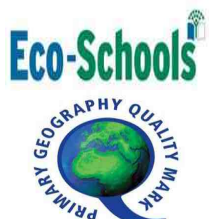


Farmer's Market

Last Friday, we held a very successful Farmer's Market. There were lots of home made and home grown things to buy including plants, chutney, salad bags, scones, seed bombs, fruit kebabs and cakes. The event raised £110 for School Fund. Thank you to the children and staff for all their efforts and to parents and carers who attended the event.



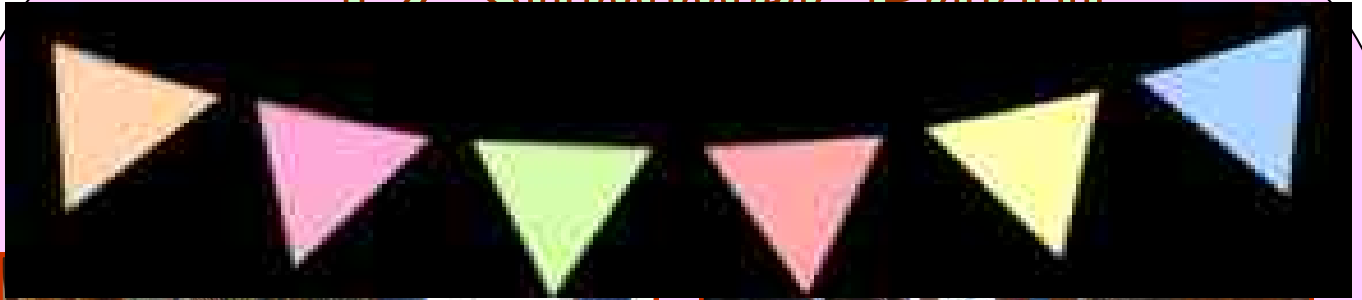
YR Trip to The Cotswold Wildlife Park

On Monday, Reception visited The Cotswold Wildlife Park to learn about different animals and their habitats. Everybody had a fantastic day out, one of the highlights being a train ride around the park. Thank you to all the adults who helped to make this trip such a success.





Y2 Summer Party



Y2 families had a lovely time at their Summer Party on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed squash, cakes and a chat.

Y6 Greek Day

As part of their History topic, Year Six participated in a Greek Day on Tuesday. Pupils enjoyed making and tasting Greek food as well as themed Maths and Design Technology lessons, film making and even traditional dancing. Check out the amazing Greek costumes which the children wore to school:



Y5 RSC Performance



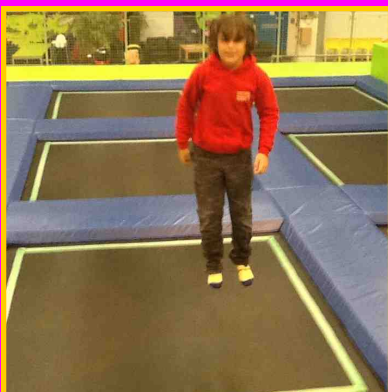
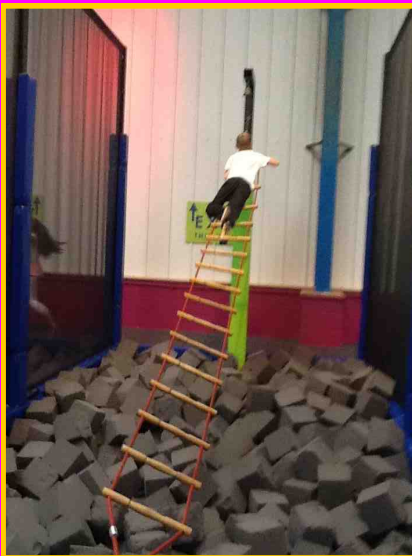
After many weeks rehearsing with The Royal Shakespeare Company, on Wednesday night Year 5 performed their very own version of *The Tempest* in Stratford. The children were watched by a proud set of parents and carers who saw an amazing piece of collaborative theatre involving every pupil in the class. Congratulations, Year Five and thank you to Mrs Shaddick for taking these brilliant photographs of the performance.



