

Gardening Award

We are pleased to announce that The Royal Horticultural Society has recently awarded Sydenham a Level Two School Gardening Award. This is in recognition of our hard work on the allotment as well as the many growing projects happening in different classes. Examples include Reception's vegetable garden, Year Two's potato project and our participation in Britain in Bloom's "geranium train" in Jephson Gardens.



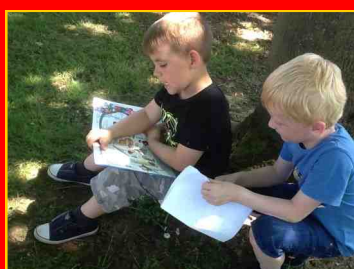
We have also been informed that we have achieved the Bronze, Food for Life Award which is issued by The Soil Association in recognition of excellence in food education. We are confident that we are well on our way to our Silver Award.

Well done to Miss Owen for coordinating these green fingered activities.



♥ Shared Reading ♥

On Friday 26th June, Y1 MBB read the non-fiction T-Rex books that they had made to Mrs Rowan Lancaster's class. Year 2 returned the favour by reading a book of their choice back to their reading partner. Year 1 were proud to show off their hard work and year 2 were an encouraging and generous audience. It was a lovely way to spend half an hour on a Friday afternoon!



Y6 RSC Workshop



On Wednesday afternoon, Year Six participated in a workshop led by eleven actors, musicians and directors from The Royal Shakespeare Company. The session was based on a new RSC production, currently in rehearsal, called "Three Tales From Ovid." Pupils were asked to create a soundscape of a storm in preparation for the session (see pictures above.) During the workshop they added to their soundscape using a variety of unusual instruments and body percussion. In addition they experimented with freeze framing and choral speaking.

More about Three Tales From Ovid:

Romeo and Juliet, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Twelfth Night* all have Ovid's tales woven throughout them.

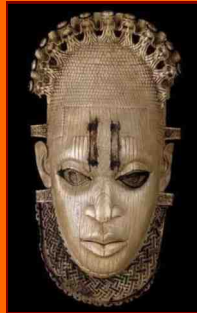
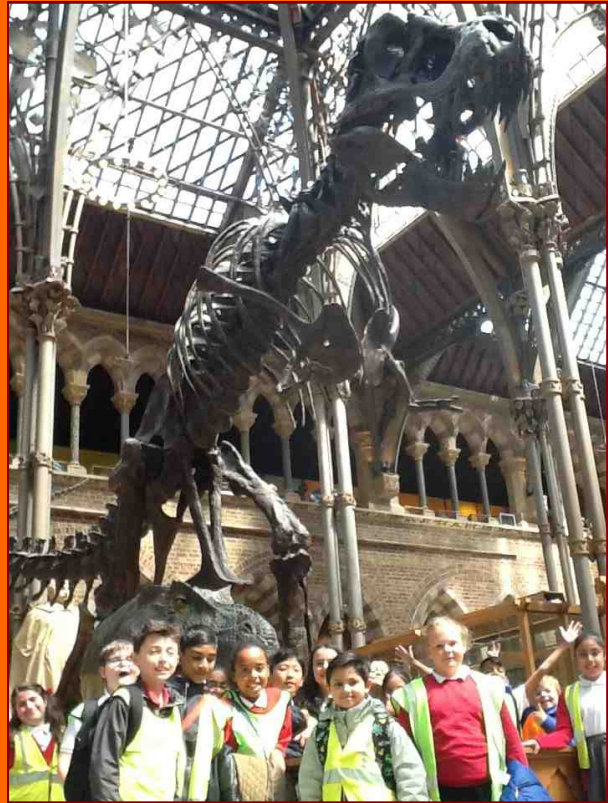
These new plays for 8-11 year old children (upper KS2) introduce young audiences to a special selection of three tales from Ovid, adapted by Amber Hsu. The stories introduce a host of intriguing characters, including the real Pyramus and Thisbe (whom Shakespeare turned into Romeo and Juliet and who also feature in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*) and a young boy called Phaeton who wants to drive his father's chariot – and take the sun around the earth with him too.

