



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 29 (Goals of Education.)

Sydenham Primary School Newsletter



Year 2 Assembly Chocolate!



Year Two presented an amusing and informative assembly on Tuesday about chocolate! Pupils have read Roald Dahl's classic story "The Chocolate Factory" and were inspired to learn all about where beans grow and how they are transformed into chocolate. The children even visited the Cadbury chocolate factory in Birmingham to further their learning. Well done to everyone involved in this lovely assembly.

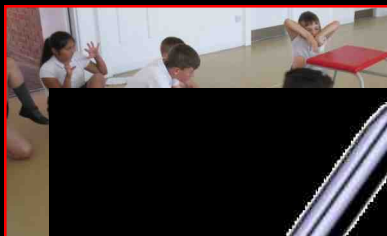




UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 231(Leisure, Play and Culture.)



RSC Playmaker's Festival



RSC Mentor-Director, Kim Sykes, visited school on Tuesday to help prepare Y4 KG's performance of Macbeth which will be premiered at The Playmaker's Festival on July 5th 2018. Pupils are learning a great deal from the preparation process which involves high levels of concentration, dedication, perseverance and team work. Keep up the good work, children!

Macbeth

Phew! What a Scorcher!



It's been a week of beautifully hot and sunny weather. To help keep everybody cool, on Tuesday and Thursday, school bought ice lollies for everyone! Pupils really enjoyed this special treat.



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:
Article 24 (Health.)**



Canal Festival Competition



Well done to all the children who entered a model boat in to the Canal Festival competition last weekend. There were entries from schools all over Leamington and several of our pupils received medals but the overall winner of the competition was Isaac in Y1! Isaac was presented with this wonderful, golden trophy in recognition his fantastic model narrow boat. Isaac's model is incredibly well observed and includes details such as porthole windows, a pot of flowers and even a hand-sewn, canvas cover to keep the boat's cargo safe and dry. A worthy winner, indeed!

Football Winners



Last weekend, some of our Year 4 pupils took part in a football tournament, playing for their team Leamington Hib's. They managed to get through all the qualifying rounds and went on to win the tournament on penalties! Congratulations, boys.

Parking

We have received a complaint from a parent that some families are driving dangerously, at high speed, on to and away from the school site. **Please do NOT park on the school grounds when dropping off or collecting your child from school.** The car park is for the use of staff, blue disabled badge holders and authorised visitors only. This is to ensure the safety of our pupils.

Occasionally, at the start and end of the day, our caretaker has to open the gates to allow delivery vehicles access to the school. This does **not** mean that families may also use the car park.

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation in this matter. We appreciate you abiding by the school rules in order to keep our children safe.

Photographs of your Child

As you know, all parents/carers have recently completed a Consent Form for the Recording and Use of Images. This is because the law about how we store and share your personal data (GDPR) changed on May 25th. If you informed us that you do not want your child's photograph to appear on the school website, from today, their face will be masked in any group shots featured in the newsletter by a "smiley" icon.

If you have not yet completed this form or wish to change your mind about how we use your child's picture, **please inform the office.**

PE Kit

If you are buying new PE clothes for your child over the summer holiday, please remember that children must wear standard kit for all sports' lessons.

Pupils are expected to have black shorts, a plain red or white T shirt and trainers (not pumps.) For colder weather they will also need black jogging bottoms and a plain sweat top or hoody. Local supermarkets supply all these items at a reasonable price.

To avoid embarrassment to your child, please make sure that clothing is not too small. Please also avoid skimpy clothing such as crop tops or cycling shorts which do not properly cover your child's body.

Please note that Onside Coaches have informed us that, from September, girls will NOT be allowed to wear crop tops at Dance Club. Boys/girls at Football Club must also remember to bring their own shin pads.

School Meals

We have been informed by our Catering Service, Educaterers that the price of a school meal, with effect from 1 September 2018, will be £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week)

Parents/Carers of Children in Year 2

Your child will have brought home a letter this week explaining that they are currently entitled to a free school meal under the Government's Universal Free School Meal Scheme and children from Reception class up to and including Year 2 are eligible.

