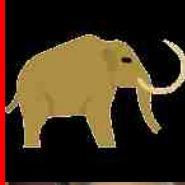


Y3 AH Class Assembly The Stone Age



Y3 AH took us back in time to the Stone Age on Tuesday when they performed their fabulous class assembly.

Travelling in Doctor Who's Tardis, pupils introduced us to the palaeolithic people who lived 2.5 million years ago. We learnt that humans did NOT live at the same time as dinosaurs but shared their freezing cold planet with woolly mammoths and sabre toothed tigers. Pupils also showed us some fantastic cave art and photographs of Stone Age leaning in Forest School.

Well done to all the children, Mr Hawes and Mrs Cook for this wonderful performance. Thank you also to the many parents/carers who were able to attend.



KS1 Share-A- Book



Lots of parents and carers came to school on Tuesday afternoon for our Share a Book session. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying reading together.

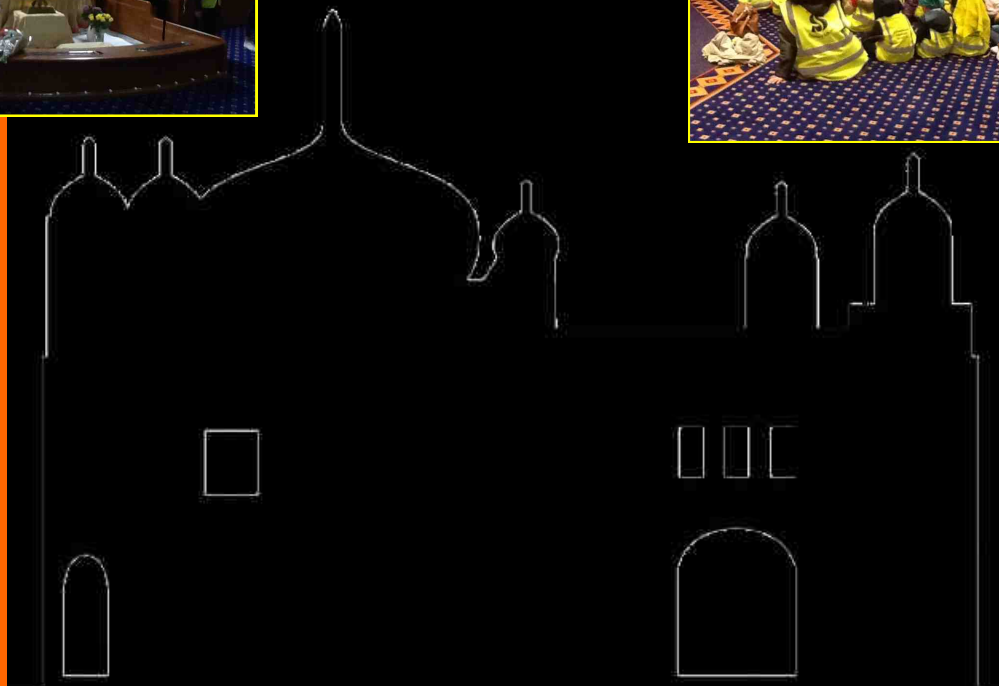


YR Visit to the Gurdwara



One of the special and wonderful things about Sydenham Primary School is its multi-cultural nature. Respecting the diversity of our school community is an important part of our ethos and, this week, Reception pupils visited Leamington Sikh Gurdwara for Diwali. Here is Miss Knight's explanation of what happened:

"We were warmly welcomed and shown around by Mr Singh, who talked to us about what being a Sikh meant to him-we all learned so much! Afterwards we were shown into the downstairs kitchen for a snack and Miss Knight and Julie went to have a peek at the huge pots that they use to cook food for whoever happens to pop in to the Temple! We heard that on one day the kitchen served 100,000 meals! We were so proud of all of the children who were all amazingly well-behaved and respectful. We are looking forward to celebrating the rich cultural heritages of all of our children (and us!) over the course of this year, as always in Sydenham Primary School! This will include celebrating Christmas, Hannukah, Holi and Eid Ul-Fitr, all of which are important festivals for our children."



