

African Choir Concert



Tuesday night was very special for our school choir who performed at The Royal Spa Centre in front of a sell-out audience. Pupils were singing and dancing with The Children's African Choir; a group of eight to twelve year olds who travel the world sharing their love of music and joy of singing. All members of the inspirational African Choir have been orphaned and the money raised from each performance pays for their care and education back home in Uganda. So far, 52,000 children have been supported by the proceeds from the programme of concert tours.



Sydenham pupils attended a rehearsal at The Spa Centre in the afternoon before performing in the evening. Their energy and enthusiasm was incredible and made us all feel very proud. Well done to all the children involved and thank you to our Music teachers, Mrs Godwin and Mrs Murphy who prepared everyone for the event.

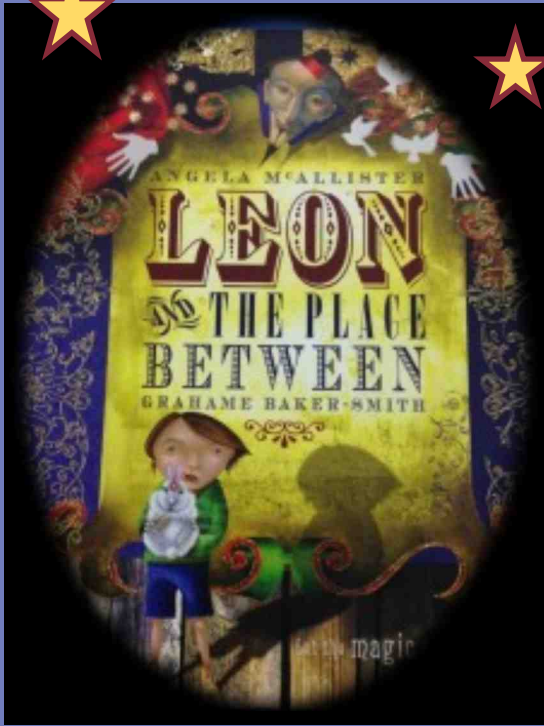


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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture.



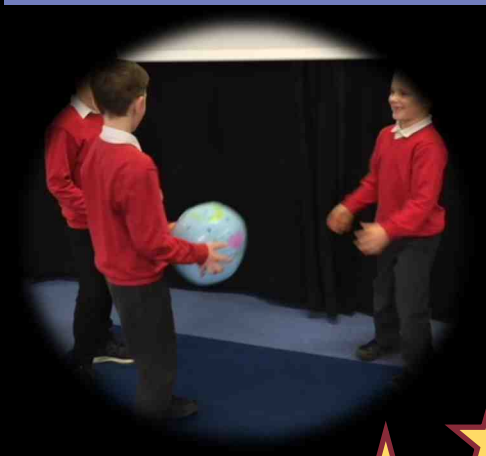
Y4 KJ Class Assembly

Leon and the Place Between



“Leon and the Place Between” is a wonderful picture book by Grahame Baker-Smith for older readers. Year 4 have been enjoying this text in their English lessons and have turned the story in to a playscript.

Pupils performed the script during their class assembly on Tuesday. The children acted and played instruments with confidence, much to the enjoyment of the pupils, parents and carers in the audience. Well done everyone!



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Article 29: Goals of Education

Skip 2B Fit

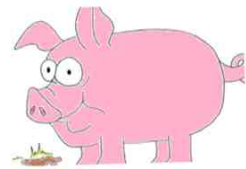


On Tuesday, the whole school enjoyed skipping workshops led by Skip 2B Fit. In the sessions, children had to remember their Learning Characters and use their growth mindset to see if they could improve at skipping. Using special ropes with counters, pupils skipped for one minute. They then adjusted their technique and skipped for another minute. Through practice, improvement and perseverance everybody improved! Our top adult skipper was Miss Jewsbury whilst Maria was the pupil who did the most skips. The important lesson from the day was that EVERYONE can improve their skills by listening to advice and working hard.



