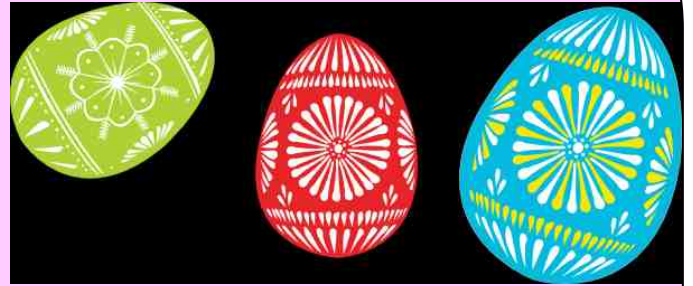
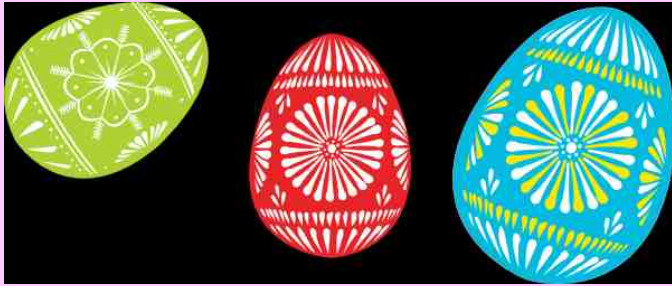


If you would like to run or help run an activity for all of our children to try, let the staff in the School Office know and we will contact you directly. **We hope you can all join us! Looking forward to seeing you!**





# EASTER EGG RAFFLE



**If you would like the chance to win a delicious, chocolate treat, why not enter our special Easter egg raffle?**

**Next week, your child will bring home a named envelope. All you need to do is place 50p inside and return it to your child's class teacher. We will choose the lucky winners during the week beginning Monday 3rd April.**

**There is an egg for each class so you stand a good chance of winning. All proceeds will go to School Fund which helps to buy exciting resources that make learning in school even more fun.**

**Good luck! We hope you are a winner!**



## **Paired Reading**

**On Thursday, Y4 visited Reception to read with the younger children. It was lovely to see everybody sharing books together.**

# COMPETITION TIME

## DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN → COMPETITION

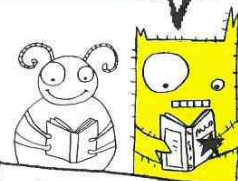
DOODLE SOMETHING BOOKY

Happy Doodling!

### CALLING ALL BUDDING ILLUSTRATORS!

It's time to go DOODLE CRAZY for this year's fantastic DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN COMPETITION.

The overall winner's design will be made into a real National Book Token gift card and distributed to hundreds of bookshops nationwide in time for Christmas - plus there are heaps of National Book Tokens to be won!



BIGGER PRIZES THAN EVER BEFORE!

ENTER NOW by asking your pupil  design a booky-themed Book Token.

2016'S WINNING DESIGN



FIRST PRIZE  
in each age range

- £500 National Book Tokens for the school
- £200 National Book Tokens for the child
- £200 National Book Tokens for the teacher

SECOND PRIZE  
in each age range

- £250 National Book Tokens for the school
- £100 National Book Tokens for the child
- £100 National Book Tokens for the teacher

PLUS 5 of our favourite entries in EACH age category will be added to the online Oodles of Doodles Gallery for everyone to see

### HOW TO ENTER

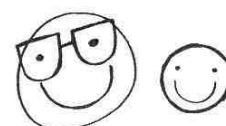
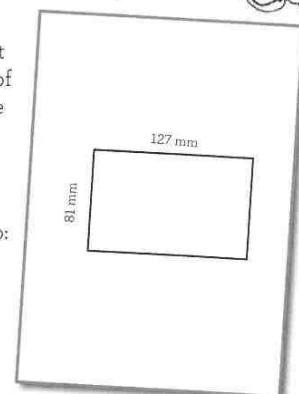
All entries should be produced on A4 paper in portrait format (h 81mm x w 127mm), using the template provided. A panel of judges will select a winner and runner-up in each of three age categories: up to 8 years, 9-12 years, 13-16 years.

