

# Supporting the Local Community

## Fundraising for Myton Hospice

On Friday morning, Rachel Stevens from Myton Hospice visited us. She delivered an assembly on the work of the hospice and thanked us for raising £121.25 to support the charity. The money was raised by our wonderful Y6 recorder players who played Christmas carols at ASDA during the last week of the Autumn Term. Thank you to Mrs Murphy for organising this fund raising event and to our Y6 musicians who demonstrated a real Christmas spirit by thinking of others.

Mrs Murphy and our Y6 recorder players are our KS2 Superstars this week. You can see their photograph on the last page of this newsletter.

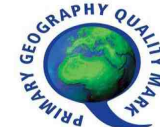


**YOU ARE AMAZING!**  
A BIG THANK YOU TO

**Recorder Group**  
**Sydenham Primary School**  
**FOR RAISING £121.25**  
**IN AID OF THE MYTON HOSPICES**

SIGNED  DATE 13th January 2017

THE MYTON HOSPICES  
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION





# RSC Associate School

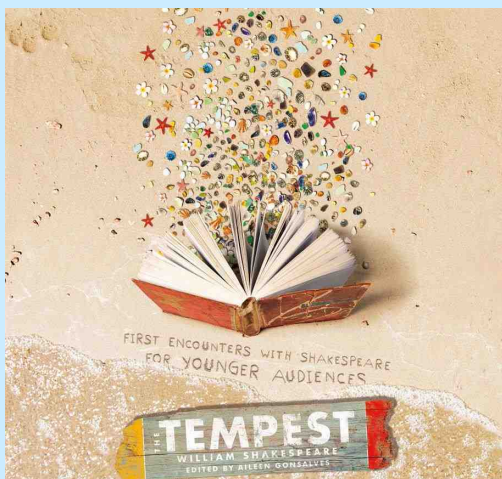
Great news! Sydenham has successfully joined The Royal Shakespeare Company's Associate School Programme. Places on this scheme are limited (only five Warwickshire schools were successful) so we are thrilled to have been chosen to participate. The aim of the programme is to introduce pupils to the work of William Shakespeare in exciting ways.

Being an Associate School brings our children lots of benefits such as:

- Being part of a local and national network of schools, teachers and theatre professionals committed to making Shakespeare's work vivid, accessible and enjoyable for pupils.
- Drama lessons and workshops with RSC Education practitioners.
- Opportunities to participate in a national festival of work by young people.
- Opportunities to experience high quality performances of Shakespeare's work in theatres and in school.

As part of the programme, on Friday 3rd February, Year 5 have been invited to watch a version of *The Tempest* at The Swan Theatre in Stratford. Afterwards, back at school, the children will participate in three masterclass, Shakespearian workshops, led by a Director Mentor from the RSC, culminating in their own performance of *The Tempest* at The Swan Theatre (part of The Play Making Festival.)

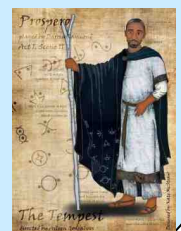
## The Tempest: First Encounters



On a crazy island swirling with sounds, exiled Duke Prospero uses magic to create a home within the wilderness.

As his beloved daughter Miranda falls in love with a shipwrecked stranger from their homeland, she rebels against his power. Prospero must risk forgiving those who betrayed him, or lose her forever.

Fun, fantasy and sorcery collide in this gripping story of how love and reconciliation can conquer fear and control. It is an ideal first experience of Shakespeare for anyone aged eight and above. Using Shakespeare's original language, this edited version last 90 minutes and includes a fully interactive introduction to the world of the play.







# ACTIVE ART'S PROJECT

On Tuesday, our Art's Committee met with staff from Warwick Art's Centre and pupil representatives from Kingsway, Shrubland Street, Clapham Terrace and St Patrick's primary schools. The purpose of the meeting was to agree arrangements for the CV31 "SPLAT!" art's festival which is due to take place in July.

Pupils were asked to make lots of decisions about the festival, such as:

- What will the programme of events be?
- What other activities and stalls will there be and how will they be accommodated in the space available?
- Do we need to fund raise to cover the cost of essentials such as security and first aid?
- Will the festival be free or shall we charge for tickets?
- How will we advertise the festival so lots of people come?

The children came up with some very thoughtful answers to these tricky questions. They also worked incredibly well in teams, listening carefully and valuing one another's opinions.



## Y6 PERFORMANCE OF "MACDUFF"

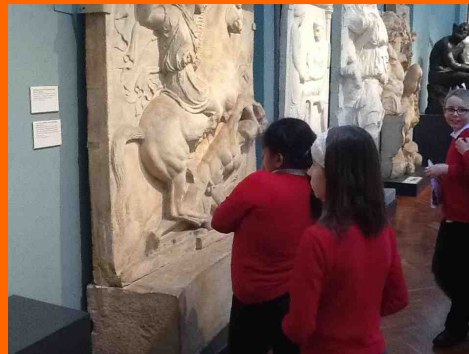
On Wednesday, Y6 will be performing "Macduff" to parents and then children from local schools. We are very excited to be having theatrical lights (operated by a technician from Warwick Art's Centre) and costumes. The performance is being filmed by a professional camera man and will be screened at the festival in July. All Y6 parents/carers are invited to attend the first performance, at 9.15am in the school hall on Wednesday 18th January.



