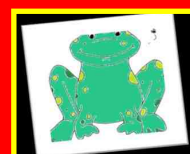


# Year Three PE Cheerleading



Across the school, pupils have been practising their cheerleading skills in PE this week. Here are Year Three going through their paces.

What fantastic learning!



# Y4 Residential









# SPLAT! Festival



On Tuesday, our Year 5 Arts' Ambassadors met their counterparts from other local schools and staff from Warwick Arts' Centre. Pupils continued to make arrangements for the SPLAT! Children's Arts' Festival which will be held in Jephson Gardens on Saturday July 13th from 11.00am—4.00pm.

The ambassadors completed several tasks including creating promotional material for the festival, mapping a route around the festival for the town mayor and discussing rules for attendees at the event.

We very much hope that lots of Sydenham families will visit the festival. Highlights include a dance-drama performance by Year Two, an exhibition of Year Three art work in the gallery and a performance by our Year Five/Six choir. There will also be free performances from professional theatre and dance companies, inflatables, games to play, a picnic area and refreshments.

See you at the festival!



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**Article 12: Respect for the Views of the Child**

# Happy Retirement

## Farewell, Mrs Birk



It was with much sadness that we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Birk just before the Easter holiday. Mrs Birk has worked as an English as an Additional Language teacher at Sydenham for over twenty years, helping many children acquire and improve their English speaking, reading and writing skills. Mrs Birk has particularly supported families in Reception and Key Stage One, demonstrating incredible kindness towards the children and dedication to her role.

To mark Mrs Birk's well deserved retirement, staff held an after school tea party in her honour. We are very much hoping that Mrs Birk will return to Sydenham in the capacity of volunteer. In this way, we will not lose her wealth of skills and experience.

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to thank Mrs Birk for her many years of hard work. We wish her all the best for new adventures in the future.

# Summer Fayre News

The PTA are currently very busy organising our Summer Fayre which is scheduled for Friday 5th July, from 3.20—5.00pm. They would very much appreciate your help with the following:

## Donations

If you have any **unwanted gifts, good quality soft toys or knick-knacks**, please send them in to the office. In addition, **bottles of alcohol or soft drinks** would be much appreciated.

**Bottled toiletries** are also most welcome.

## Mufti Day—Come to School with Crazy Hair!



We will be having a MUFTI (non-uniform) Day on Friday 28th June. Please come to school with a **crazy hair style** and bring a donation of chocolate for the Summer Fayre.



## Refreshments

During the week of the Summer Fayre, the PTA would also appreciate donations of cakes, scones, samosas and pakora for the refreshment stall.

## Talent Show and Hat Parade

Don't forget to encourage your child to enter either the talent show or the hat parade—more details on the next page.



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**Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture.**

# Sydenham's Got Talent!

Sing, dance, tell jokes! Whatever your talent is, come and show us  
at the Summer Fayre on 5th July, 3.20 – 5.00pm.



2 minutes max per act!

We will ask the audience to vote by ballot.

PRIZE for the best Act!



To apply, please print out  
and complete this slip and  
a member of the PTA Team  
will get back you!

Key stage 2 only.  
Limited spaces available.

Sydenham's Got Talent application form.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Class/es \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do at the talent show (eg, sing, dance, magic tricks, tell jokes.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Sydenham school's PTA Summer Fayre Hat parade



Key stage 1 are invited to make a hat for our hat parade  
on July 5th at the Summer Fayre.

Judging will be on the field – time to be announced.



Any hat design - summer, winter or Halloween,

Yours will be seen.

Display your hat at the parade,

Show everyone watching what you have made.

Prize for the winner!





# Eco School - Parents Needed



Dear Parents/Carers,

Recently, we have started the journey to becoming an international, Green Flag Award Eco-School. The programme is designed to raise environmental awareness amongst young people and in England it is run by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. Internationally, the programme is the largest educational programme in the world present in nearly 70 countries with millions of children participating. Our school is now part of this global community working to create environmental change for the benefit of our children and future generations.

The Eco-Schools programme empowers pupils, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and can also lead to financial saving. Being an active member of the programme will be something your child will remember for the rest of their life.

