

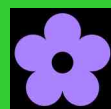
Spring has sprung!



Thanks to the green fingered gardeners who attended our Big Dig event last week, our school allotment is now prepared for planting. The vegetable garden and compost heap in Early Years are also doing very well due to the care of our Reception children. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed watching the growth of the vegetables and have watered them every single day. Some children have even had conversations with the vegetables to help them grow!



You can see pictures of our Early Years' plot on the next page.





Stop Press!

We have just been informed that school has been awarded the Bronze Food for Life Award. We are also well on our way towards achieving the Silver Award. Well done to Miss Owen, who has been working hard to help us achieve this quality mark.



Nurture Award



Last Friday, our local MP, Chris White, and a representative from The Nurture Group Network visited school to present us with The Marjorie Boxall Quality Mark. The award is in recognition of the caring ethos of the school and its excellent pastoral care of pupils. It particularly recognises the work of our two nurture groups and the fantastic staff who run them. In honour of the event, Rainbows held a tea party for our visitors. We were then presented with a lovely certificate and an award to display.



Chinese Visitors

This week we welcomed a group of Chinese teachers in to school. Huan Yao, Hao Zheng, Baochong Chen, Lu Huang and Huihua Zhang are all visiting from Shenzhen as part of a cultural exchange. They were all very impressed with our “beautiful” school and described the staff as “understanding” and “effective.” They were pleased to have seen lots of different teaching strategies and liked the fact that we meet the differing needs of every individual pupil.

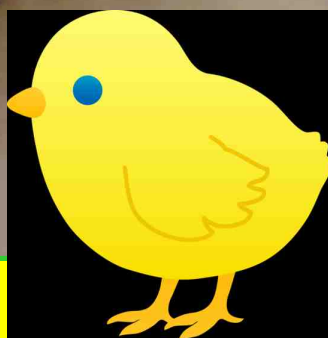
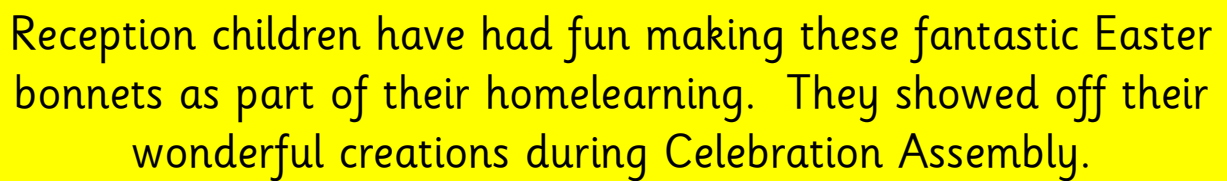


International Afternoon

These amazing mums and dads all helped us run our brilliant International Event on Thursday after school. As you can see from the photographs below, there were lots of cultural activities on offer including food tasting, bracelet making, egg decorating, games and language learning. The event was coordinated by Mrs Millican and Mrs Birk. Thank you, everyone—we think you're all amazing.



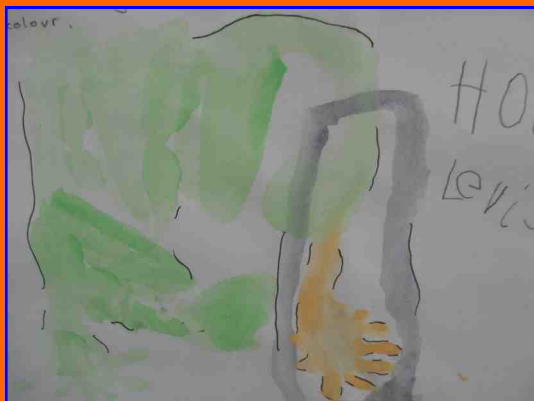
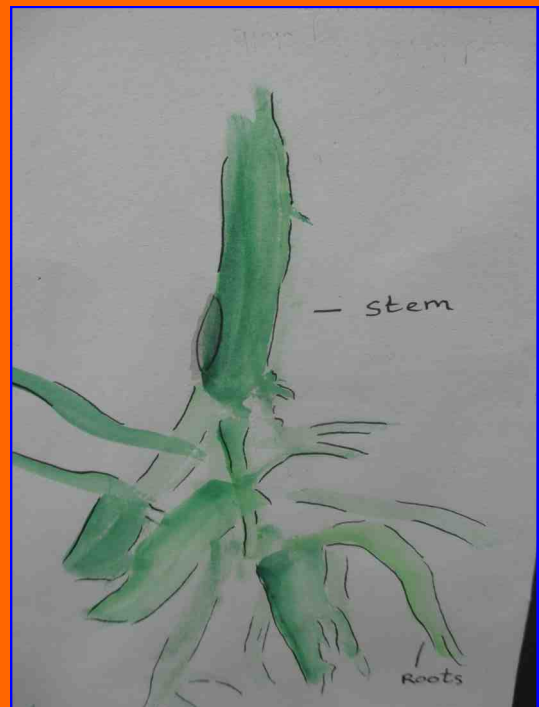