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Child: Article 24: Health

Have a go.



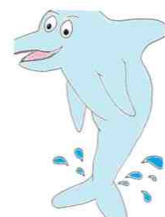
Concentrate.



Keep on improving.

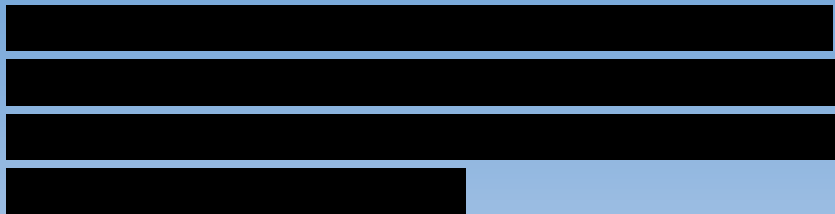


Never give up.



Enjoy learning.

Balanceability



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Article 24: Health

PTA Disco

Thank you to the PTA for organising another fabulous series of discos.

Everybody had a brilliant time and really showed off their best moves on the dance floor.



The disco raised an amazing £568.80 for the school.



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Article 15:
Freedom of Association

YR Maths Workshop



Thank you to all the Reception parents and carers who were able to attend our Maths workshop.

At the workshop, Ms Knight (our Early Years Foundation Stage leader) explained what the Mathematics curriculum for 4-5 year old pupils includes and the variety of ways that it is taught. She shared useful strategies that can be used at home to aid mathematical understanding and promoted fun ways to engage with Maths, for example, by playing board games.



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Article 5: Parental Guidance

As you may know, we are lucky enough to be part of the Own Books scheme.

Own Books is a charity which recycles good quality children's fiction and non-fiction books and donates them to local primary and secondary schools. The donated books can be taken home by children, free of charge, and either kept or returned to school for somebody else to enjoy. This helps to ensure that every family regardless of income, has access to books.

Own Books are currently seeking volunteers to collect books from the RSPCA charity shop and the Oxfam book shop on Regent Street in Leamington Spa. The books will need sorting in to three age ranges (pre-school, primary and secondary) before being delivered by the volunteers to the following schools: Sydenham, Kingsway, Kingsway Children's Centre, Shrubland Street and Whitnash.

Own Books pays 0.45p per mile to cover travel costs, paid monthly.

If you are interested in helping the Own Books charity, please contact:

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Volunteers Wanted



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Article 27: Adequate Standard of Living

Health & Wellbeing

Boost your wellbeing

Free services in Warwickshire to support you



For Reading Well Books on Prescription (BOP) recommended self-help books, audio CDs and e-books visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/booksonprescription



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Ring a team of trained and experienced support workers 24/7 via the Mental Health Matters Helpline on 0800 61 61 71 (0300 330 5487 for mobiles) or try Time Online, the online Chat Service via the website: www.mhm.org.uk/coventry-warwickshire-helpline



In person at Warwickshire Wellbeing Hubs - free one to one support, walk-in sessions and drop-in sessions visit: www.cwmind.org.uk/wbw or call: 02477 712288



A service for people who are feeling stressed, anxious, low in mood or depressed, providing advice, information and therapy - call 02476 671090 to self-refer



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Article 24: Health

Road Closure Postponed

You may have seen road signs this morning advising that Calder Walk is due to be closed for essential repairs to the gas mains. School has contacted the contractor (Cadent) who have informed us that the works are currently behind schedule so the closure of Calder Walk has been postponed. Cadent do not anticipate any work being undertaken for at least two weeks. We have requested that they meet with school leaders the week before the work begins to explain whether there are any implications for the gas supply to our kitchen and boilers.

