

# Emotional Wellbeing



We are thrilled to have received the prestigious AcSEED award in recognition of our school's commitment to emotional wellbeing and mental health. The award is made by members of Young Minds, a charity supporting young people who have direct experience of mental health issues.

Members of Young Minds were particularly impressed by the fact that staff at school have been well trained in issues of emotional wellbeing and follow best practice guidance from the government and health organisations. Our enriched curriculum was also highly praised and special mention was made of opportunities we provide for pupils to access the arts and a range of clubs which promote self-esteem. It was also felt that staff have very positive relationships with parents/carers, governors and external support agencies. In addition, our respect for and celebration of individual difference and diversity was also seen as a great strength of the school.

For more information about the AcSEED Award, please look at page two of this newsletter. As you will see, the criteria for receiving the award are very stringent so we are incredibly proud to have been successful.

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ACCREDITED SAFER MARK  
ONLINE

ARTS COUNCIL  
ARTSMARK  
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ENGLAND

WARWICKSHIRE  
children's  
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International  
School Award  
2010-2013

Healthy Schools

Eco-Schools

PRIMARY GEOGRAPHY QUALITY MARK

SILVER  
Extended Services  
Warwickshire

Quality  
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## More information about the AcSEED Award:

The AcSEED Initiative is a concept founded by young people with direct personal experience of mental illness at a young age. Their combined experiences have been used to identify and recommend a range of best practices that could have helped significantly in identifying and supporting their emerging emotional difficulties during school years. They were unanimous in viewing school as a pivotal environment that significantly influenced their emotional development, and in the belief that targeted intervention within this educational and social framework could have made a significant difference in helping to contain and manage their mental health vulnerabilities.

The AcSEED Award is a quality assurance mark presented to schools that have made a substantial effort to support the mental health of their students. It encourages and rewards the provision of high quality emotional wellbeing services, from the broad provision of information right through to appropriately targeted intervention. Based on best practices, the scheme defines a set of standard criteria that all schools must meet in order to receive the award.

## The AcSEED aims:

- For every school to have a positive, safe, and supportive environment that is complimentary to learning.
- For young people from all backgrounds to be supported in achieving their maximum potential.
- For every young person to know who they can contact if they experience emotional difficulties.
- For every young person to have access to a safe, confidential environment in which they can discuss and explore their feelings and know they will be heard and responded to sensitively.
- For early intervention to be available for all young people showing signs of mental illness.
- For schools and outside agencies to work together effectively in the best interests of young people.
- For an end to mental health stigma through education of young people on the realities of mental illness.



# Y5 RSC Performance



Year 5 have been very busy rehearsing their performance of "The Tempest" in readiness for The Playmaker's Festival on July 5th in Stratford. Pupils have worked with a director mentor from The Royal Shakespeare Company but much credit for devising the piece must also go to Miss Jones who has worked tirelessly with the children to get their performance up to its current high standard. Well done everyone and good luck for the performance!







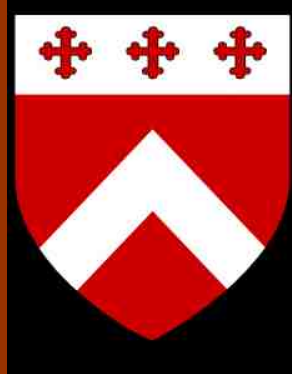
# YR Team Challenge



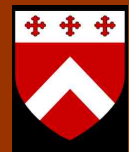
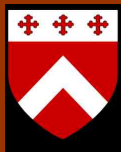
On Tuesday, ten of our Reception children participated in an athletics Team Challenge event at Campion School. Mrs Harrad was very proud that the children won two out of their three races and made it through to the relay final. All of the children behaved beautifully and had great fun. Thank you to the parents who accompanied Mrs Harrad on this event.



# Y1 Homelearning Castles

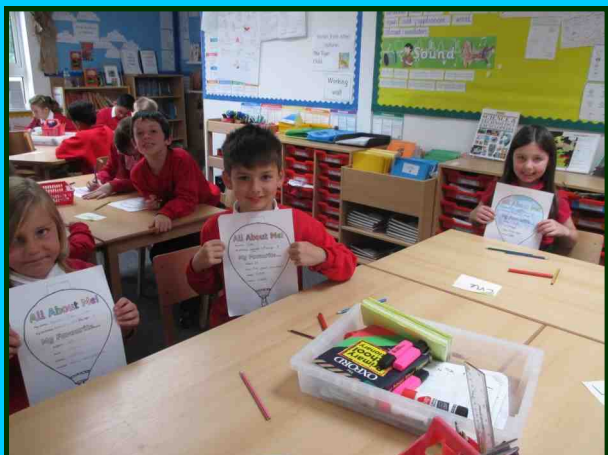


Year One children have really excelled themselves with their latest piece of homelearning—to make a model castle. Inspired by their recent trip to Warwick Castle, pupils have worked with their parents/carers to make these amazing creations, some of which even feature working drawbridges! Well done on such a fantastic effort.





