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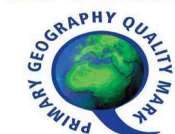


We have had a busy and exciting second week in school, full of fun and fantastic learning. We are pleased to say that most pupils have already established very positive relationships with their new teachers and are making a great effort in their lessons.

Ensuring the well being of all our children is incredibly important to us so we are thrilled to see so many happy, smiling faces around school!



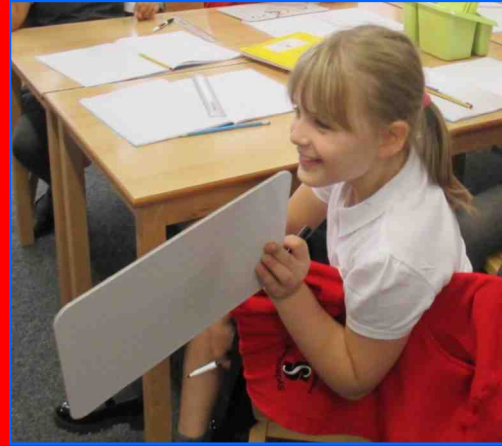
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Article 24 (Health)





Looking At Learning

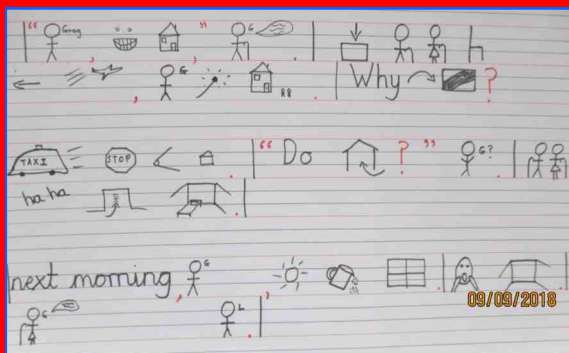
Just how do pupils learn at our school? Take a look at this snapshot of learning across Sydenham Primary School:



Pupils use the school Learning Characters to help develop a growth mindset.



Good listening skills are essential to learning—Reception practise in their phonics session.



Children use text maps to help plan their writing.



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Learning Objective: To compare 2-digit and 3-digit numbers

Using the dice you have been given, you and your partner must roll the dice to make a number.

After this, write the number down in your in the boxes and agree on which one is bigger!

If you roll a bigger number then that is a point for you!

Remember to use the $<$ $=$ $>$ to show which number you think is bigger.



Roll the dice to make 2-digit numbers



Roll the dice to make 3-digit numbers

Each child chooses their own level of learning by taking the Chilli Pepper Challenge.



Lessons are active and fun. Y6 are reading and performing one of Shakespeare's plays.



Pupils are given lots of opportunities to practise skills independently, with a Talk Partner or an adult.



School provides an exciting and varied curriculum. Music is an important element of this and Sydenham children especially enjoy singing using actions to help them remember song lyrics.



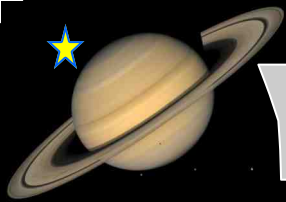
RSC Associate School

As you may know, we are now officially a Lead Associate School of the Royal Shakespeare Company. We are thrilled to have been awarded this role as only 24 other schools nationally have the same status.

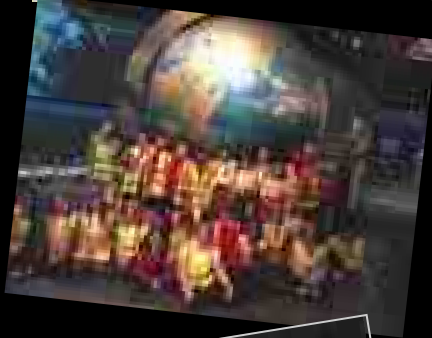
This week, Robin Bellfield (RSC Director Mentor) visited Sydenham to work with a group of children who will be performing at school and at The Swan Theatre in Stratford as part of the annual First Encounters tour. This year, the play being performed is A Comedy of Errors and Robin was in school to help the children devise an opening sequence to the play. Miss Gillespie (one of our RSC Lead Teachers) will continue to work with the children so they are ready for their performances in October.



**UN Convention on
the Rights of the
Child:
Article 31 (Leisure,
Play and Culture.)**



Y5 SPACE CENTRE TRIP



Last Friday, Y5 visited the Space Centre in Leicester to support their learning in Science. You can find out all about the trip by reading Lily's recount on the next page.



