



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

Year 3 Assembly



The Rotten Romans

Year Three parents and carers were treated to a fantastic assembly on Tuesday, all about the Romans. Pupils shared a host of interesting facts about Roman life, covering topics such as slavery, gladiator combat and religion. Pupils also sang a



fabulous song and even acted out some parts of William Shakespeare's famous play, "Julius Caesar". Well done to all the children who participated and thank you to the adults who were able to attend the performance.





KS2 Sport's Day



The sun shone on our Key Stage Two Sport's Day this year. The event, which was organised by our brilliant Onside coaches, was great fun and included events such as tug of war, throwing, netball and jumping with a ball between the knees!



The morning ended with 100m sprint races—an exciting finish! Pupils were competing for their “house” - either Jephson, Victoria, Brooke or Newbold. We will announce the winning house once all the points have been added up.



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Reception Trip



Reception enjoyed a lovely day out in Stratford this week. Pupils visited the MAD museum where they explored the interactive, mechanical works of art and design on display. They then ate lunch in the park and took a leisurely boat cruise down the river Avon. Staff and volunteers were all very impressed with the children's excellent behaviour. Well done, everyone!

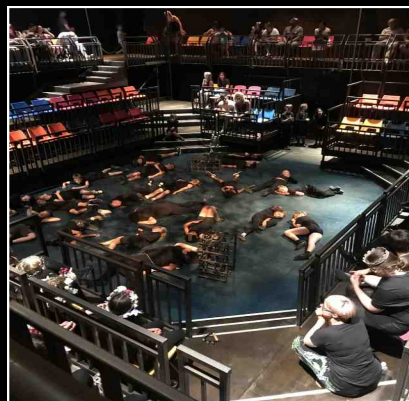


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Stratford MAD Museum

RSC Playmaker's Festival

We were all immensely proud of Y4 KG on Thursday when they performed scenes from "Macbeth" in front of a live audience at The Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford. Pupils spent the whole day with the RSC and experienced technical and dress rehearsals before their big moment on the stage. They showed real perseverance, patience and team work, pulling off a show-stopping final performance! A huge thank you to Miss Gillespie and Mr Sidgewick who have put lots of time and effort in to this project, with wonderful results.



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Peace



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19 (Protection from Violence.)

Y5 Science Lesson at Campion



Y5 CB visited Campion this week for a Science lesson. Pupils learnt about chemical reactions and made "fools gold." Brilliant!



New Morning Arrangements

You should have received an email this week explaining that we have decided to change the way you drop your child off at school in the morning.

From September 2018, each teacher will open their external classroom door between 8.45am and 8.55am to allow entry to school. Teachers will be standing at their door, ready to greet pupils, between these times. Children will enter through their classroom door, proceed to the cloakroom to hang up their coats (supervised by a teaching assistant) and then return to the classroom to complete their Early Morning Task and answer the register. Parents will NOT be allowed to enter the classroom or any other part of the school for safeguarding reasons.

Please note that classroom doors will close promptly at 8.55am. After this time, your child will need to be signed in as late at the school office (using our digital signage system.)

WE WILL BE TRIALLING THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF THIS TERM - Monday 16th July 2018, Tuesday 17th July 2018, Wednesday 18th July 2018, Thursday 19th July 2018 and Friday July 20th 2018.

We hope that the new arrangements will have several benefits:

- Children can get straight on with their learning.
- There will be no hold-ups in the line which can be frustrating for parents/carers who need to get to work on time.
- Congestion in doorways and cloakrooms will be reduced.
- The playground will be more orderly.
- Problems with parking may be eased as the morning drop off will be staggered.
- Parents/carers with more than one child will no longer have to choose which line to wait in!

Please note that the teacher will be available at the door each morning to receive important messages about your child. However, if you require a longer conversation, please arrange a mutually convenient time at the end of the school day with the class teacher.

Please be prepared for these new arrangements, week beginning Monday 16th July 2018. Reminders will be given via the school newsletter and out text messaging service. Miss Glenny will also be waiting by the main gate to point you in the direction of your child's classroom door.



Well done to Y5 JvS who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 100%

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y3 JM	99%
Y4 KG	98%
Y2 ES	98%
Y1 JL	98%
Y6	98%
Y5 CB	97%
Y3 AH	97%
YR AH	96%
Y2 HC	95%
Y1 MBB	94%
Y4 KG	93%
YR RK	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

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	Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am in the hall.
Monday 16th July 2018	Farmer's Market, 3.20pm on the playground.
Monday 16th July 2018	Change of date: Y1 Castle Day and party!
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.

Chinese Visitors

We welcomed ten visitors from China in to school this week. Our guests, who are education lecturers from Shaanxi University, are on a cultural exchange programme organised by Warwick University. They came to Sydenham to learn more about the way the UK education system operates and were particularly impressed with the way we educate pupils with English as an Additional Language as well as those with additional needs. Our visitors praised the teaching of phonics, mathematics and English and thought our focus on children's welfare and wellbeing was excellent.



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Enjoy the big match on Saturday! See you all again on Monday.
Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand (Associate Headteachers)