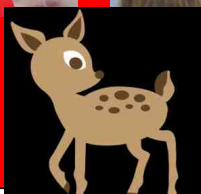


Y4 AH Class Assembly

Congratulations to Y4 AH who presented a lovely assembly this Tuesday, showcasing their learning in Science. Pupils explained all about animal habitats and sang a wonderful song. Well done, everyone!





YR Coffee Morning



It's good to talk!



Playing is learning!



Thank you to all the lovely YR parents and carers who came to our coffee morning and information session on Tuesday. It's wonderful to know that you value education and want to work in partnership with us to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child.

We will be holding a further information session for Reception parents/carers on Tuesday 12th October at 9:30am. The session will explain how we teach reading, writing and phonics. It will also offer tips and advice about supporting your child's Literacy learning at home.



Pleasance Farm Visit

This year, we are working in partnership with Pleasance Farm in Kenilworth. Visits to the farm are supporting children's learning in a range of subjects such as Science, Food Technology and Geography. Y6 visited the farm this week as part of their Living Things topic. As you can see from the photographs below, they had great fun meeting the animals and learning about plant classification.



Hindi

As a school, we like to recognise all of the twenty five different languages spoken by our children and their families. During the last academic year, we celebrated Polish, Punjabi, Portugese and English through special “language days” and assemblies to parents and carers.

Our ‘Language of the Month’ for October is Hindi. Children will be learning to speak a few words in the language as well as experiencing Indian dance and meeting a representative from the mandir. They will also be learning about Hindu traditions, stories and culture.

We hope you can join us on Wednesday 12th October at 9.15am in the main hall when you will see some of the activities children enjoyed during Language Day.

We will be learning about and celebrating other languages and cultures, throughout the school year.



Parking



We have had several parents voicing concerns this week about families using the car park to drop off and pick up children from school. Please note that **the car park is for staff use only. Due to the number of children entering and leaving school at the start and end of the day, it is not safe for families to park or pull up in the car park.** As the school grows in size, it is essential that all parents/carers respect this rule and park sensibly outside the school gates. Alternatively, please walk, cycle or scoot your way to and from school.

A parent has also reported seeing a young child being driven off from the car park in a car without a booster seat. The Gov.uk website clearly states **the law** on this matter:

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135cm tall, whichever comes first.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in improving this matter.

Parent Pay Update

Thank you once again to the parents who have logged on to our new online payment system Parent-Pay and made payments to school. There are a small number of parents who still have not activated their accounts. If you have lost the original letter with your Username and Password, please call in to the school office and we can give these to you again or if you require some help in setting up your account we are very happy to help you.

A small number of parents have requested pay point cards which we have ordered for you. **Please note that these cards only allow you to make dinner money payments.** If you require a barcode to enable you to pay for a school visit or trip please contact the school office once you have received the letter regarding your child's trip. We can only issue you with a barcode once the trip has been arranged.

As we are no longer asking you to complete and return consent slips for trips and visits it is extremely important that you log in to your parent pay account to give consent. **We cannot take your child on a trip or visit without your prior consent.**

We are continuing to see a reduction of cash in school and we aim to become cashless by October half term. This decision has been made not only to reduce time receiving and recording cash but for the safety of our staff as we were receiving large amounts of cash in school each week. Making payment via Parent Pay also gives parents an instant record and receipt of their payments.

Thank you for your continued support.
From Sarah Beck (School Business Manager)

Photo of the Week



Here are Ashley-Ray and Lily working together as talk partners. They were so engrossed in their learning, that they didn't even notice me taking this photograph! Collaboration is a fantastic way to learn something new or consolidate a skill. Children at Sydenham have a new talk partner each week so there are lots of opportunities to work with different friends in class and make progress in each subject.



School Council



Well done to all the children who have been elected to join our School Council this year. We had our first meeting on Wednesday when we discussed ways to encourage the safe movement of pupils around school. School Council decided they would like to hold a poster competition to promote sensible walking around the building. The competition will be sent out as home learning next week—we hope lots of children will enter a design. You can see some of our KS1 and KS2 school councillors working on the home learning task in the photographs above.

PTA Events



The PTA are holding a jumble sale on Saturday 15th October from 10.00 until 12.00pm. If you have any clean, undamaged donations, they would be gratefully received. Good quality toys, clothing, books and bric-a-brac are all needed.

Entrance to the jumble sale is 50p and volunteer helpers are always appreciated!

Please bring donations to the school office.

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This year's AGM will take place at school on Wednesday 12th October at 5.15 pm. Everybody is welcome!

Charity Event

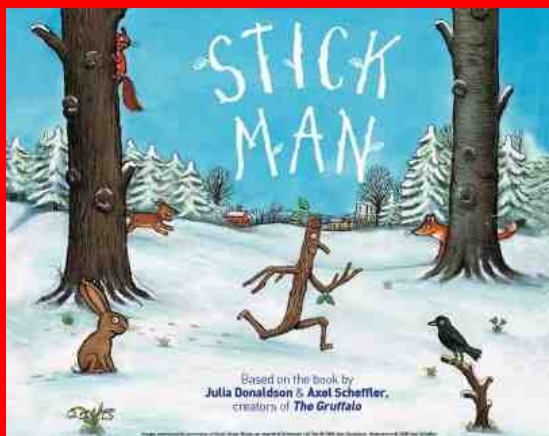
Thomas, in Y5, is involved in this charity fashion event. Why not go along to support it on 10th and 11th November.