★ ★ ★ HERE'S LILY'S OUT OF THIS WORLD RECOUNT!

0: To write a recount.



Word bank	
astronaut	coach
rocket	gift shop
planetarium	muscle mass
dome	G-force
interactive	oxygen
earth, sun, moon	weightless
workshop	exercise
quiz	(2 hours per day)
orbit	
rotate	
phases of the moon	
waxing	
waning	
quarter	
space rover game	

On Friday, Year 5
went to the space centre
because we were learning
about Earth and space.

Did you know that you
can fit 1,000,000

Earths in our sun!?

That was something I
learnt ~~was~~ when we

were there. The next thing we did, was
we looked at the interactive activity's. We went
into a rocket and Σ it had buttons that
we could press.

Also, we saw all of the out-fits that you
have to wear in space. Then we went into
a planetarium to watch a 30 minute movie
the ceiling was a dome shape. We looked
at how you have to survive in space. You have
to exercise 2 hours a day so your muscles



don't deteriorate. N

Next, we had ★lunch and then we went to the gift shop. I bought a book mark with planets on. After that, we went to the highest floor and we were at the top of the rocket. There was rock that came from the moon.

After that, we went into a room with a man called Will and he asked so many questions about the Earth, Sun and Moon. Did you know that the days are longer in summer and the nights are longer in winter?

Then finally we got back on the coach and went back to school. I had a really good good day!

For the of books!

Tuesday 2nd October

Y1 JL 'Reading River' 9.05-9.30 in the main hall

Tuesday 23rd October

Y1EL 'Reading River' 9.05-9.30 in the main hall

Monday 22nd October

Y2KG 'Reading cafe' 2.45-3.20 in the small hall

Tuesday 23rd October

Y2AP 'Reading cafe' 2.45-3.20 in the small hall

Monday 12th November

Y3JM 'Reading cafe' 2.45-3.20 in the small hall

Tuesday 13th November

Y3 AH 'Reading cafe' 2.45-3.20 in the small hall

Homelearning: get involved with your child's education!



Research shows that pupils are more likely to fulfil their academic potential when parents value education and actively become involved in their child's learning.

Taking an interest in homework is one way to support your child's progress and help them to achieve well at school.

Every Thursday, your child will be given their homelearning book containing the tasks they must complete by the following Tuesday. Teachers try hard to make these tasks fun, interesting and accessible for all pupils. Here are some top tips to help you become involved with homework:

- Try to provide a quiet space for your child to use when completing their homelearning. This will help them to concentrate and produce their best work. Encourage them to sit at a desk or dining room table so that their handwriting is neat and tidy.
- Establish a routine. This will encourage your child to be organised and is good preparation for secondary school.
- Sit with your child and talk to them about their homework. Try to explain the task if they don't understand. If you are confused, talk to your child's teacher – they will be more than happy to clarify the task.
- Try not to do the homework **for** your child! Encourage them to have a go by themselves.
- Remember that your child is eligible for a library card which entitles them to borrow up to ten free books from Leamington library. This can be helpful if your child needs to research a topic.
- Practise spellings and times tables with your child as often as possible. Mastering these basic building blocks can make a massive difference to your child's learning.
- Read with your child every day and don't forget that bed time story!
- **Remember – even though homework can sometimes be stressful as a parent, becoming involved and taking an interest in your child's education DOES make a positive difference! You are your child's most important teacher.**

Thank you for your support!



Sydenham PTA needs you!

Your Time • Your Suggestions • Your Skills

Your Ideas • Your Enthusiasm • Your Help

We are lucky to have a very active school PTA (Parent Teachers Association) which is also a registered charity. We hold our Annual General Meeting each Autumn Term and welcome all parents. We raise funds to provide a variety of benefits for the children to enjoy at school.

Over the years the PTA have organised and funded many events along with providing additional equipment for the school. Events have included – Children's Discos, Magic Shows, Winter Fayre, Bingo Nights, Christmas Present Wrap Room and Jumble Sales to name a few.

The proceeds from these events have enabled us to provide new starters with a Bookbag each, Leaver's Gifts for Year 6, new reading books for the whole school, Early Excellence resources for Key Stage 1, new toys and games for use during Wet Play and much much more.

However, as our Year 6 pupils leave the school so do their parents, which is why we now need **new** parents with **new** and exciting ideas, to take the PTA forward and enjoy further success.

