

Animal Antics!

This week, we have welcomed a wealth of animals into school. Children have been getting up close and personal with frogs, millipedes, spiders, mice, giant snails and even cockroaches as part of our Zoolab sessions. We also have hen's eggs in several classes and have eagerly waited for them to hatch. As you can see from these photographs, pupils have been fascinated by our animal visitors.



In this fantastic YR Science lesson, children learnt about incubation. They made careful observations and predictions using prior knowledge of animal life cycles.





Pupils learnt about animal habitats and life cycles during their Zoolab sessions and enjoyed handling a range of creatures.



We will also be having stick insects and ladybirds in school over the coming weeks!

SPLAT! Arts' Festival

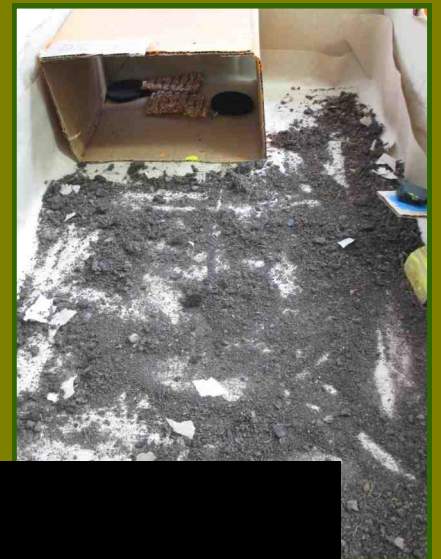
This week, Y4 AH began work on a live performance which will be premiered at the SPLAT children's arts' festival on Saturday, July 15th. For their first session, children had great fun working with performers from Highly Sprung exploring physical theatre.



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As I was walking around school earlier this week, I spotted some fabulous History homelearning on display outside the Y5 classroom. The models you can see below were made as part of the children's learning about the First World War and show what life in the trenches was like for a soldier.



The models show a fantastic grasp of how trenches were constructed. Well done to all our Y5 children for their creativity, understanding and and hard work.



Family Cookery Course

Thank you to everybody who applied for a place on our free, healthy eating cookery course. We were overwhelmed with requests! The four lucky families who were offered a place enjoyed their first session on Tuesday with Charlotte from The Bayleaf Cookery School. Our budding chefs created burritos which looked absolutely delicious. If you were disappointed not to have been offered a place on the course this time, there will be another chance for you to participate in September when we will be re-running the course.



Y1 Winning Sport's Team

On Tuesday morning, Mr Lee and Onside Coaches Mr Collins and Mr Duffy took a team of Year 1 athletes to Campion to participate in a Team Challenge event. Thirteen local schools competed in a range of events such as sprinting and even a hockey race. Despite some stiff competition, the Sydenham team won! Well done to everyone for their effort, enthusiasm and team work.



Toys In School

Some children are bringing a toy in to school which I believe is called a "Fidget" (see photograph.) These are made from metal, spin and can cause injury if they are thrown through the air. **Please do not allow your child to bring this or any other toy in to school.** We have plenty of resources for pupils to play with at break time so there is no danger children will be bored! Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.



Photo's of the Week

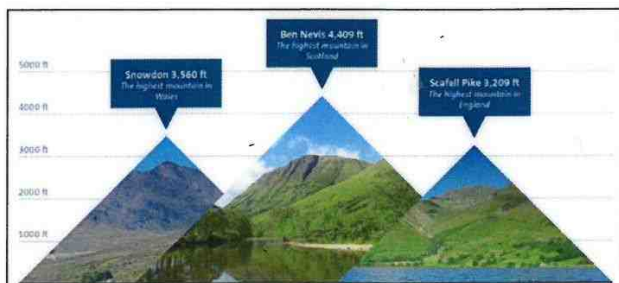


The chicks hatch out in Reception!

Charity Fundraising

THE ONSIDE COACHING THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE 2017

On Sunday 30th April 2017 the Onside Coaching team will be attempting the highly revered Threé Peaks Challenge, where the goal is to climb each of the highest peaks in England, Scotland and Wales all within 24 hours!



10 of Onside's finest will be tackling the peaks: Mark Morrey, Tom Sidwell, Pete Colins, Adrian Bevan, Steve Duffy, Harry Vaughan-Phillips, Claire Peet, Maxine Sedgley, Ella Keal and Zoe England.

By attempting the challenge, we are hoping to raise over £1,000 for the KIDS team at the Birmingham Children's Hospital - a charity that is very close to our hearts. The KIDS team provide a 24 hour referral, co-ordination, advice and transport service for critically ill babies and children in the West Midlands.