In September 2018, if you wish your child to continue to have school meals, the cost will be £2.20 per day.

Breakfast Club and Butterflies Club

If you are a current user of either our Breakfast Club or Butterflies After School Club, your child will have brought home a letter and new contract this week. We require you to complete and return a new contract for September 2018 to enable us to plan for adequate staffing. Please return all forms by 29 June 2018.

With effect from 1 September 2018 if you have booked a session in either breakfast or butterflies you will be charged for that session unless you have previously notified us of any cancellations (full details are set out in the letter and contract)

We have taken the decision to increase the price of both our Breakfast and Butterflies clubs with effect from 1 September in line with increasing costs for staffing, food and resources. With effect from 1 September 2018, the cost for breakfast club is £4 per day and the cost for butterflies club is £4 for one hour and £8.00 for two hours.

If you are not a current user of this service but require a place from September 2018, please ask the school office for a Contract.

Thank you

After School Clubs

Your child should have brought home letters this week regarding the following exciting after school clubs which are starting in September 2018:

- FREE family cookery course, led by Bayleaf Cookery School.
- Children's cookery course, led by Bayleaf Cookery School (cost £59.80 for 13 weeks.)
- KS2 sewing club, led by Tilly and Nell's Sewing School (cost £31.50 for seven weeks.)

As the school has doubled in size, there is growing demand for after school clubs. We have, therefore, turned to external providers to increase the number of clubs on offer. We appreciate that these clubs are expensive but have tried to source activities of a very high quality which will teach pupils a range of skills.

Please be reassured that we will continue to run our free, teacher-led clubs in the Autumn term. We know that budgets are tight for many families and are committed to offering clubs at no cost which enrich our curriculum. We will soon be sending out our usual clubs' letter and will do our best to offer as many pupils as possible at least one free club of their choice.

Y2 Yoga

Year Two kept cool this week by enjoying yoga sessions outside in the shade. What a great way to take a brain break!



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Well done to Y1 MBB and Y4 KJ who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 99%

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y1 JL	98%
Y3 JM	98%
Y5 CB	98%
Y5 JvS	98%
Y2 ES	98%
Y2 HC	98%
Y6	95%
Y4 KG	95%
Y3 AH	92%
YR AH	92%
YR RK	88%

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

Tuesday 3rd July 2018	Y3 class assembly at 9.15am in the hall.
Tuesday 3rd July 2018	KS2 Sports' Day at 10.00am.
Tuesday 3rd July 2018	YR trip—The Mad Museum and boat cruise.
Thursday 5th July 2018	RSC Playmaker's Festival— Y4 KG performing an excerpt from "Macbeth."
Friday 6th July 2018	Y3 trip to Chedworth Villa.
Friday 6th July 2018	PTA AGM at 5.30pm in the staffroom.
Monday 9th July 2018	Consortium Science Challenge Day.
Tuesday 10th July 2018	YR/KS1 Sport's Day at 9.30am.
Wednesday 11th July 2018	Changeover Day (children meet their new teacher.)
Friday 13th July 2018	Y1 Castle Day.
Friday 13th July 2018	Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am in the hall.
Monday 16th July 2018	Farmer's Market, 3.20pm on the playground.
Tuesday 17th July 2018	Y4 Geography trip to Newbold Comyn.
Tuesday 17th July 2018	Y6 Leavers' Dinner at 6.15pm.
Tuesday 17th July 2018	Rocksteady concert at 2.30pm.
Friday 20th July 2018	BREAK UP for the summer holiday.

Children return to school on Monday 3rd September 2018 for the new academic year.

INSET Days for the Forthcoming Academic Year

School will be closed for staff training (INSET) on the following days during the next academic year:

- Friday 23rd November 2018—Talk for Writing training, led by Pie Corbett.
- Monday 26th November 2018—Child Protection training, led by Adrian Over.
- Monday 7th January 2019—Online Health and Safety, Prevent and Safeguarding training.
- Thursday 24th January 2019—Formative Assessment training, led by Shirley Clarke.

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