We hold our AGM (Annual General Meeting) in October and have termly meetings where we discuss events, fundraising opportunities and how to spend our money! Please come along to our AGM on Wednesday 24th October and find out about our future plans and have your say!

Dates for your diary

AGM – Wednesday 24th October 2018

Come along to hear our plans for the school year and if you have any ideas or suggestions for events we could do or areas we could spend the funds, we would love to hear them.

Christmas Present Wrap Room – 10th, 11th and 12th December 2018

Our Christmas Present Wrap Room is always very popular. It is held during the school day and we bring each class to the Present Wrap Room to choose from a wide variety of gifts. They then select who it's for and we help them wrap it, they then bring it home in time for Christmas Day.

Help we need - If you are free on the above dates and would like to help the children wrap presents please let us know!

Jumble Sale – November (Date TBC)

We are also considering holding a Jumble Sale in November and a Disco in January. These events cannot go ahead without enough volunteers to help out.

Help we need - If you would be willing to help set up or sell at the Jumble Sale please get in touch.

Disco – January 2019 (Date TBC)

Help we need - If you'd like to put on your dancing shoes and help supervise the children at the Disco we would love to hear from you!

To help keep you informed of events and the latest updates, the PTA have a Facebook page which can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/sydenhampta. Once you request to join the group, an admin will approve you and you will be able to see all the posts. If you feel you can help in any way, please contact us via email at sydenhampta@outlook.com or alternatively leave your details with someone in the school office and the PTA will be in touch! Many thanks!

Health

This course is available free of charge for parents and carers with children and young-people with additional needs who live in Leamington

For further information please contact: nilamgill@btinternet.com (07761 398041)

Emotional Resilience Building 6 week course

Venue: The Gap Community Centre

38 Oakwood Grove, Warwick

CV34 5TD

Every Friday from

27th September 2018

9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Learn:

- ❖ **What is Emotional Resilience?**
- ❖ **How to Develop Emotional Resilience**
- ❖ **What Changes our Resilience**
- ❖ **Learn Coping Techniques**
- ❖ **Confidence Building Activities**
- ❖ **The Cycle of Resilience**
- ❖ **Resilience as a way of Life**

HEALTH VISITING TEAM CLINICS

Monday	Lillington Children's Centre Mason Avenue, CV32 7QE 01926 887309	10.00-12.00
1 st Tuesday of the month	St Margaret's Centre 103 Whitnash Rd, CV31 2HB 01926 626531 / 626536	1.00-3.00
2 nd & 4 th Wednesday of the month	Kingsway Children's Centre Kingsway School, Baker Avenue, CV31 3HB 01926 626531 / 626536	9.30-11.30
1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of the month	Sydni Centre Cottage Square, Leamington Spa, CV31 1PT 01926 626531/626536	9.30 – 11.30
1 st & 3 rd Thursday of the month	Dale Street Methodist Church Dale St, Leamington Spa CV32 5HL 01926 887309	9.30-11.30
3 rd Thursday of the Month	Warwick Gates Community Centre Cressida Close, Heathcote Warwick CV34 6DZ 01926 626531 / 626536	1.00-3.00
HEALTH VISITING TEAMS		Telephone
Kingsway Team		01926 626531 / 626536
Lillington Team		01926 887309

Warwickshire County Council is consulting with the public, professionals and partners on the services provided through the School Health & Wellbeing Service to ensure they are fit for purpose, good quality and meeting the needs of children and families in Warwickshire.

In order to promote this consultation to teachers, parents and young people, please could you include the text below in your newsletter to parents:

Warwickshire County Council would like to hear your views on the School Health & Wellbeing Service. We would encourage you to visit the website and complete the survey before the closing date of 12th October 2018:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/public-health/school-health-and-wellbeing-service/>



Khalsa Lionesses Football



- * FA qualified, experienced and professional coaches
- * All coaches DBS checked
- * Core values of equality, fairness and respect

- * Focus on developing technical, creative and positive play
- * Structured player development
- * Training 1 evening per week at Sydenham Primary School
- * Delivered by a female coach

We are launching our very first Leamington Khalsa Juniors Girl 's team, the Khalsa Lionesses and are looking for girls in Years 4 and 5 to join our football team. So,

For further details please contact:

Karen Gill or Gotch Mangat (FA Level 1 qualified coaches)

The sessions this year



Respect



Well done to Y5 JvS who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 99%

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y6 KC	98%
Y6 JB	98%
Y1 EL	98%
Y1 JL	98%
Y4 KJ	98%
Y4 CD	98%
Y2 KG	98%
Y3AH	98%
YR RK	97%
YR AH	96%
Y5 CB	95%
Y3 JM	95%
Y2 AP	95%

Please note that our school attendance target is 97%.