"Two years ago, when he was just 3 weeks old, our son Spencer stopped breathing and was taken to intensive care by the KIDS team (Kids Intensive Care and Decision Support). When a child has to be moved from one hospital to an intensive care unit they have to be taken by a specialist team who can intubate them (put them onto a life support machine). The KIDS team are part of Birmingham Children's Hospital and the only people able to do this in the West Midlands and Warwickshire. The team were amazing and so reassuring during the most difficult time of our lives. All of the money we raise will go directly to the KIDS team."

Mr Morrey, Onside Coaching



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It really is a massively worthy cause and any money we raise will go directly to the charity. If we can raise over £1,000 it will make a huge difference to them, so we would be forever thankful if you are able to make a donation - no matter how small. Thank you!

We are raising money in support of Onside next week. Your child will be bringing home an envelope—please put 50p inside and return to school if you feel you are able. Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity.



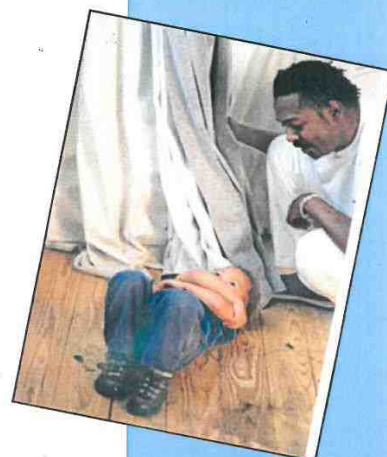
Triple P

The Positive Parenting Programme



The programme is held over 8 weeks. Each session lasts for 2 hours during which you have the opportunity to discuss and plan strategies that can be put into practice at home.

The first session will be held at Sydenham Primary School on Thursday May 25th from 10.00am—12.00pm

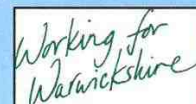


There will be 5 weekly group sessions followed by 2 weeks during which time you will have the opportunity to put the ideas you have learned into practice at home.

You will not be left alone to do this. Your Triple P trainer will be in contact to see how you are doing and to offer assistance if you are having difficulty. There is a final 2 hour session to review how well you have done and how to continue with all your good work!

For further information or to book a place contact:

Tina Fennelly or Harinder Chima
on 01923 339138 or pop into
school for a chat



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 1st May 2017	School closed—BANK HOLIDAY.
Wednesday 3rd May 2017	Caterpillars in YR, Y2, Y5.
Wednesday 3rd May 2017	Y4 cricket festival at Hunningham.
Thursday 4th May 2017	School closed—POLLING DAY (and staff training.)
Monday 8th May 2017	Y6 SAT's tests begin.
Wednesday 17th May 2017	Y6 online Mandarin lessons begin (more info soon!)
Thursday 11th May 2017	PTA disco (times to be confirmed.)
Thursday 11th May 2017	Y1 Kerbwise, road safety sessions.
Monday 15th May 2017	Santander finance sessions in Y4AH and Y6.
Tuesday 16th May 2017	Y4 cricket competition at Hunningham.
Thursday 18th May 2017	Y1 Kerbwise, road safety sessions.
Saturday 20th May 2017	PTA jumble sale, 10.00am—12.00pm.
Monday 22nd May 2017	Y4 residential trip in Stratford.
Tuesday 23rd May 2017	Y4 return from residential trip in Stratford.
Wednesday 24th May 2017	YR eye tests.
Thursday 25th May 2017	Y2/3 Big Sleepover.
Tuesday 25th April 2017	Cookery course begins at 3.20pm.
Friday 26th May 2017	MUFTI Day.
Friday 26th May 2017	Break up for Whitsun half-term holiday
Monday 5th June 2017	INSET Day—school closed.
Tuesday 6th June 2017	Return to school for the second half of the summer term.

There is a possibility that school may be used as a polling station for the general election on June 8th. As soon as we have received confirmation from the council that the building is required, we will let you know.

**Enjoy the bank holiday weekend!
See you back in school on Tuesday.
Best wishes from Miss Glenny (Associate Head)**

Sydenham Super Stars!



A photograph of five children standing in a hallway, each holding a colorful certificate. From left to right: a girl in a red cardigan and checkered dress, a boy in a red sweater and black trousers, a girl in a black sweater and grey trousers, a girl in a red sweater and grey skirt, and a boy in a red sweater and grey skirt. They are all smiling. In the background, there is a large circular chart on the wall and a 'Fire action' poster.

Congratulations to all of this week's YR/KS1 Sydenham Super Stars!

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