Christmas Theatre Trips



Don't forget to log on to your Parent Pay account to pay £15 for your child's Christmas theatre trip. Details of our trips are below.



We will be sending out a letter explaining pick-up times and lunch arrangements at a later date.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be watching "Stick Man" at Warwick Arts Centre on Thursday 24th November.

Scamp Theatre's delightful adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's hugely popular children's book Stick Man is coming to Warwick Arts Centre! Touching, funny and utterly original, this award-winning production features a trio of top actors and is packed full of puppetry, songs, live music and funky moves.

***"Stick Man lives in the family tree
With his Stick Lady Love
and their stick children three..."***

But the world outside the family tree is a dangerous place for Stick Man. A dog wants to play fetch with him, a swan builds a nest with him and he even ends up on a fire!

How will Stick Man ever get back to the family tree?

Guarantee: more fun than you can shake a stick at!

Years 3—6 will be watching "Treasure Island" at The Birmingham Repertory Theatre on Thursday 15th December.

When pirates ransack Grandma Hawkin's inn, her fearless grand daughter unearths a treasure map and knows she must follow it to uncover its fortune.

"Treasure Island" is a thrilling, swash-buckling adventure that will transport you to a far-away, tropical island.



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 4 th October 2016	Y4 KJ class assembly – all Y4 KJ parents/carers welcome at 9.15
Wednesday 5 th October 2016	Open morning for prospective parents at 10:00 am.
Thursday 6 th October 2016	Y1 Share-a- Book from 2:45 – 3:15pm. All Y1 parents and carers welcome.
Friday 7 th October 2016	Y2 Share-a- Book from 2:45 – 3:15pm. All Y2 parents and carers welcome.
Friday 7 th October 2016	Joy Pannu (Police Community Support Officer) visiting YR.
Tuesday 11 th October 2016	Year 5 class assembly – all Y5 parents/carers are welcome at 9.15
Tuesday 11 th October 2016	Language of the Month Day: celebration of Hindi language and culture.
Wednesday 12 th October 2016	Language of the Month assembly – all parents/carers are welcome at 9:15am.
Thursday 13 th October 2016	Y2 class assembly – all Y2 parents/carers are welcome at 9:15am.
Thursday 13 th October 2016	Joy Pannu (Police Community Support Officer) visiting Y1 MB.
Friday 14 th October 2016	Joy Pannu (Police Community Support Officer) visiting Y1 JL.
Monday 17 th October 2016	Wriggle Dance Company visiting Y1.
Tuesday 18 th October 2016	Y1 visit to Batsford Arboretum.
Wednesday 19 th October 2016	Parent/Carer learning Review Meetings with teachers, 3:30 – 5:30pm.
Thursday 20 th October 2016	Y1 harvest assembly – all Y1 parents/carers are welcome at 9.15 am.
Thursday 20 th October 2016	Parent/Carer learning Review Meetings with teachers, 3:30 – 7:00pm..
Friday 21st October 2016	Break up for half-term holiday.
Monday 31 st October 2016	INSET Day (school closed for staff training.)
Tuesday 1 st November 2016	Children return to school.
Thursday 3 rd November 2016	Open afternoon for prospective parents at 1:45pm.
Tuesday 8 th November 2016	Y3 CB class assembly – all Y3 CB parents/carers are welcome at 9.15.
Thursday 3 rd November 2016	Y5 visit to The Space Centre, Leicester.
Thursday 24 th November 2016	YR, Y1 and Y2 visit to Warwick Arts Centre to watch a performance of “The Stick Man.”
Friday 25 th November 2016	MUFTI Day (non-school uniform – bring 50p.
Tuesday 29 th November 2016	Y5 class assembly – all Y5 parents/carers are welcome at 9.15

Have a super weekend with your lovely children.

See you all on Monday!

**Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand
(Associate Head Teachers)**

Wednesday 30 th November 2016	Y6 residential visit to to Marle Hall.
Thursday 1 st December 2016	Scholastic book fair in school.
Thursday 1 st November 2016	Book fair in school
Friday 2 nd November 2016	Book fair in school.
Friday 2 nd November 2016	Y6 return from Marle Hall.
Monday 5 th December 2016	Y3 JM, last swimming lesson.
Monday 5 th December 2016	Book fair in school.
Tuesday 6 th December 2016	Y3 CB, last swimming lesson.
Tuesday 6 th December 2016	Book fair in school.
Wednesday 7 th December 2016	YR perform "It's A Baby!" – all YR parent/carers welcome at 9:30am.
Wednesday 7 th December 2016	Y1 perform "Angel Express" – all Y1 parent/carers welcome at 2:15pm
Friday 9 th December 2016	Recorder and choir performance to parents and carers at 9:15am.
Wednesday 14 th December 2016	Y2 perform "Christmas With Aliens" – all Y2 parents/carers are welcome at 9:30am.
Wednesday 14 th December 2016	Class Christmas parties, PM.
Thursday 15 th December 2016	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 visit The Birmingham Repertory Theatre to watch a performance of "Treasure Island."
Thursday 15th December 2016	Break up for the Christmas holiday.

Sydenham Super Stars!