The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is



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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.

Tuesday 18th September 2018	Y6 KC (Mrs Christensen) class assembly at 9.15am in the hall.
Tuesday 18th September 2018	Artist, Ros Ingram, working with Y6
Thursday 20th September 2018	Y6 visit to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see “Romeo and Juliet.”
Thursday 20th September 2018	Y4 KJ trip to Priory House.
Friday 21st September 2018	Y4 CD trip to Priory House.
Friday 21st September 2018	YR RK Welcome Meeting at 9.15am in the green, outdoor classroom.
Tuesday 25th September 2018	Y2 KG (Miss Gillespie) class assembly at 10.15am in the hall (please note the later time.)
Tuesday 25th September 2018	Artist, Ros Ingram, working with Y5.
Wednesday 26th September 2018	Individual school photographs.
Friday 28th September 2018	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—children must bring 50p to wear their own clothes.
Friday 28th September 2018	YR AH Welcome Meeting at 9.15am in the green, outdoor classroom.
Tuesday 2nd October 2018	Y1 JL Reading River at 9.15am in the hall—Y1 JL parents and carers welcome.
Tuesday 2nd October 2018	Artist, Ros Ingram, working with Y4.
Week beginning Monday 8th October 2018	Shakespeare Week—“A Comedy of Errors.”
Tuesday 9th October 2018	York Waits concert for KS2 pupils (Renaissance music.)
Tuesday October 9th 2018	Artist, Ros Ingram, working with Y3.
Wednesday 10th October 2018	Y6 JB class assembly at 9.15am in the hall (change of date due to the York Waits concert.)
Monday 22nd October 2018	Y2 KG Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall—Y2 KG parents/carers are invited to attend.

Tuesday 23rd October 2018	Y1 EL Reading River at 9.15am in the hall—Y1 EL Parents/carers are invited to attend.
Tuesday 23rd October 2018	Y2 AP Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall—Y2 AP parents/carers are invited to attend.
Wednesday 24th October 2018	PTA AGM at 6.00pm—all welcome.
Thursday 25th October 2018	Open Morning for prospective Reception parents 2019/20 at 10.00am.
Friday 26th October 2018	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—children must bring 50p to wear their own clothes.

Half-term holiday from Monday 29th October—Friday 2nd November 2018

Monday 5th November 2018	Children return to school.
Monday 5th November 2018	Y6 Warwick District Council visit.
Friday 9th November 2018	Y5 CB perform “The Armed Man” at Warwick Arts’ Centre—more information soon.
Monday 12th November 2018	Y3 JM Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall –Y3 JM parents/carers are invited to attend.
Tuesday 13th November 2018	Y3 AH Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall –Y3 AH parents/carers are invited to attend.
Week beginning Monday 19th November 2018	Language of the Week—Hungarian.
Tuesday 20th November 2018	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 2019/20
Friday 23rd November 2018	School closed for staff training (INSET) - Talk for Writing training, led by Pie Corbett.
Monday 26th November 2018	School closed for staff training (INSET) - Child Protection training, led by Adrian Over.
Wednesday 28th November 2018	Parent’s Evening from 3.30—7.00pm.
Thursday 29th November 2018	Parent’s Evening from 3.30—5.30pm.
Monday 3rd December 2018	Christmas Crafternoon for Reception families.
Wednesday 5th December 2018	Y2 Christmas show at 9.30am.

Wednesday 5th—Friday 7th
December 2018

Y6 residential visit to Marle Hall, Wales.

Monday 10th—Wednesday 12th
December 2018

PTA Present Wrap Room

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

Y3, Y4, 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 19th 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 Monday 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— online training on health and safety, forced marriage and honour based violence, female genital mutilation and safeguarding.



Free Piano

We have a pre-loved piano, free to a good home. Mrs Murphy (our music teacher) has advised that it is suitable for a beginner although its tuning is not perfect. Please let us know if you are interested but note that, although the piano is free of charge, we are unable to transport it to your home.

Sydenham Super Stars!



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Have a lovely weekend!
Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand
(Associate Headteachers)