

Y3 JM Assembly The Vikings



Sydenham was invaded by ferocious Vikings on Tuesday when Y3 JM presented a History themed assembly. Pupils sailed on to stage in their long boat and told us all about the lives of the Vikings—their gods, traditions and pastimes.

Well done to all the children and adults involved in this lovely assembly and thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend.



RSC First Encounters

Julius Caesar



Friends, Romans, Countrymen—lend me your ears!

The Royal Shakespeare Company press office have sent us these fantastic photographs of their performance of Julius Caesar which took place a couple of week's ago in the school hall. The pictures really capture the excitement of the show and illustrate how the actors captivated the imagination of the children in the audience, transporting them to ancient Rome. We will continue to work in partnership with The RSC—more information coming soon.



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YR Trip

Jack and the Beanstalk



Reception pupils have become fascinated with castles during their learning based on the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk."



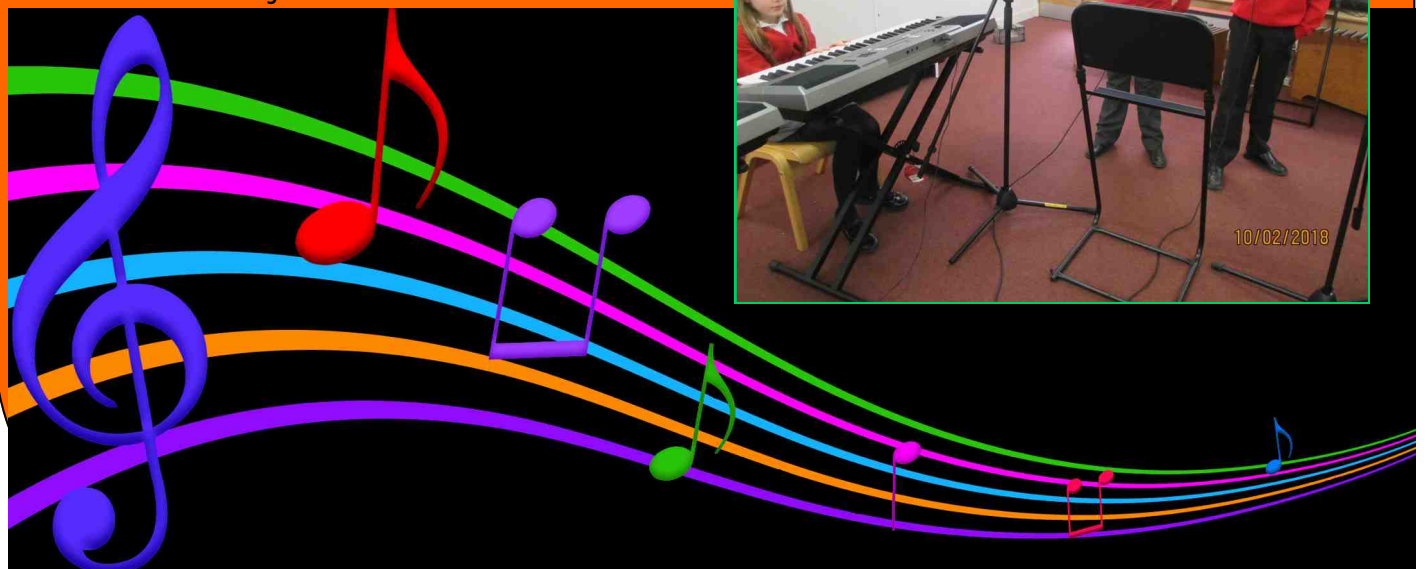
On Wednesday, they visited Kenilworth to make observational drawings of the castle. Thankfully there was no giant in residence! Afterwards, the children warmed themselves up in Costa with a hot chocolate. The children's lovely manners and wonderful behaviour drew lots of praise from members of the public. Well done everyone for making us feel proud.



Rocksteady



Our Rocksteady music lessons are now well underway and pupils seem to be enjoying them a great deal. The pictures above feature one of our fantastic school bands. We can't wait to see them perform as part of the Rocksteady end of term concert!



SPONSORED READ

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading, we will be running a sponsored read between Friday 16th February and Friday 2nd March in conjunction with Usborne Books.

Reading every day really helps children to build confidence and fluency. Even a few minutes a day does make a difference.

Pupils can read anything with words including comics, recipes, e-books and magazines. They can read to themselves, to others or they can be read to.

