



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

# Year 6 Leavers

It is with some sadness, but a great deal of pride, that we wave goodbye this week to our wonderful Year Six class. We have watched these children grow for many years now and have constantly been amazed by their many talents and achievements. We are immensely proud of every single member of the class and wish each one of them good luck on the next stage of their learning journey.



# Class of 2018



International  
School Award  
2010-2013



Healthy Schools



SILVER  
2008



Extended  
Services  
Warwickshire





★ Class of 2018



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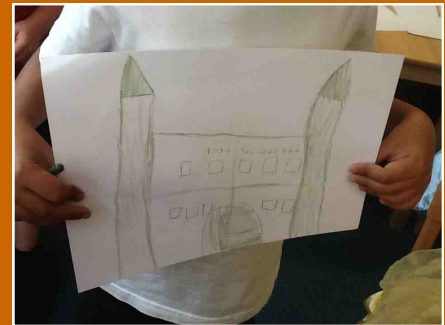
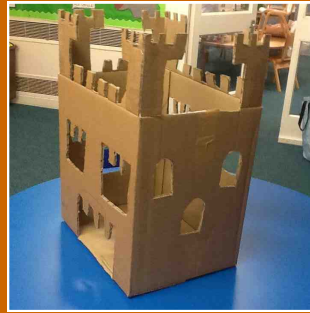
# ♥ Y6 Leavers' Dinner ♥

The move from primary to secondary school is a significant milestone in a child's life. To mark this event, Year Six turned out in their finest party wear on Tuesday evening to enjoy a special dinner and disco. Our fabulous school cook, Ann, served up a melon starter followed by lasagne, garlic bread, salad and potato wedges. For dessert, the children enjoyed chocolate gateau and cream. Yum! Thank you to Ann and her able assistant, Celia, for preparing the lovely meal.



During Year One's cross-curricular Castle Day, children completed a carousel of activities including making a medieval banquet out of play dough, castle art work using charcoal and water colour paints, making a knight, and building castles out of blocks. The afternoon was spent playing Castle games including 'Sleeping Dragons' and 'Castle Attack' followed by party food.

What a wonderful day of learning!



Y1 Castle Day

# Farmer's Market

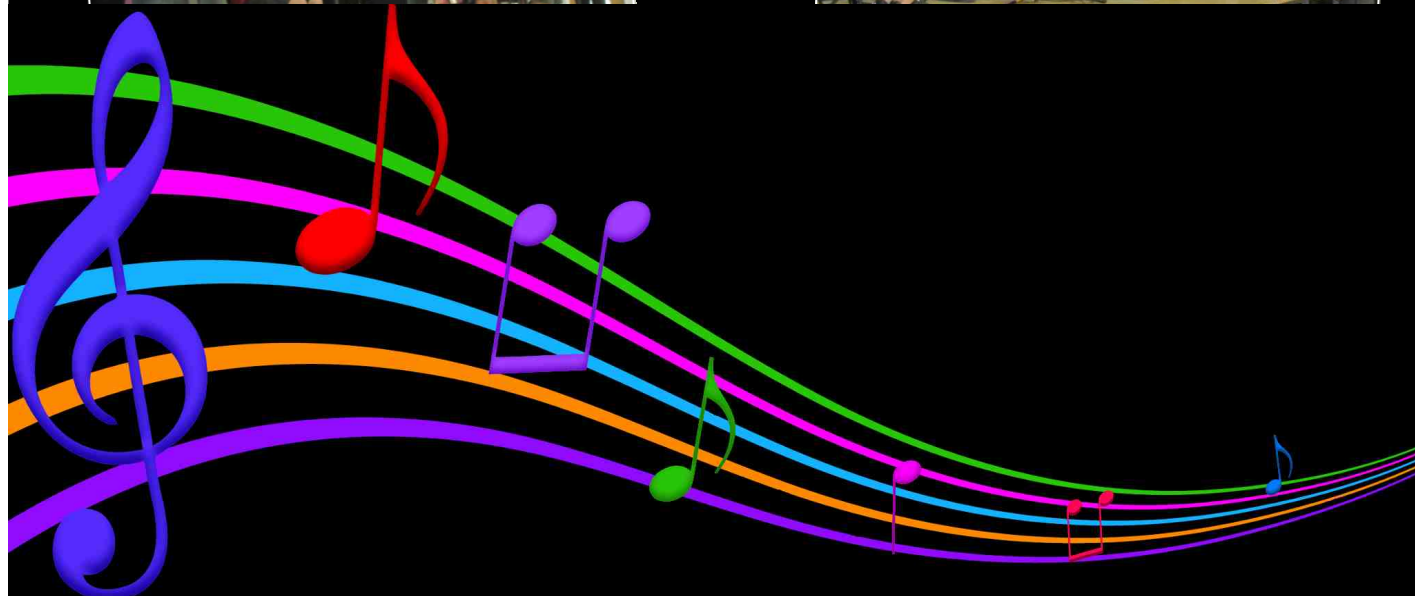


Our Farmer's Market on Monday raised an amazing £111.00. There were lots of lovely home made and home grown things to buy including plants, chutney, scones, cakes, seed bombs and salad bags. Well done to each class on their efforts!

# Rocksteady Concert

Parents/carers enjoyed a fantastic Rocksteady concert on Monday. Our Sydenham rock stars played a range of tunes, culminating in a rip-roaring finale of "Ghostbusters." All the children have really developed their ability to play in time, listen to their band mates and accurately play their instrument but it is the growth in confidence which is truly wonderful to see.

A huge thank you to James, our Rocksteady teacher, for working so hard with the children.



# Swimming

Swimming and water safety are a statutory part of your child's education. The National Curriculum 2014 states that, by the end of the primary phase of education, all pupils must be able to:

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres.
- Use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.)
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

In order to ensure that school is meeting its statutory requirements and each pupil reaches the required standard, we are changing our arrangements for school swimming lessons.

As explained in the letter sent out this week to our current Y4 families, from September 2018 Year Five will swim all year. **All pupils in Y5 JvS will swim during the Autumn Term and all pupils in Y5 CB during the Spring Term. In the Summer Term, children from both classes who have not yet met the required standard will swim** (those pupils who are confident swimmers will remain in school to participate in a PE lesson led by Onside Coaches.)

Please note that there will no longer be school swimming lessons for Years Three and Four.

# Reports

We hope you enjoyed reading your child's end of year report. We try to make our reports as personal as possible and hope that you will keep them for many years to come. Thank you to all parents/carers who have returned their feedback form—your thoughts and opinions are very important to us and help to inform future decisions.

We would like to say a massive thank you our office administrator, **Kiran Bains**, who was responsible for emailing the reports plus attachments. This was a huge job (made even more difficult by the fact that our network box over-heated, causing the internet to stop working on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning!) Kiran has worked tirelessly to ensure that all 390 reports have arrived safely at the correct destination. This is a very stressful job and I'm sure you agree that she is a true Sydenham Superstar!

# Extra-Special Superstars



We had some extra superstars this week in the guise of Miss Cullinan, Miss Styles and Mrs Bartley-Bond who, sadly, are all leaving to pursue fresh adventures in September. Lucas also achieved a special certificate and badge for making a brilliant effort with his behaviour and learning. What a great way to end the school year!



We are thrilled to announce that we have achieved our Silver, School Games Mark. Well done to all the children who have participated in sporting activities this year and thank you to our PE Coordinator, Mr Lee. Next year we are going for gold!

SCHOOL  
GAMES



## SYDENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

has achieved the Silver School Games Mark  
award for their commitment, engagement and  
delivery of competitive school sport in 2017/18





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

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y4 KJ	97%
YR AH	93%
Y2 ES	93%
Y2 HC	93%
Y4 KG	93%
Y5 JvS	93%
Y3 JM	90%
YR RK	87%

**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 diary dates are correct at the time of publication but they are subject to change, sometimes at short notice, due to matters beyond our control.*

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

Monday 3rd September 2018	Y3 Welcome Meeting for Y3 parents/carers in the hall from 5.30—6.15pm.
Tuesday 4th September 2018	Y1 Welcome Meeting for Y3 parents/carers in the hall from 5.30—6.15pm.
Wednesday 5th September 2018	Y6 Welcome Meeting for Y3 parents/carers in the hall from 5.30—6.15pm.
Friday 7th September 2018	Y5 visit to The Space Centre.
Monday 10th September 2018	Y2 Welcome Meeting for Y3 parents/carers in the hall from 5.30—6.15pm.
Tuesday 11th September 2018	Y4 Welcome Meeting for Y3 parents/carers in the hall from 5.30—6.15pm.
Wednesday 12th September 2018	Y5 Welcome Meeting for Y3 parents/carers in the hall from 5.30—6.15pm.
Tuesday 18th September 2018	Y6 KC (Mrs Christensen) class assembly at 9.15am in the hall.
Thursday 20th September 2018	Y6 visit to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see “Romeo and Juliet.”
Tuesday 25th September 2018	Y2 KG (Miss Gillespie) class assembly at <b>10.15am</b> in the hall (please note the later time.)
Wednesday 26th September 2018	Individual school photographs.
Friday 28th September 2018	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—children must bring 50p to wear their own clothes.
Tuesday 9th October 2018	Y6 JB (Mrs Birch) class assembly at 9.15am in the hall.


## **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.



**Happy Holiday!**

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