Election of Governors

We are holding an election to appoint two new Federation parent governors. To cast your vote, please follow these instructions:

- Read the election statements from the three prospective candidates.
- Print out and complete the voting form included in this newsletter and return it to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 8th November 2017.
- **Each family has one vote.**
- You must vote for **two** candidates only.

The governing body plays a crucial role in the running of our schools so it is very important that each family casts their vote.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FROM KULLY DEOL:

To Dear Parents & Carers

It would be an honour to stand as a parent governor for our Federation. I currently have two children Prabhpreet Deol (year 2) and Jeevath Deol (reception) at Sydenham Primary School. I believe we are part of an outstanding school and I would love to assist in maintaining the very high standards the Federation has produced over the years. I am an ASB (Anti Social Behaviour) Officer for Stratford District and have fulfilled this role on both a part time and a full time basis for the past fifteen years. I currently work part time, job sharing. My current job sharing role allows me to provide support to both my children during their early, developmental, educational years. Working part time I find I am able to assist them both with the educational challenges they face and will allow me to get to know my school and attend school meetings as a governor. I am very interested in helping people, especially our local "troubled youth" and have worked very closely assisting our local law enforcement officers over a long period of my professional life. When I first started with Stratford District my role was a new post in South Warwickshire. I created policies and procedures that are still used today. I regularly meet my professional quarterly targets and key performance indicators and chair and conduct monthly meetings with like minded professionals. I am very comfortable asking questions and also happy to contribute to group discussions. While a child is at school age, everything must be done in our power to give our children the best possible education. I'm excited about applying for the position of governor as I believe my past work experience and communication skills will make an effective contribution to the Federation. I know as a part of a team going forward and with the same passion, we all can achieve school objectives and address any shortfalls with efficiency and speed.

Kind regards,

Kully Deol

Please vote!

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FROM CAROLINE PEACOCK:

I currently have a daughter in Yr3 at Sydenham Primary, like any other parent I have a vested interest in the Federation which is educating my child. School plays an enormous part in our children's early development, both educationally and socially. It is a place where impressions and memories made will last a lifetime, an environment where children should thrive, feel safe, supported and encouraged. It is important parents' views are represented on the governing body, as a parent governor I hope to provide all parents with a route for feedback. My current job has given me skills which are transferrable between roles and will enable me to work with other governors, the school management team and teachers to meet their aims and priorities. I am confident to challenge and ask questions, making sure we are attaining the best possible outcomes and therefore ensuring our schools are the best they can be.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FROM KAE SANDHAR:

Dear fellow Parents/Carers,

I have put my name forward for the school's 'Parent Governor' post available.

I am interested in this position as I would like to offer my skills & experiences to help the Governing Team to ensure the school continues to raise its standards & good quality education for all pupils regardless of age, gender, religion or any special needs and be a voice for fellow parents/carers for any suggestions/concerns/reassurance.

I have friendly and welcoming personality and my work history to-date has helped me develop and execute excellent communication and engagement skills, both orally & in writing. Along side, my personal experiences have given me the most valuable lessons to be able to connect with all ages & different levels of people.... I believe these are some of the essential qualities required for such a position.

I also speak fluent Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu.

Although I have not worked in education before (other than voluntary reading) I am a Sydenham PTA member & have my DBS certificate. I am a mother myself therefore I fully understand child Safety, Welfare and Data Protection are key priorities. I am also trustworthy when dealing with confidential information.

Having 2 young children of my own (my son at Sydenham Primary School & my daughter at Purple Playhouse Nursery) I am very passionate about getting involved with the Federation's Governing Team and I would welcome the opportunity, therefore please vote for me.

Many thanks,

Kae Sandhar

Please vote for TWO candidates by placing a cross in the appropriate boxes.

Name of family

Tick 2 boxes only:

Kully Deol ☐

Caroline Peacock ☐

Kae Sandhar ☐

PTA Xmas Cards and Mugs

The PTA have sent out drawing sheets for anyone who wishes to design their own Christmas cards/ mugs. **The last date for orders is Wednesday 1st November.** Please ensure your child's name and the order quantities are written clearly and you have paid on Parent Pay. Drawing sheets are then to be returned to the school office in the box marked "Christmas Cards and Mugs."