Art Exhibitions



YR





Y3



We have had two art unveilings this week. On Wednesday, Y3 revealed the light box and colour viewers which they have made with artist, Ben Sadler. The pieces are based on the work children saw at the Warwick Arts' Centre sculpture and colour trails. On Friday, Reception exhibited a range of pieces including watercolours, observational drawings and pictures inspired by the story, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt." Parents and carers were also treated to a film of the children at work, guided by Julie, one of our fabulous teaching assistants. Also on show was the weaving and 3D sculpture made as part of the National Gallery's Take One Picture Project. These pieces were created by a group of KS1 and KS2 children who worked with visiting artists, Ros Ingram and Laura Tan. We hope You will agree that the work is stunning.

**Take One
Picture
Project**

Pictures of the Week

Y2 chill out in PE!



Our new girl in the office...



Recorders

If your child has recorders lessons the cost for the Summer Term is £15. As you will recall last term we introduced a payment for recorder lessons per term and not per week as in previous terms. Please note we do not calculate how many lessons have been taken but a more realistic cost of recruiting a recorder teacher for the term.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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 24th April 2017

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Tuesday 25th April 2017

Monday 1st May 2017

Wednesday 3rd May 2017

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Thursday 4th May 2017

Monday 8th May 2017

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Thursday 11th May 2017

Thursday 11th May 2017

Monday 15th May 2017

Tuesday 16th May 2017

Thursday 18th May 2017

Saturday 20th May 2017

Monday 22nd May 2017

Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Wednesday 24th May 2017

Thursday 25th May 2017

Tuesday 25th April 2017

Friday 26th May 2017

Friday 26th May 2017

Monday 5th June 2017

Tuesday 6th June 2017

Return to school for the Summer term.

Living Eggs arrive in YR, Y2, Y5.

Zoolab visiting YR, Y2, Y5 and Y6.

School closed—BANK HOLIDAY.

Caterpillars in YR, Y2, Y5.

Y4 cricket festival at Hunningham.

School closed—POLLING DAY (and staff training.)

Y6 SAT's tests begin.

Y6 online Mandarin lessons begin (more info soon!)

PTA disco (times to be confirmed.)

Y1 Kerbwise, road safety sessions.

Santander finance sessions in Y4AH and Y6.

Y4 cricket competition at Hunningham.

Y1 Kerbwise, road safety sessions.

PTA jumble sale, 10.00am—12.00pm.

Y4 residential trip in Stratford.

Y4 return from residential trip in Stratford.

YR eye tests.

Y2/3 Big Sleepover.

Cookery course begins at 3.20pm.

MUFTI Day.

Break up for Whitsun half-term holiday

INSET Day—school closed.

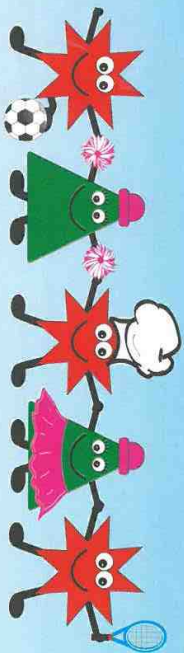
Return to school for the second half of the summer term.

NEW

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What's happening during the EASTER HOLIDAYS?

10th – 13th April 2017

Multi Sports · Football · Drama · Arts & Crafts · Cookery

18th – 21st April 2017

Multi Sports · Football · Dance · Cheerleading · Arts & Crafts · Cookery

**As well as the above there will be
team games, face painting, giant games and more!**

**Early drop off available from 8am and breakfast
is provided (drink, toast/croissant and fruit); £3.50**

9am – 3.30pm £14

9am – 4.30pm £17 (price includes a drink and a biscuit at 3.45pm)

9am – 5pm £18 (price includes a drink and biscuit at 3.45pm plus a wrap and fruit at teatime)

9am – 5:30pm £19 (price includes a drink and biscuit at 3.45pm plus a wrap and fruit at teatime)

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More Superstars

Thank you for putting
your rubbish in the bin!



Here are three extra Sydenham Superstars!

Kushi and Talia have been working so hard all week to keep the playground free from litter. Thank you to all the children and grown ups for putting their rubbish in the bin and keeping our school clean and tidy.

Mrs Cox, our Spring Term teaching student, leaves us today. As well as working tirelessly in Y1 MBB to teach and deliver lessons, she has helped to run a club, assisted on trips, co-created a class assembly and kept the children safe on the playground. Thank you, Mrs Cox. We'll miss you!



Sydenham Super Stars!



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Have a relaxing holiday. Try not to eat too much chocolate and we'll see you again on Monday April 24th for the Summer (hooray!) Term.

Best wishes from Miss Glenny
(Associate Headteacher)