

Y3 Trip Jephson Gardens

As part of their science learning on plants, Year 3 visited Jephson Gardens last Friday. The children saw a huge variety of different flowers & plants and greatly enjoyed the morning.



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YR Dance Workshop

Motionhouse began their dance workshops with Reception pupils this week. You can see them below sharing their story ideas and experimenting with different characters who could be included in their dance.



Data Collection

We are still waiting for some families to return their completed "Consent Form for the Recording and Use of Images." It is very important that you do this so that we are compliant with new data protections laws which come in to place on May 25th.

If you have lost your form, please ask the office to provide you with a replacement.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Walk To School Week

Walk To School Week runs from Monday 21st May until Friday 25th May 2018.

Walking is fun, sociable, healthy and, by helping to reduce the number of cars on the road, it's also good for the environment. With all these benefits, we would be thrilled if as many families as possible to travel to school by foot during this week. If you drive to school, why not try parking a few street's away so that you are increasing the distance you would normally walk—every little helps!

Your child will soon be bringing home a diary which contains a fun activity to complete each time they walk to school. Every pupil who manages to walk for a whole week can claim a free packet of sunflower seeds to plant as a reward.

Thank you to everybody who is able to participate.



KS1 SAT's

Throughout the month of May, Y2 pupils will be sitting their statutory SAT's tests in Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation and Maths.

We appreciate that the children are very young and aim to make the testing process as stress-free as possible. Children work through the test papers in small groups, out of the classroom with an adult supervising their work (which must be independent.) Regular breaks, drinks and healthy snacks are offered and most children are unaware that they are sitting a test.

Test papers are marked in school by class teachers. Teachers also assess each pupil's attainment in writing based upon the work they have done in class throughout the year. The results of the tests will be shared with parents/carers in end of year school reports.

If you have any queries about the tests, please get in touch with Miss Styles, Miss Cullinan, Miss Challand or Miss Glenny.

KS2 SAT's

Good luck to pupils in Y6 who take their SAT's exams in Reading, Mathematics, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar next week.

The administration of these tests is very different to those in KS1. Pupils sit each test paper in the hall under strict exam conditions. Test papers are sent away for external marking and the results shared in end of year school reports. Mrs Christensen will assess each pupil's attainment in writing and her decisions will be checked by a trained moderator working on behalf of the Local Authority.

All pupils have been very well prepared for their SAT's and we aim to make the process as stress free as possible. We have every confidence that the children will all try their very best!

Farewell



Good luck!

It is with great regret that we say goodbye to Mr Tracey at the end of this half-term. Mr Tracey has been a much loved teaching assistant at Sydenham for several years, working across the school. He has offered excellent support to many children in the classroom, attended residential trips and run Animation and Cycling after school clubs as well as supporting our Kayaking Club. Mr Tracey has also been on the playground every lunchtime organising and refereeing football matches—this is no mean feat!

Mr Tracey will be taking up a new post at Vitsoe, who have been designing and making furniture for 50 years and have recently relocated to Leamington. Mr Tracey has a degree in creative arts and this position will make the most of his artistic and construction talents.

We intend to keep in touch with Mr Tracey and hope to forge links between school and Vitsoe who are a company very keen to support education.

Educaterer's Recipe Card



Ingredients

- 180g plain flour
- 75g cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp baking powder
- 250g caster sugar
- 250g cooked beetroot puréed or finely grated
- 3 eggs, beaten well
- 200ml vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- Icing sugar for dusting

Method

1. Heat oven to 180°C (330°F, Gas Mark 4) and orange paper muffin cases in a 12 mould muffin tin.
2. Sift the flour, cocoa powder and baking powder into a bowl. Mix in the sugar (dry ingredients).
3. In a separate bowl, thoroughly mix the beetroot, eggs, vanilla and oil together (wet ingredients).
4. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients, add the wet ingredients and lightly mix together, the flour needs to be well incorporated but it should not be over mixed.
5. Divide the mixture evenly between the muffin cases and bake for approximately 30 minutes or until the top is firm when pressed with a finger.
6. Cool on a wire rack; dust with icing sugar and serve.



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Homelearning Competition

Make a Model Boat

Leamington Canal Festival is being held on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June 2018.

As part of the festival, there will be a model boat competition and we would love you to enter on behalf of Sydenham Primary School!

COMPETTION RULES

- Models can be made using any materials.
- Boats do **NOT** need to float.
- Models must be no longer than 24 inches or 70cm long.
- Finished models must be taken to the festival. Judging will take place at 4.00pm on Sunday 24th June. Stewards, wearing hi-vis jackets, will direct you to a gazebo where you can leave your model ready for judging.
- Label your model with your name, age and school.
- Stick a photograph of your model in your Homelearning book.



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**Well done to YR RK, Y3 AH, Y3 JM,
Y5 JvS, Y6 and Y1 JL who had the
highest attendance at school this week
with a brilliant 100%**

Attendance for other classes this week (as of
Thursday PM) was as follows:

Y1 MBB	98%
Y2 ES	98%
Y4 KG	98%
YR AH	97%
Y2 HC	97%
Y4 KJ	97%
Y5 CB	97%

**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

Please note that some dates may be subject to change at short notice. In these cases we will notify parents/carers using our text messaging service.

Monday 14th—Thursday 17th May 2018	KS2 SAT's tests.
Tuesday 15th May 2018	Y1 class assembly CANCELLED DUE TO SAT'S
Monday 21st May 2018	No teacher-led clubs this week.
Monday 21st—Friday 25th May 2018	Walk To School Week.
Monday 21st—Friday 25th May 2018	RE Week.
Monday 21st May 2018	Cultural Diversity Day.
Tuesday 22nd May 2018	Y4 class assembly at 9.15am in the hall. (Change of date)
Friday 25th May 2018	BREAK UP
Tuesday 5th June 2018	Return to school.
Tuesday 5th June 2018	Y6 class assembly at 9.15am in the hall.
Friday 8th June 2018	School photographer visiting—individual pictures.
Monday 11th—Friday 15th June 2018	Y1 Statutory Phonics Screening.
Tuesday 19th June 2018	Y5 class assembly at 9.15am in the hall.
Thursday 21st June 2018	Performance of "100 Languages" dance piece to YR parents at 2.45pm
Friday 25th May 2018	MUFTI Day—bring 50p to wear non-uniform.
Wednesday 27th June 2018	Y6 children visit their secondary schools.
Tuesday 26th June 2018	Y2 class assembly at 9.15am in the hall. (Change of date due to KS1 SAT's)
Friday 29th June 2018	MUFTI Day—bring 50p to wear non-uniform.
Tuesday 3rd July 2018	Y3 class assembly at 9.15am in the hall.
Wednesday 4th July 2018	KS2 Sport's Day (AM) —time to be confirmed.
Tuesday 10th July 2018	YR/KS2 Sport's Day (AM) - time to be confirmed.
Wednesday 11th July 2018	Changeover Day (children meet their new teacher.)

Please note that Monday 4th June is an IN-SET day so school will be closed.

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Have a relaxing weekend.
Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand (Associate Headteachers)