For more information, please see the letter below:



Christmas Card & Mug Fundraising Project

Dear Parents/Carers

This year we are pleased to announce that our school PTA are raising money by taking part in the RUDOLPH CARDS Personalised Card Pack & Mug Project!

Your child (or children) can design a special picture which can be printed on to their very own packs of cards and even on to ceramic mugs if you wish! Perfect for sending to family and friends this coming Christmas Season, as they will be truly unique!

Packs of 12 Personalised A6 sized cards (complete with envelopes) cost just £5.00 and Mugs cost just £6.00 each. Our school PTA will receive commission for each sale.

Examples of how the personalised items will look are shown below:



All you need to do is encourage your child to create their design on the accompanying Drawing Sheet/Order Form and return to school along with payment on or before: **WEDS 1st NOVEMBER.**

You can pay by cash or cheque (cheques made payable to Sydenham Primary PTA). An envelope to return your payment has been provided for your convenience.

Please kindly fill out your Child's Name and Order Quantities **CLEARLY** and in **BLOCK CAPITALS** as shown on the Drawing Sheet. If you wish to you can assist your child with their picture so that you are both happy with the design! If you need some inspiration, please have a look at www.rudolphcards.co.uk and Rudolph can give you some design ideas in his online Gallery!

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you only use **Felt-tip pens, Water-based Paints or Coloured Pencils** and that **if you are including any wording on the design - that it is at least 1cm away from the edges of the design on all sides.** Please Note - **no glitter or stuck on collage can be accepted!**

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this Fundraiser and we look forward to seeing all the lovely artwork so that we can send it off and get the personalised items back during November in plenty of time for Christmas!

Kind regards

Sydenham Primary PTA



Learning To Learn



At school we work hard to provide pupils with the skills they need to be good learners. All lessons provide opportunities to develop a **“growth mindset”** – the belief that, if we keep on trying, we can all be successful and learn new things.

At Sydenham Primary School, pupils are taught to:

- Get excited about challenges.
- Keep trying, even when it gets hard.
- Listen carefully to advice.
- Cooperate with others.
- Remember that everybody has to practise if they want to learn.
- Cheer for each other when we work hard!

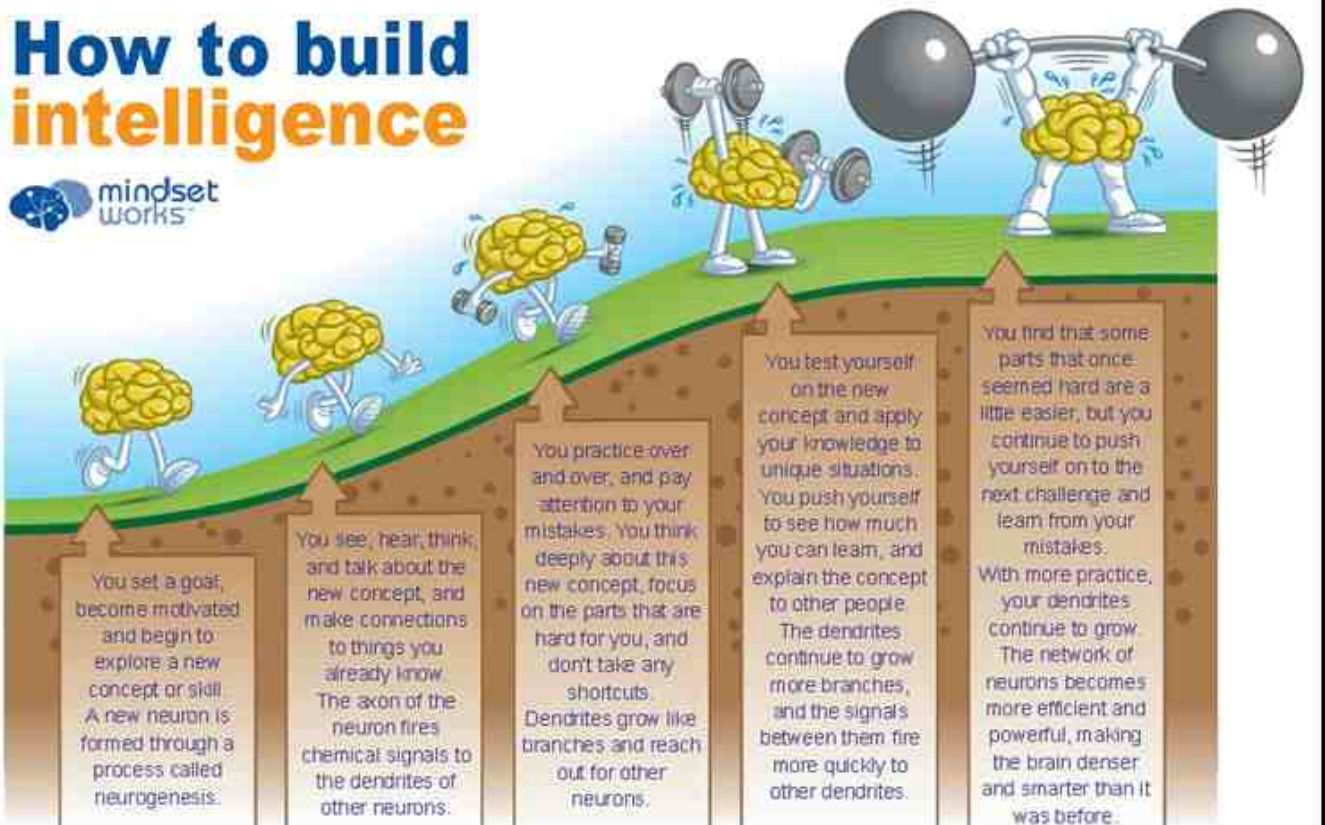
In class, pupils use the **Learning Characters** to help develop these skills.