Every entry must be signed by the teacher, who must print in capitals on the reverse of the entry the pupil's full name and age, school name, address and phone number. Send entries to:

World Book Day Design a Book Token Competition, Book Tokens Ltd, 6 Bell Yard, London WC2A 2JR.

Download a template and see the terms and conditions at [worldbookday.com/oodles-of-doodles](http://worldbookday.com/oodles-of-doodles)

Closing date for entries is **FRIDAY 14 APRIL 2017**. Winners will be announced in the summer of 2017.







# PTA News



If anyone is planning on having a clear out over the next few weeks, the PTA are kindly asking for you to save any good quality items for “Bag 2 School” which provides cash in return for donated goods.

## Items accepted include:

- Men's, ladies and children's clothing
- Paired shoes
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

## Items NOT accepted are:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats
- School uniforms
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off-cuts, yarns or threaded material

A collection day will be arranged whereupon “Bag 2 School” will take away our items and we receive cash in return.



## Phonics for Y1 Parents/Carers

All parents/carers of Y1 pupils are invited to an information session about phonics on Thursday 9th March from 9.00am to 10.00am. **During the session, we will tell you about the statutory phonics test that all Y1 children must take in June.** We will also explain how you can support your child in their phonics' learning so they are well prepared for the test and making good progress with their reading.

# 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!!**

Thursday 2nd March 2017	Y2 visit to The Butterfly Farm, Stratford.
Monday 6th March 2017	"Kwik Cricket" training for Y4
Tuesday 7th March 2017	Y2 JRL class assembly at 9.15 am.
Thursday 9th March 2017	Phonics session for Y1 parents.
Monday 13th March 2017	Ensemble 360 performance for Y2—Y6
Monday 13th March 2017	"Kwik Cricket" session for Y4.
Tuesday 14th March 2017	Y2 ES class assembly.
Thursday 16th March 2017	Y2 JRL visit Leamington Art Gallery.
Monday 20th March	"Kwik Cricket" session for Y4
Tuesday 21st March 2017	Y1 JL class assembly at 9.15 am.
Thursday 23rd March 2017	PTA cake raffle.
Thursday 23rd March 2017	Y2 ES visit Leamington Art Gallery
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.)
Monday 27th March 2017	"Kwik Cricket" session for Y4.
Mon 27th—Fri 31st March 2017	Grandparent Gardening Week
Tuesday 28th March 2017	Y1 MB class assembly at 9.15 am.
Tuesday 2th March 2017	Y5, RSC workshop, 9.30—11.30am.
Wednesday 29th March 2017	Skip 2B Fit workshops for Y1—6
Thursday 30th March 2017	Big Dig on the allotment from 3.30—4.30pm
Friday 31st March 2017	Big Dig on the allotment from 3.30—4.30pm
Monday 3rd April 2017	Level 2 Bikeability course for Y5/6, 10.00am—12.00pm.
Tuesday 4th April 2017	Level 2 Bikeability course for Y5/6, 9.30am—12.00pm.
Tuesday 4th April 2017	Level 1 Bikeability Course for Y3/4, 1.00—3.00pm.
Wednesday 5th April 2017	Level 2 Bikeability course for Y5/6, 9.30am—12.00pm.
Wednesday 5th April 2017	PTA Easter bingo, 5.30pm—7.00pm.
Thursday 6th April 2017	International language activities at 3.20pm
<b>Friday 7th April 2017</b>	<b>Break up for Easter holiday.</b>
Monday 24th April 2017	Return to school for the Summer term.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend with your family or friends.  
Best wishes from  
Miss Glenny  
(Associate Headteacher)

## pictures of the Week



This artistic work in progress is part of Reception's learning about shape. Inspired by the artist Kandinsky, the children stuck masking tape on paper to create different areas. They then carefully added paint. Once dry, the tape will be removed to reveal the different shapes.



# Sydenham Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of this week's YR/KS1 Sydenham Super Stars!  
Friday 13th January, 2017

# Sydenham Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of this week's KS2 Sydenham Super Stars!  
Friday 13th January, 2017