

Online Safety Quality Mark 360 Degree Safe

We are very pleased to inform you that school has once again been awarded the prestigious 360 Online Safety Quality Mark in recognition of the work we do to safeguard pupils when using the Internet.

Sarah Fitzgerald, our online safety assessor, visited school last Wednesday to check our website, scrutinise a portfolio of evidence, talk to pupils and also interview teachers, teaching assistants, support staff, senior leaders and governors. Sarah was very impressed with what she saw and is currently writing a full report which will be made available to parents/carers on our school website.

Thank you to Mr Hawes, our Computing Subject Leader, who led the process and worked incredibly hard putting together our application. It is very reassuring to know that families at Sydenham are receiving the best possible advice and support regarding this important safeguarding issue.



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Y2 ES Class Assembly

Y2 ES performed a lovely assembly on Tuesday morning on the theme of caring for others. The children shared their learning in RE, focussing on the Jewish festival of Sukkot and the Christian story of The Good Samaritan. They also shared some wise words about caring for the environment and being a good friend, finishing off with a wonderful song. Well done!



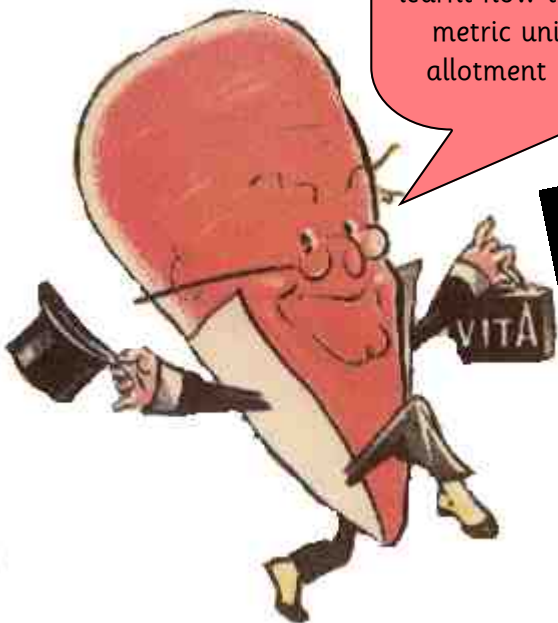


Y5 Dig For Victory!



In History, Year 5 have been learning about rationing during World War Two and the government's Dig For Victory campaign. As part of this, pupils learnt how to convert imperial to metric units and cleared the allotment ready for planting.

Children were fascinated to learn how little food there was for a family of four during the war. They also enjoyed making some Second World War recipes from limited ingredients including carrot jam!



Educaterers Visit



In assembly on Monday morning, we were visited by Julie and Phillippa from Educaterers—the company in charge of our school kitchen. They talked to the children about the importance of a balanced diet and introduced the idea of eating a “food rainbow” (fruit and vegetables that are a variety of colours and contain a range of essential vitamins.) Children enjoyed seeing lots of unusual and exotic foods and had fun placing them in the correct food groups.

Educaterers also introduced the fantastic competition they are holding. Pupils are being asked to design, draw and label a healthy meal on a special template (sent out with homelearning yesterday (Thursday 15th March.) The two winning entries will be cooked in the school kitchen for everyone to enjoy—what a brilliant prize! The closing date for competition entries is Monday 19th March.

Pupils also brought home a letter from Warwickshire County Council this week encouraging families to claim for free school meals as we believe many parents/carers may be unaware that they are entitled to this benefit. School receives extra funding from the government for all children in receipt of free school meals so we would encourage all families to claim if they meet the criteria.

School Meals



Y2 Forest School

Y2 HC have had fun learning in Forest School this term. Here, you can see them making sculptures inspired by the picture book "Where The Wild Things Are" using natural materials.

Children made a mud base for their monster sculptures before adding twigs, stones, dried grass, leaves and pine cones to make the facial features.

The children were very proud of their wild creations!



Outdoor Learning



Y4 Literacy



Dear Mum, Dad and Shalika,

I am writing to you to tell you about what a great time I'm having in Tobago.