They also take **The Chilli Pepper Challenge** in each lesson by choosing, with the guidance of the teacher, a mild, spicy, hot or vindaloo task to complete.

In addition, pupils work with a different **Talk Partner** each week, sharing their ideas and learning to cooperate with a range of people.

Research has shown that intelligence is not fixed at birth—we can all GROW our brains! For more information about developing a growth mindset, visit Carol Dweck’s Brainology website at: <http://www.mindsetworks.com/>

How to build intelligence



COMPETITION

Over the half-term holiday, your child may like to enter this competition promoting greater awareness of firework safety.

Please read the letter below which contains all the information you need to enter the competition.

All entries must be sent to the address included in the letter. Please do not bring them in to school.



Communities

Phil Evans
Head of Localities & Community Safety
Trading Standards Service
Old Budbrooke Road
Warwick CV35 7DP
Tel: 01926 414040
Fax: 01926 414014
www.warwickshire.gov.uk

If calling ask for: **Satty Sandher**
Direct Line: **01926 414039**
Email:

Ref:

September 2017

Dear Head Teacher,

Firework Safety Poem and Poster Competition 2017

Win a £25 book token and a visit to a Fire Station!



School children are invited to enter Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards and Fire & Rescue Service's annual Firework Safety Competition.

There are two competitions:

Pre-School/Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Design a Firework Safety Poster

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Write a Firework Safety Poem or Rhyme and Decorate It

The aim of the competitions is to remind children about the dangers of fireworks.

Every year fireworks cause hundreds of avoidable injuries.

Around half of all injuries happen to children under the age of 16 years, many of whom may have ugly burn scars, for life.

The Two Competitions

Entry for Pre-School/Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children

Design a Firework Safety Poster

Posters should be colourful and designed to deliver a simple yet eye-catching firework safety message. Appropriate safety messages might include:

*Working for
Warwickshire*



Printed on 100% recycled paper

Stay a safe distance away from fireworks
Sparklers stay hot after they go out
Keep pets indoors
Never give sparklers to the Under 5's
Never put lit fireworks in your pocket
Don't fool with fireworks
Stay back – Fireworks burn

Entry for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children

Write a Firework Safety Poem or Rhyme and Decorate It

Poems/Rhymes should be at least four lines long and also deliver a firework safety message. Children may decorate their entry if they choose to.



There will be ten winners, one poem winner and one poster winner for each district or borough.