These classic tales transport us into forgotten worlds and introduce us to characters that we will continue to meet throughout Shakespeare's plays. This special performance features staged readings of three tales from Ovid, brought to life by RSC actors. Join us for an unforgettable introduction to Ovid's stories.

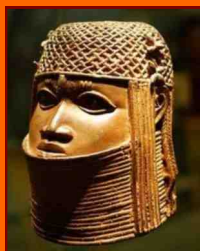
In October Year 4 will be watching a performance of the finished production.



Y5 Visit to Pitt Rivers



On Tuesday, Year Five travelled to Oxford to visit the Pitt Rivers Museum. This trip was to support their learning in History which, this term, is all about the ancient African civilisation of Benin. The children went on a trail of the museum, seeking out African artefacts and then learnt about ancient African symbols of power.



SPLAT!

Children's Arts' Festival

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Throughout this academic year, we have been preparing to participate in the SPLAT! children's arts' festival in Jephson Gardens on Saturday July 15th. Working in collaboration with Warwick Arts' Centre and a range of professional artists, pupils in Years Three, Four and Six have created pieces of visual, film and performing arts which will all be premiered at the festival. The organisation of the event has been led by children from Years Five and Six who have worked in partnership with pupils from Clapham Terrace, Shrubland Street, St. Patrick's and Kingsway. Together, they have planned a fantastic, FREE, family festival which **we are really hoping you will attend**. As well as live performances from our children and professional companies there will also be an art gallery, games to play, a bouncy castle and face painting.

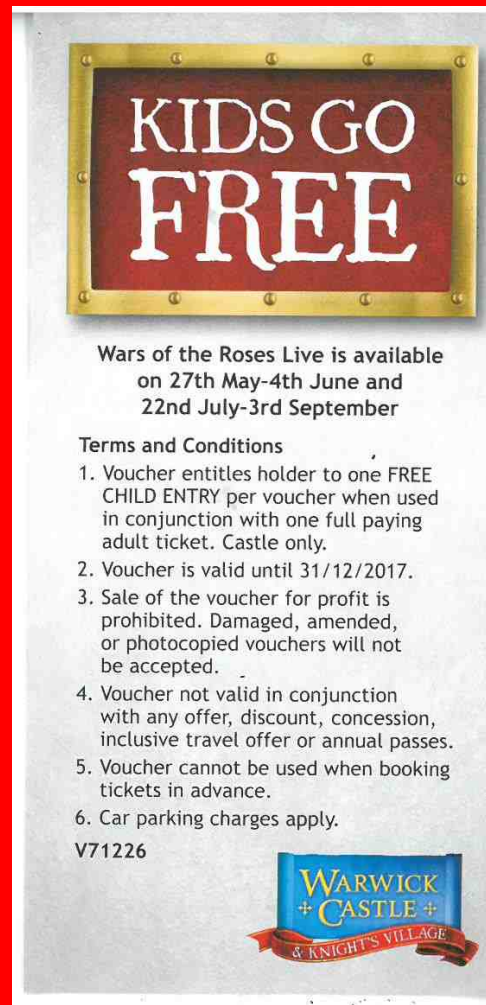
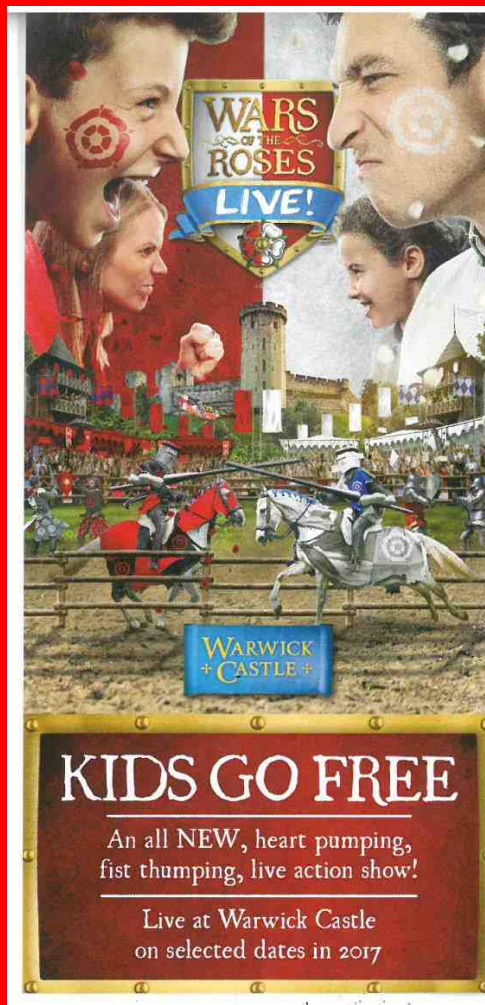
We will shortly be sending out more information about the festival but please save the date!