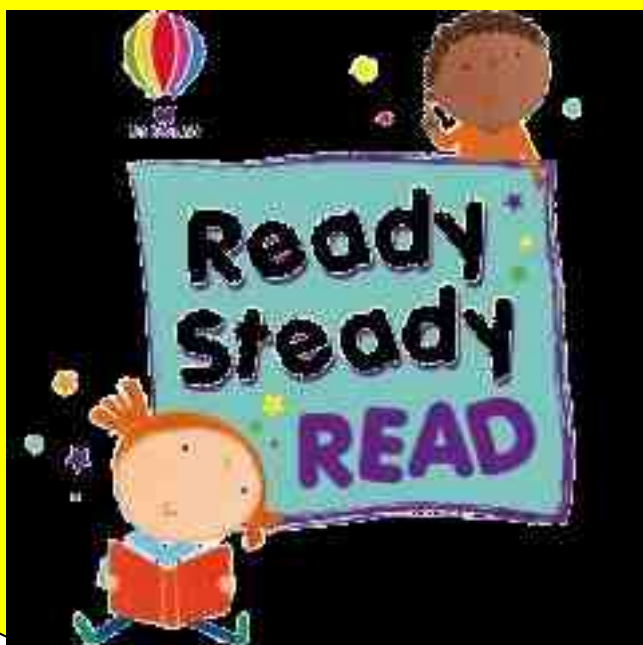
There is no time limit—pupils can read for as little or as long as they choose.

If you would like to support our sponsored read, please complete the reading log sent home with your child (there is a copy on the next page.)

All money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.

In addition, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in extra, free Usborne books.

Please remember that the purpose of the event is to promote reading so please do not feel under pressure to collect sponsorship money. If you do decide to sponsor your child, please return any money to school on Friday 2nd March making any cheques payable to Clare Clarke (our Usborne Books organiser.) Thank you.



For more information, please visit:

www.usborne.com/schools



Reading Log

Sydenham Primary School

Pupil name: Class:

Day	Minutes Read	Total today
Friday 16 th Feb		
Saturday 17 th Feb		
Sunday 18 th Feb		
Monday 19 th Feb		
Tuesday 20 th Feb		
Wednesday 21 st Feb		
Thursday 22 nd Feb		
Friday 23 rd Feb		
Saturday 24 th Feb		
Sunday 25 th Feb		
Monday 26 th Feb		
Tuesday 27 th Feb		
Wednesday 28 th Feb		
Thursday 1 st March		
Friday 2 nd March	Bring your sponsorship form and money to school today - thank you!	

Total minutes read

Reading every day really helps children to build confidence and fluency. Even a few minutes will make a difference! Enjoy your reading!

SPLAT! Update

Miss Glenny is currently working with staff from Clapham Terrace and St Patrick's schools to fund an extension of the SPLAT! Arts' project which we participated in last year.

Three funding bids are being made to cover the cost of professional artists working in school and visits to nationally recognised arts' venues. Warwick Arts' Centre are also applying for additional funding to pay for a second SPLAT! Community festival in Jephson Gardens. If we are successful in our bids, work on the project will commence September 2018.

Pupils gained lots of skills and enjoyment from participating in SPLAT! Fingers crossed that we will be successful.



Here are some previously unseen photographs of last summer's SPLAT! Festival to remind us just how brilliant it was.

Other news: We are also hoping that Reception will work with Motionhouse in the summer term on a dance project called "The Hundred Languages."



Bag2School

A collection bag has come home with all children last week.

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



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:

Y2 HC	97%
Y6	97%
Y1 MBB	96%
Y3 AH	96%
Y5 CB	96%
Y3 JM	95%
Y4 KG	95%
Y4 KJ	94%
YR AH	92%
Y1 JL	92%
YR RK	91%
Y2 ES	91%

Please note that our school attendance target is 97%.

The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%. Low attendance results in poorer educational progress and attainment.

Diary Dates

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.
Wednesday 28th February 2018	Y3 Viking visitor in school!
Thursday 1st March 2018	World Book Day
Thursday 1st March 2018	Japanese teachers visiting school.
Thursday 1st March 2018	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.
Wednesday 14th March 2018	Book Van at school—cut price books for sale.
Thursday 15th March 2018	YR parents invited to play board games, 9.00—9.30am (No YR superstars this week.)
Thursday 15th March 2018	Book Van in school—cut price books for sale.
Friday 16th March 2018	YR parents invited to play board games, 2.30—3.15pm
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.
Wednesday 28th February 2018	Bayleaf Cookery School assembly.
Thursday 29th March 2018	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day.
Thursday 29th March 2018	BREAK UP for the Easter holidays.

Sydenham Super Stars!



Reading Assembly

There was no KS2 Celebration Assembly this week as we were visited by Clare, our Usborne books organiser. Clare spoke to the whole school about the joy of reading and how wonderful it would be if pupils could read every day over the half-term holiday. Happy reading!



Have a relaxing half-term.
Best wishes from Miss Glenny
(Associate Headteacher)