# Y6 Visit to the Ashmolean Museum



On Wednesday, Year 6 visited the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford as part of their learning about the Ancient Greeks. The children looked at the antiquities on display and were lucky enough to handle artefacts which were thousands of years old!





# Photo's of the Week



Congratulations Sarujan whose wonderful achievements in handwriting were celebrated in assembly this week.



Well done to Reception children who had fun using the climbing frame and benches in their PE lesson with Miss Whitehead. Everybody remembered to use the gym equipment safely and sensibly.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

*Leamington's future - have your say*

**COMMUNITY DAY:**  
**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**  
**TOWN HALL, 12pm - 5pm**

Drop in to find out what it is all about,  
how you can get involved and share your ideas.

**Lots of activities:** quizzes, prizes, kids crafts, graffiti wall,  
discover the Leamington Wish Tree, enjoy hot chocolate  
and talk to us about the future of your town.

Call: **01926 450906**  
[admin@leamingtonspatowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@leamingtonspatowncouncil.gov.uk)

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# Thank You Book Lovers!

Thank you to all families who supported our Scholastic book fair last term. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to purchase over £500 worth of books for our library and classroom book shelves.

 SCHOLASTIC

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Sydenham Primary School

Our Scholastic  
Book Fair has raised  
**£533**  
in **FREE BOOKS**  
for our school



Date of Book Fair: November 2016

Account Number: 24801961 Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator: Mary Farrell

**THANK YOU** to everyone who  
attended and helped at our  
Scholastic Book Fair

# 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 16th Jan 2017	Closing date to apply for a Reception place, September 2017
Monday 16th Jan 2017	Y5/6 Indoor Athletics at Myton School, 2.00—4.00pm
Tuesday 17th Jan 2017	YR Reading Information Session, 9.15—10.15 am.
Wednesday 18th Jan 2017	Performance of "Macduff" to Y6 parents at 9.15 am.
Thursday 19th Jan 2017	Gallones Ice Cream Parlour, Science workshops.
Tuesday 24th Jan 2017	Chelys Consort of Viols perform to KS2.
Wednesday 25th Jan 2017	Y4 KJ class assembly at 9.15 am.
Wednesday 25th Jan 2017	Y3 visit to Warwick Art's Centre sculpture trail.
Friday 27th January 2017	Mufti Day (bring 50p for School Fund.)
Friday 27th Jan 2017	PTA Disco (times to be confirmed.)
Tuesday 31st Jan 2017	Y4 AH class assembly at 9.15 am.
Tuesday 31st Jan 2017	Y3 visit to Warwick Art's Centre colour trails.
Friday 3rd Feb 2017	Y5 to watch a performance of "The Tempest" at The Swan Theatre, Stratford.
Monday 6th Feb 2017	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7th Feb 2017	Y3 CB class assembly at 9.15 am.
Tuesday 14th Feb 2017	Y3 JM class assembly at 9.15 am.
Wednesday 15th Feb 2017	Parent/Carer's Evening, 3.30pm—6.00pm.
Thursday 16th Feb 2017	Parent/Carer's Evening, 3.30pm—7.30pm.
<b>Friday 17th Feb 2017</b>	<b>Break up for Spring half-term holiday.</b>
Monday 27th Feb 2017	Return to school.
Thursday 2nd March 2017	Bed Time Stories (time to be confirmed.)
Thursday 2nd March 2017	World Book Day—come to school dressed as you favourite book character!
Thursday 2nd March 2017	Y2 visit to The Butterfly Farm, Stratford.
Tuesday 7th March 2017	Y2 JRL class assembly at 9.15 am.
Monday 13th March 2017	Ensemble 360 performance for Y2—Y6
Tuesday 14th March 2017	Y2 ES class assembly.
Tuesday 21st March 2017	Y1 JL class assembly at 9.15 am.
Thursday 23rd March 2017	PTA cake raffle.
Thursday 23rd March 2017	Y5 Kip on a Ship residential, London.
Friday 24th March 2017	Y5 return from Kip on a Ship trip.
Friday 24th March 2017	Mufti Day (bring 50p for School Fund.)
Tuesday 28th March 2017	Y1 MB class assembly at 9.15 am.
Wednesday 5th April 2017	PTA Easter bingo, 5.30pm—7.00pm.
<b>Friday 7th April 2017</b>	<b>Break up for Easter holiday.</b>
Monday 24th April 2017	Return to school for the Summer term.



## In-Service Training Days

For those of you who need to plan ahead, please note that our next Inset Day is Monday June 5th when school is **closed** for staff training.



Sydenham PTA

# DISCO

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

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RECEPTION & YEAR 1: 3.00PM - 4.15PM

YEARS 2 & 3: 4.30PM - 5.45PM

YEARS 4, 5 & 6: 6.00PM – 7.15PM

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*Please collect your child promptly at the end of their disco*

*Reception & Year 1 must be collected from their classrooms*

*Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 must be collected from the hall*



**Tickets cost £3 each**

(This includes unlimited drinks and a glow stick bracelet)

**The PTA will be selling tickets in the school hall at pick up time  
during the week beginning Monday 16th January**



Enjoy your weekend and see you all again on Monday.  
Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand (Associate Head Teachers)





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