# 😊 Changeover Day 😊



On Wednesday, whilst Y6 were out visiting their new secondary schools, everybody enjoyed meeting their new teachers. Pupils enjoyed a range of interesting activities and challenges aimed to promote a “can do,” growth mindset. Well done everyone for impressing their new teacher with their hard work and positive attitude to learning.



# Healthy Lunch Boxes



This delicious and healthy lunch box belongs to Lucas in Y3 JM. It is a fantastic example of a balanced meal which includes pasta, fruit, yogurt and juice. Please note that sweets are NOT permitted in lunch boxes. We recommend that your child brings juice, milk or water and would like to remind you that squash is not allowed.

## Mr Tracy's Cycle Challenge

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our resident bike expert, Mr Tracy, is cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise money for JDRF, a diabetes charity. **As part of the event, Mr Tracy is running a fundraising event in school:**



Starting on Monday 3rd July, I will be organising a Cycling Challenge to raise money for diabetes charity JDRF as part of my fundraising ride from Land's End to John O'Groats. **The challenge is open to all Key stage 2 children and will take place at break time in the playground all next week. Entry is 50p a go and there will be a prize for the year 3/4 and 5/6 champions.**







# SPLAT! Festival



Our Arts' Committee members are busy at work on the final arrangements for the SPLAT! Festival which takes place in Jephson Gardens on Saturday July 15th from 11am to 4pm. **The promo video for the festival, which features Sydenham pupils, is now live and can be viewed by following this link:**

<https://youtu.be/BeoyfL4SqSA>

A festival website is also being created and you will soon receive a flyer giving more information about the event. Look out for the posters which will be going up around school soon!



# A message from our School Business Manger

## School Meals

County Caterers have advised that the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.15 per day (£10.75 per week) with effect from 1 September 2017. Payments for school meals should be paid via your parent pay account or via a local paypoint.

If your child is moving to Year 3 in September, they will no longer receive a free school meal.

## Parent Pay

If your child is currently in Year 6 or leaving Sydenham Primary School , please make sure all outstanding payments for trips/activities/dinners/swimming lessons or music lessons are cleared prior to them leaving. If you require an account balance report, please see the school office.

Idealy all pupils leaving school should have a zero balance on the last day of term. However, If your account is in credit we will refund this amount back to your Parent Pay account.

In the case of any outstanding debt, once a pupil leaves school their account is archived and parents will no longer have access to make payments. We will transfer any outstanding debt to any siblings remaining at school and payment can be made via their account. **Please note, it is preferable that you clear any outstanding payments prior to 21 July 2017.**

New children joining Sydenham in September 2017 will receive an activation letter week commencing 4 September with details on how to set up their parent pay account.

## Breakfast Club & Butterflies Club

We have sent out letters this week to all families that have used either breakfast or butterflies club this academic year. Please ensure that all contracts are completed and returned to the office asap in order that we can plan adequate staffing for September.

**Please note that the cost of breakfast club is increasing to £3.50 per morning and the cost of butterflies club is increasing to £3.50 per hour with effect from 1 September 2017.**

Best wishes,

Sarah Beck

(School Business Manager)

# Diary Dates

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

Monday 3rd July 2017	YR trip to The Cotswold Wildlife Park.
Wednesday 5th July 2017	Y2 Summer Party for parents/carers at 2.30pm
Wednesday 5th July 2017	Y5 performance of "The Tempest" at the RSC Playmaker's Festival.
Wednesday 5th July 2017	Y6 trip to "Jump In" and Frankie and Benny's.
Wednesday 12th July 2017	Last session with Bayleaf Cookery School
Wednesday 12th July 2017	Stay and Play session for 2017-18 Reception parents
Thursday 13th July 2017	Stay and Play session for 2017-18 Reception parents
Thursday 13th July 2017	Y6 trip to The London Dungeons—CANCELLED.
Monday 17th July 2017	Y6 Leavers' dinner from 6.00—7.30pm.
Saturday 15th July 2017	SPLAT! Children's Arts' Festival in Jephson Gardens.
Wednesday 19th July 2017	KS1 Share a Book from 2.30—3.00pm.
Thursday 20th July 2017	Y6 leavers' assembly at 9.15—Y6 parents/carers warmly invited.
Friday 21st July 2017	Break up for the summer holiday.

**Return to school on Monday 4th September 2017**

## KS1 Share a Book



On Wednesday 19th July, from 2.30—3.00pm, Years One and Two will be having a Share a Book session. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come in to school to read a story book with their child—please meet outside the office and a member of staff will take you down to the appropriate classroom. At 3.00pm, pupils will return to class for the end of the day with pick-up procedures as normal.

## Supervision of Children

**May I politely request that all parents/carers please supervise their children on the playground before the bell rings for the start of school. In the interests of health and safety, children are not allowed on the field and should not be playing ball games. Thank you.**



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See you all again on Monday.  
Best wishes from Miss Glenny  
(Associate Headteacher)