Each winner will receive a prize of a £25 book token and a visit to a Warwickshire Fire Station.

In addition to their prize, they will also have their poster/poem enlarged and reprinted in time to be used as part of next year's campaign. An example winning poster from last year's competition is enclosed to display.

The winners will be chosen by Janet Faulkner, Group Manager of the Trading Standards Service and Assistant Chief Fire Officer Rob Moyney. The decision of the judges is final.

The closing date for entries is Tuesday 7th November 2017. This gives schools time to take part in the competition after half term and in the run up to 5th November, should they wish to.

Children can enter as many times as they wish but **must write their name, age, and school on the back of their posters**. All entries must be on A4 sized paper/card.

Please send your entries to me at the following address:

Satvinder Sandher
Firework Safety Competition
Warwickshire Trading Standards Service
Old Budbrooke Road
Warwick CV35 7DP

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read 'Sandher'.

Trading Standards Officer



This image displays a variety of everyday objects and apparel as solid black silhouettes against a light background. The items are arranged in several rows. In the top row, from left to right, there is a teddy bear, a soccer ball, a stack of three books, a guitar, a pair of trousers, a pair of shorts, a tank top, and a long dress. The second row features a rocking horse, a teapot, and four different styles of short-sleeved shirts or tops. The third row includes four vases of varying shapes and sizes, followed by a simple wooden chair. The bottom section contains five more vases/pitchers, a collection of ten shoes (including sneakers, boots, and high heels), and a diamond-shaped board game with pieces.

10AM – 12.30PM

MANY THANKS FROM SYDENHAM PTA

Diary Dates

Diary dates do sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. If any date changes, we will always try to notify you via text or letter. However, the following dates are correct at the point of going to press!!

Tuesday 31st October 2017

Wednesday 1st November 2017

Tuesday 31st—Friday 3rd October 2017

Friday 3rd November 2017

Friday 3rd November 2017

Tuesday 7th November 2017

Wednesday November 8th 2017

Friday 10th November 2017

Monday 13th November 2017

Friday 17th October 2017

Monday 20th November 2017

Thursday 23rd November 2018

Thursday 23rd November 2017

Friday 24th November 2017

Friday 24th November 2017

Wednesday 29th November—Friday
1st December

Wednesday 6th December 2017

Tuesday 12th December 2017

Wednesday 13th December 2017

Thursday 14th December 2017

Friday 15th December 2017

Friday 15th December 2017

Monday 18th December—Friday
22nd November

Monday 18th December 2017

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Thursday 21st December 2017

Friday 22nd December 2017

Friday 22nd December 2017

Children return to school.

Change of date :Y5 KJ Class assembly at 9.15am.

No clubs (except Breakfast Club and Butterflies) this week.

Literacy information session for YR parents at 9.15am.

Y2 visit The Motor Museum.

Y5 visit Pizza Express.

Deadline for PTA card/mug designs.

Literacy information session for YR parents at 9.15am.

Rocksteady music workshops for YR—Y6.

Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics at Campion, 9.30am—12.00pm

Rocksteady music lessons begin.

Open afternoon at 2.00pm for prospective Reception
parents/carers, September 2018.

Y3 JM visit to Sarehole Mill.

MUFTI Day (bring 50p to wear non-school uniform.)

Y3 AH visit to Sarehole Mill.

Y6 residential to Marle Hall, Wales.

Y2 Christmas performance at 9.30am.

Christmas lunch.

Y1 Christmas performance at 9.30am.

Y3, 4, 5 and 6 visit to "101 Dalmations" at The
Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

Christmas jumper day!

YR/KS1 visit to "The Snow Dragon" at The Bridge
House Theatre in Warwick.

No clubs (except Breakfast Club and Butterflies) this
week.

Last Y3 JM swimming lesson.

YR Christmas performance at 9.30am.

Last Y3 AH swimming lesson.

Y3/4 music concert for parents at 2.30pm.

Y5/6 music concert for parents at 9.30pm.

Break up for the Christmas holiday.

Sydenham Super Stars!



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Have a fantastic half-term holiday!
See you all again on Tuesday 31st October 2017.
Best wishes from
Miss Glenny (Associate Headteacher)