Y4 Festival Performance

Here are Y4 KJ preparing their performance for The SPLAT! Festival with AJ from Highly Sprung Theatre Company. The performance is a fantastic piece of physical theatre all about the work of scientists who are seeking a cure for childhood diseases. It is a high energy, exciting piece of drama which can be seen in Jephson Gardens on July 15th. Year 4 AH will also be performing their own brilliant piece of original theatre.



Free Tickets!



We have received free children's tickets for an event at Warwick Castle. If you would like any, they are free for you to take on the table outside the school office.



YR/KS1 Sport's Day

Parents and carers of children in Reception, Year One and Year Two should have received a text message this week informing them that the new date for Sport's Day is Tuesday 13th June from 10.00am—12.00pm. Family members are warmly invited to attend.

KS2 Sport's Day is still planned for Tuesday 20th June from 10.00—12.00.

Please also note that the KS2 District Track and Field Competition has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 20th Jun from 3.30—6.00pm at the Edmonscote track.

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!!

Tuesday 13th June 2017	Y4 trip to The Ashmolean Museum
Tuesday 13th June 2017	YR/KS1 Sport's Day from 10.00—12.00. Please join us!
Wednesday 14th June 2017	Y3 trip to Chedworth Villa.
Wednesday 14th June 2017	YR Summer Party for parents/carers at 2.30pm.
Friday 16th June 2017	Y3 Big Sleepover from 6.30pm.
Saturday 17th June 2017	Collect Y3 children from The Big Sleepover at 9.00am.
Monday 19th June 2017	Y1 trip to Warwick Castle.
Tuesday 20th June	YR assembly to parents at 9.15 am.
Tuesday 20th June 2017	KS2 Sport's Day, 10.00am—12.00pm—parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 20th June 2017	KS2 District Field and Track Competition at Edmonscote track from Approximately 3.30—6.00pm.
Thursday 22nd June 2017	Y1 Summer Party for parents/carers at 2.30pm.
Thursday 22nd June 2017	Induction meeting for new Reception parents/carers at 9.15am.
Friday 30th June 2017	MUFTI Day
Friday 30th June 2017	Farmer's Market on the playground
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.
Thursday 13th July 2017	Y6 trip to The London Dungeons—CANCELLED.
Saturday 15th July 2017	SPLAT! Children's Arts' Festival in Jephson Gardens.
Friday 21st July 2017	Break up for the summer holiday.

Pictures of the Week



These children all possess an amazing skill—they can speak more than one language. On Wednesday they were practising their reading with Mrs Millican and were tackling a particularly tricky text all about dinosaurs. I was so impressed to see the children reading complex words such as “ferocious” and “tyrannosaurus” and discussing their meaning. Well done, everyone!

Charity Bike Ride

Mr Tracy is riding from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise money for a diabetes charity. If you would like to support him, please visit his Just Giving page at:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/VirgilTracy>



A message from Mr Tracy:

JDRF is a charity very close to my heart. In 2012, my wonderful daughter Scarlett was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. Until someone finds a cure, she will test her blood sugar levels multiple times and give at least 4 insulin injections every day for the rest of her life.

At the end of this summer, I will be riding solo from Land's End to John O'Groats. Don't get me wrong, your donations won't alleviate my suffering as I wend my way through Britain's stunning countryside because I'll be enjoying every minute of it!

But every penny will go towards finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.

Due to class photographs and the short week at school, there were no celebration assemblies this Thursday and Friday. They will resume next week.

I hope you have a restful weekend with family or friends.

Best wishes,
Miss Glenny
(Associate Headteacher)