If you are interested in the works being undertaken to the gas main, please follow this link;

https://portal.roadworks.org/downloads/cm/1194_newpipes_a5_rollfold_v3_aw_e0a98e4eb8.pdf

Parking

A local resident has complained that, on Thursday, an ambulance was unable to get through Calder Walk due to cars parked inappropriately. She reported that cars were parked on both sides of the road, sometimes two deep. Obviously, it is imperative that emergency vehicles can drive easily down the road.

We would ask, yet again, that you park legally and thoughtfully. If you must drive, please park further away from school and walk. Alternatively cycle, scoot or make your way to school on foot.

This problem will only improve if individuals make the effort to follow our advice. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Train to be a Teacher



Do you know someone who is interested in training to be a teacher?

To find out more about the **Gateway Alliance School Direct - school-led teacher training programme** visit our [website](#).

Who are the Train to Teach events for?

These are free events and are designed for anyone who has a degree and is interested in teaching - particularly those who are considering starting their initial teacher training in **September 2019**. They offer a great opportunity to get all your questions about teaching and teacher training answered.

What to expect:

If you attend you'll be able to:

- discuss the different teacher training options available, to help you decide which would best suit you
- meet representatives from the Gateway Alliance and other schools/universities that deliver teacher training in this area, and find out about their courses and entry requirements
- receive advice on submitting a successful UCAS application
- talk to practising teachers, including those who have changed career to teach, about what a career as a teacher is really like
- find out about bursaries, scholarships and funding available for teacher training



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Article 5: Parental Guidance



Well done to Y6 KC who had the highest attendance at school this week with 98% of pupils attending.

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y4 KJ	97%
Y3 JM	96%
Y6 JB	95%
Y5 JvS	94%
Y5 CB	93%
Y2 KG	93%
YR AH	93%
Y2 AP	92%
Y3 AH	92%
YR RK	89%
Y1 EL	87%
Y1 JL	83%
Y4 CD	80%

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.



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:
Article 3 (Best Interests of the Child.)**

Spring Term Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th February 2019

Y1 EL class assembly at 10.15am.

Wednesday 6th February 2019

Y3 visit to the Warwick University Nature Trail.

Thursday 7th February 2019

YR Maths Open Morning

Tuesday 12th February 2019

Y4 CD class assembly at 9.15am.

Monday 25th February 2019

Y2 SAT's information session for parents at 3.30pm.

Half-term holiday from Monday 18th February—Friday 22nd February 2019

Tuesday 26th February 2019

Y3 AH class assembly at 9.15am.

Wednesday 27th February 2019

Y3 SPLAT! art project with Juneau Projects begins.

Friday 1st March 2019

Year 3 Viking Day.

Tuesday 5th March 2019

YR RK class assembly at 10.15am.

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Safer Internet Day.

Wednesday 6th March 2019

Book Bus visits school.

Thursday 7th March 2019

World Book Day.

Monday 11th February 2019

YR visit to the Gurdwara.

Monday 11th February 2019

House PE competition this week.

Tuesday 12th March 2019

Y3 JM class assembly at 9.15am.

Monday 18th March 2019

L2 Bikeability course starts (Y5/6.)

Tuesday 19th March 2019

YR AH class assembly at 10.15am.

Friday 22nd March 2019

L1 Bikeability Course (Y3/4.)

Monday 25th March 2019

Scooter Wise sessions for Y1—Y4.

Monday 25th March 2019

Y6 JB visit Champion School for a cookery lesson.

Tuesday 26th March 2019

Y5 CB class assembly at 9.15am.

Friday 29th March 2019

MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring 50p.

Monday 1st April 2019

House PE competition this week

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Parent's Evening, 3.30—7.00pm.

Thursday 4th April 2019

Parent's Evening, 3.30—5.30pm.

Monday 8th April 2019

Rocksteady concert at 2.00pm.

Monday 8th April 2019

Y6 KS visit Champion School for a cookery lesson.

Tuesday 9th April 2019

Y5 JvS class assembly at 9.15am.

Easter holiday from Monday 15th April –Friday 26th April 2019

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Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand