

# Y4 KG Assembly Taking Care of Each Other



Well done to Y4 KG who presented a lovely assembly on Tuesday all about being kind to each another. Thinking of others is a very important quality and one which we like to grow in all Sydenham pupils.

The children also reflected upon their learning in RE which has featured lessons about temptation.

Thank you to the children for their performance and to Miss Gillespie and Mr Sidgwick. Thanks also to the parents and carers who were able to attend.



# Sport's Skills



I was very impressed this week with the skills I saw Y4 display in their Gym lesson. Mr Morray (Onside Coach) was teaching pupils different types of balance on a range of equipment. Caio and Noah were particularly impressive on the ropes. Well done, everyone!

# Homelearning

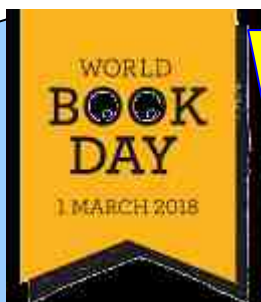


Pupils in Y1 have been deciding which animal would make a good class pet. This has involved lots of research, reading and writing. So far they have decided against a dog, a rabbit and a lion!! Popular choices are a goldfish and a giant African land snail.

Inspired by this topic, Noah has designed and made his own, imaginary pet for homelearning. Noah's pet is called Monty and he made it with the help of his mummy and nanny. Noah explained that Nanny helped a lot with the sewing because Mummy is still learning how to do it!

What brilliant homelearning—well done.





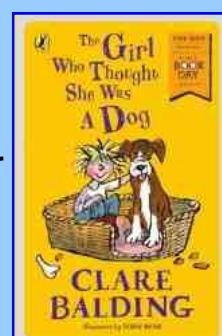
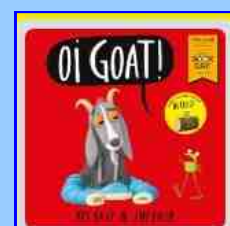
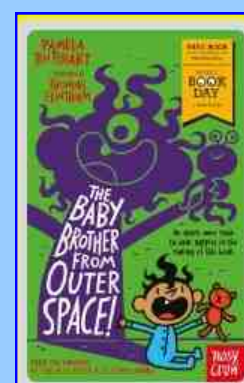
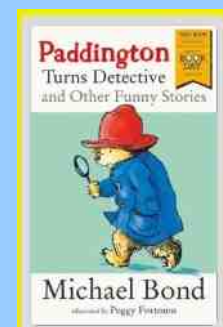
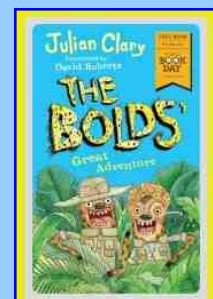
# WORLD BOOK DAY

## MARCH 1ST 2018

On Thursday 1st March, we will be celebrating World Book Day to promote a love of books and reading for pleasure.

As part of our celebrations, pupils will enjoy a whole day of lessons focussed on reading and stimulated by the much loved children's classic, "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. Teachers are planning lots of creative activities for pupils to enjoy and we are expecting an exciting day of learning!

Pupils will also bring home a £1 book token which can be exchanged in a range of shops for one of the Book Day titles pictured on the right. It can also be used to get £1 off the cost of any other children's book.



In the evening, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited back to school for a bed time story—more details on the next page.

If you would like to get involved in World Book Day as a parent/carer, visit <http://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

**Please note that, there will NOT be a dress-up day on March 1st. This is following feedback from some parents/carers that making or buying a book character costume is stressful and expensive. Please send your child to school in their usual school uniform.**



# Bed Time Stories

For YR, Y1 and Y2 ★



**As part of our World Book Day celebrations, on March 1st we are running a Bedtime Stories event for children in Reception, Y1 and Y2.**



**Pupils in these classes are invited back to school in their pyjamas from 6.15pm—7.00pm to enjoy a range of stories read by the teacher.**

**Hot chocolate will also be served!**

**Please drop off and pick up your child from their classroom door.**



**See you there!**





## Meet our Rights Respecting Ambassadors



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have just begun the process of applying for the Rights Respecting School Award — an initiative led by the international charity Unicef.

The award recognises schools where children “feel safe, nurtured and in control of their futures” and celebrates a learning culture “where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive; where pupils lead happy, healthy lives and are responsible, active citizens; where the Rights of the Child are put in to practice within the school and beyond.”

The wonderful pupils you see above, have been selected to be Rights Respecting Ambassadors. They will play a leading role in our understanding and promotion of human rights amongst our school community.





# Unauthorised Holidays in Term Time

Please note that we are now issuing fixed penalty notices (fines) for unauthorised holiday in term time. This is on the advice of the Local Authority and our governing body.

If your child needs time off school for exceptional circumstances, please complete the appropriate request form which can be obtained from the school office. Absence during term time MAY be granted at the discretion of the Headteacher

For more details, please see last week's newsletter.

## Sponsored Reading Event

We are excited to be leading a sponsored read as part of our celebrations around World Book Day. We are running this in partnership with Usbourne Books. All monies raised will be used to buy new books for the school.

All children will be given a sponsorship form and will be asked to read as much as possible during the two week period (starting on Friday 16th February). Children can read books, magazines, newspapers, poems or anything else. There will be prizes for children who read the most and who raise the most money for the school.

Please look out for the forms for this which will be coming home next week.



## New Cookery Club

We are pleased to announce that our friends at Bayleaf Cookery School will be starting a children's after-school cookery club when we return after Easter.

Andrew, from Bayleaf, will be in school on Wednesday 28th February to run a cookery demonstration and talk about the club which will teach children how to make a range of exciting recipes.

There will be a cost to the club to cover tuition and ingredients—more details coming soon!





# Bag2School

A collection bag has come home with all children today (Friday 9th February.)

If you or a family member are having a clear out either now or over half-term then please use the Bag2School bags to recycle unwanted items—please see the list below explaining which items will be accepted.

When full, please bring in your bags and leave them outside the office. If you require an additional bag, please call in at the office. Alternatively, you can use a labelled bin liner.

Many thanks from the PTA.

## We DO accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)
- Handbags



## We DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and work wear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

# Safer Internet Day

As you may know, online safety forms a regular part of our Computing curriculum and pupils are frequently taught about how to stay safe when using a computer, tablet, laptop smart phone or gaming device.

This week, pupils participated in Safer Internet Day to consolidate their understanding of the dangers they might face online. **The Safer Internet Day website contains a useful section for parents and carers. It features lots of resources to support digital parenting and includes a downloadable pack for you to use with your children.**

Please visit

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/sid2018-education-packs/education-pack-parents-and-carers>

for more information.



## Message from The RSC



We have received the following “thank you” from The RSC First Encounters team who are pictured on the left outside our school.

To view the message, please visit:

<https://youtu.be/TQ27xwWOK>



# Diary Dates

Monday 12th January 2018

No teacher led clubs this week except Breakfast Club and Butterflies After School Club.

Monday 12th January 2018

Parent's Evening, 3.30—5.30pm.

Tuesday 13th February 2018

Y3 JM class assembly.

Tuesday 13th January 2018

Parent's Evening, 3.30—7.00pm.

Friday 16th February 2018

Usborne Books assembly at 9.30am.

## **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.

Thursday 1st March 2018

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Bedtime Stories for YR, Y1 and Y2 from 6.15—7.00pm

Tuesday 6th March 2018

Y3 AH class assembly.

Thursday 8th March 2018

YR eye tests.

Tuesday 13th March 2018

Y2 ES class assembly.

Wednesday 14th March 2018

Last Bake It Up session.

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.

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Bayleaf Cookery School assembly.

Thursday 29th March 2018

MUFTI (non-uniform) Day.

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See you all on Monday.  
Best wishes from Miss Glenney  
(Associate Headteacher)