The Tempest

Y6 Visit Jump In

On Wednesday, Y6 visited "Jump In" and "Frankie and Benny's" as a reward for all their hard work over the past seven years at school. "Jump In" was great fun and the staff were full of praise for the behaviour of pupils. Everybody was definitely ready for their pizza making session at Frankie and Benny's afterwards and I have been told that the end results were delicious. Thank you to Miss Gillespie for organising this fun day out.



Chinese Visitors



We welcomed more Chinese visitors in to school this week. Lin Rau, Wang Jun, Wei Juan, Xi Tanping and Lin were all work in a Chinese university. They are all primary school teachers. They were fascinated to learn about the education system in the UK and were very impressed by our school.



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>

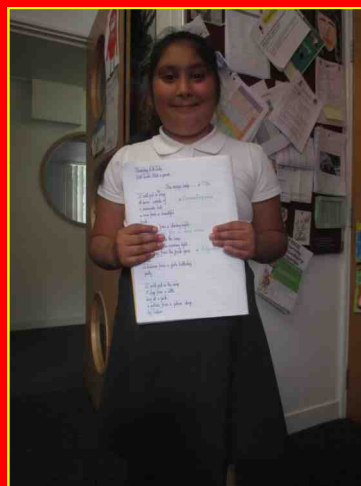
A festival website is also being created and, last week, you should have received a flyer about the event. Look out for the posters which are now up around school!

RHS Gardening Award



Thanks to the efforts of our green fingered staff and pupils, we have now received The Level Three Royal Horticultural Society Award. In recognition of the award, we are able to claim a free "Constant Garden" (a series of boxes brimming full of young vegetable and fruit plants to help our allotment burst in to life.) We look forward to receiving the boxes so we can get planting.

Picture of the Week



Kyla and Jasleen are our superstar writers this week. Well done girls on writing and reading aloud your fantastic pieces of work.

Parking Complaint

I have been asked by the District Council to pass on the fact that they have **received a complaint from a local resident regarding inconsiderate parking outside school.**

The following information has been passed on by John Barrott, District Councillor:

"I have received a complaint from a resident on the Sydenham estate with regard to inconsiderate parking by parents dropping children off at the school. The resident, who is a shift worker, cannot get either off the drive to go to work or indeed get back when returning from work."

May I politely request that, where possible, children should walk, cycle or scoot to and from school. If you do need to drive, please park considerately and do not block driveways or pavements as this is very inconvenient to local residents. Poor parking is also a safety risk and can cause accidents so please think carefully about where you stop to drop off and pick up your children.

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Young Carers' Award



We are thrilled to have received our Bronze Young Carers' award in recognition of our work to raise awareness and support Young Carers in school so that they reach their full potential.



Health and Safety

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, please supervise your children on the playground before the bell rings for school.

This week, children were playing on the field away from their parents/carers as the grass cutter was working. I removed the children to the safety of the playground but this was a highly dangerous situation. In addition, we had an accident on the tyres which was not seen by the relevant parent/carer but was dealt with by a member of staff.

Some children are also still playing ball games. Due to the high number of pre-school children on the playground this is not allowed in the interests of safety.

Thank you for your assistance in monitoring the behaviour of your children. Your help and cooperation is much appreciated.

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!!

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.
Tuesday 18th July 2017	Meeting for YR parents re. Y1 transition at 9.00am.
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

No Smoking

We have received a complaint from a local resident that a group of parents/carers have been smoking just outside the school gates, making it difficult for her to get past with her child's buggy. Please keep all pavements clear so that pedestrians can make their way past. Thank you.

Football Victory

This week, our school football team played an away match at Woodloes school and won 8 – 1! Well done to everybody. This was a fantastic team effort. Our next fixture is on Monday 10th July when we are away to Bishops Tachbrook. Good luck to the team!

Mr Tracy's Cycle Challenge



Thank you to everybody who took part in Mr Tracy's fund raising event this week for the diabetes charity JDRF. Your generous donations will really make a difference.

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Enjoy your weekend!
Best wishes from Miss Glenny
(Associate Headteacher)