Surprisingly, it was a bumpy ride, however, it was all worth it. When I landed on the breath taking, golden island the wind started whistling merrily. I could see the pristine, tropical sand shimmering in the sunlight and the rare, beautiful trees were showing off their umbrella-like canopy, jam packed with emeralds. The clouds were doing their thing, making pretty patterns in the sky and the soft sand was lying there waiting to be built in to a sandcastle. In the distance, a crystal sea was peaceful and calm. It was paradise.

Behind a palm tree, people were singing and dancing to their traditional music. The smell of tender fish made my tummy rumble. I tasted some grated coconut and soft bananas and even felt brave enough to feel the rough scales of a lizard.

This is the best trip ever!

With love from Anshika.

Y4 are continuing their Literacy unit of work based on a story set in Tobago. Last week they imagined they were on the island and wrote letters home.



All aboard... we're off to Tobago!

Y1 Phonics Session for Parents/Carers



Thank you to all the Year 1 parents and carers who were able to attend our phonics information session this week. The session gave important information about how we teach phonics in school and how parents/carers can support the acquisition of different sounds to help with reading and writing. Staff also shared information about the Year 1 statutory phonics screen which will be undertaken in June.

Signing In and Out of School

You may have noticed that a new digital signage system has been installed in the reception area outside the office. This will enable you to quickly and efficiently sign your children in and out of school if they arrive late in the morning or need to be taken for a medical appointment. All staff, visitors, volunteers and contractors are also required to sign in and out digitally. The system is an important safeguarding measure as it ensures that our registers are accurate and we have a clear idea of adults in the building in the event of an emergency evacuation .

When signing in or out, please follow the on-screen instructions. If you have any difficulties, please speak to a member of our office staff as they will be very happy to help.

Parking

Please park sensibly if you are using The Children's Centre and take care not to block in members of school staff who are also using the car park and may need to leave the premises to attend to business off site..

Please also remember that parents/carers are **not** allowed to use the school car park when picking up or dropping off unless they hold a blue, disabled badge. This is for reasons of health and safety. **We do have families at Sydenham who need to legitimately access the disabled parking space so it is essential to keep this area free.**

St George's Day Best of England Lunch Menu

Monday 23rd April 2018



Harry Ramsden's Seaside Battered Fish

with Chips Mr. Ramsden opened his first fish and chip restaurant in Guiseley, West Yorkshire in 1883 and went on to build a business that today, sells over 4 million portions of fish and chips, every year. Considered to be such an important part of the British diet, fish and chips remained unrationed throughout WWII.

(v only) Linda McCartney Veggie Sausages with Chips

Garden Peas
or Baked Beans

(v) Homemade Jam Tart
or Fresh Fruit



The 23rd April is also the birthday of Warwickshire's most famous son, William Shakespeare the English poet and playwright.

"Tis an ill cook that cannot lick his own fingers."

From Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare



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The group meets every Wednesday during school term time.

Morning group: 9.30am to 12.00 noon

Afternoon group: 1.00 to 3.30pm

Westbury Centre, Westlea Road, Leamington Spa, CV31 3JE.

For further information, phone:

Grace Newman: 01926 770924

Helena Godwin: 01926 743358

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www.warwickdc.gov.uk/leisure



Diary Dates

Monday 19th March 2018	Closing date for Educaterers competition.
Monday 19th March 2018	Level 2 Bikeability course for Y5/6 until Thursday 22nd March.
Friday 23rd March 2018	Level 1 Bikeability course for Y4.
Monday 26th March 2018	No teacher-led clubs this week.
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.
Thursday 29th March 2018	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes.
Thursday 29th March 2018	Easter egg raffle being drawn.
Thursday 29th March 2018	BREAK UP for the Easter holidays.

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 16th May 2018	Return to school after the Easter holiday.
Monday 16th April 2018	No teacher-led clubs this week.
Thursday 19th - Friday 20th April 2018	Y5 residential trip to The Think Tank and Sealife Centre.
Monday 23rd April 2018	Rocksteady assembly for participating families from 2.30pm—3.00pm in the hall.
Thursday 26h—Friday 27th April 2018	Y4 residential to Stratford.
Friday 25th May 2018	Break up.

Don't forget to enter our Easter egg raffle. To participate, bring 50p to school using the envelope sent home with your child. There will be a winner in each class (raffle being drawn on Thursday 29th March 2018.)

Sydenham Super Stars!



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Have a happy weekend!
From Miss Glenny (Associate Headteacher)