The programme focuses on ten important environmental topics:

1. Biodiversity
2. Energy
3. Global Citizenship
4. Healthy Living
5. Litter
6. Marine
7. School Grounds
8. Transport
9. Waste
10. Water

Every school taking part in the Eco-Schools around the world programme follow the same simple Seven Step framework. This usually takes schools between one and two academic years to complete. After achieving our first Green Flag, our school can continue in the programme and achieve multiple Green Flags whilst continuing to work on and promote environmental issues. One of the most exciting things about the programme is that the process is designed to engage the whole school and its wider community.

If you would like to get involved in the Eco-School programme by sharing your time, ideas or skills please contact us directly. If you are struggling for spare time, don't worry, we will keep you updated on our progress regularly and invite you to participate in Eco-Schools projects or events that the pupils organise.

We hope you are as excited about our eco-journey as we are,

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Ball  
Eco-Coordinator

Richard Butler  
Eco Schools Governor

Juliette Westwood  
Executive Head Teacher



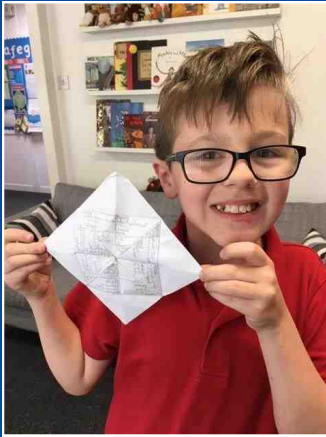
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# Y2 and Y6 SAT's

Year Two pupils begin their SAT's tests next week. Children will work in small groups to complete papers on reading, maths, spelling, punctuation and grammar.



Y6 SAT's commence week beginning May 13th. Pupils have continued to work incredibly hard in preparation for the tests and are all showing a brilliant positive attitude as you can see from this picture of George and his punctuation and grammar "fortune teller." He enjoyed making it so much that he even stayed in a t break to complete it.



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Article 29: Goals of Education

## Calling all Fish Lovers

We have a large tank and cold water fish free to a good home. Please let the office know if you're interested.

# National Smile Month

## 13th May - 13th June 2019

According to Public Health England, almost a quarter of 5 year olds have tooth decay with an average 3 or 4 teeth being affected. Prevention is always better than cure, therefore please encourage and supervise your child/ren to clean their teeth twice a day and ensure they visit the dentist for a check-up every 6 months even if there are no problems with their teeth. **NHS dental care for children under 18 is free.** Children should also limit sugary food intake as we know that sugar harms teeth. You can speak to your Dentist if you have any concerns about your child's oral health. The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and the School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204 or confidentially text ChatHealth Parentline on 07520 619 376.



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**Article 18: Parental Responsibilities**

## Y6 Writing

Children from all year groups were recently challenged to create a short piece of promotional writing advertising Sydenham Primary School. Lots of children created amazing pieces of work but we particularly liked Ben's for its mature style, formal register and careful word choices.

**Parents of Leamington Spa, are you looking at schools for your child? If so, you can stop.**

**Sydenham Primary School is equipped with its very own computer suite, a Lego studio, inspiring teachers and supportive pupils. Sydenham school takes learning and makes it fun! We are up to date on all health and safety matters so you don't have to worry about your child. Furthermore, we have a range of after school clubs such as kayaking and rock climbing. We are associated with Champion school and regularly have engaging lessons there.**

**Should you pick our school? Yes! But we'll let you decide.**



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**Article 29: Goals of Education**





**Well done to Y4 KJ who had the highest attendance at school this week with 99% of pupils attending.**

Y6 JB	99%
YR RK	97%
Y5 CB	97%
Y6 KC	97%
Y3 JM	97%
Y5 JvS	96%
YR AH	95%
Y1 EL	95%
Y2 AP	94%
Y4 CD	93%
YR AH	92%
Y2 KG	92%
Y1 JL	92%

**Please note that our school attendance target is 97%.**

**The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%.**

**Low attendance results in poorer educational progress and attainment.**



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Article 3 (Best Interests of the Child.)**

# Summer Term Diary Dates

Monday 6th May 2019	Bank holiday—school closed.
Tuesday 7th May 2019	YR lunchtime, Music club starts.
Thursday 9th May 2019	Meeting for Y5 parents about Ironbridge residential At 3.30pm in the Y5 CB classroom.
Week beginning Monday 13th May 2019	Y6 SAT's.
Thursday 16th May 2019	Y2 AP watch "Small Spaces" by Mimika Theatre at Clapham Terrace Primary, 1.15pm.
Friday 17th May 2019	Y2 KG watch "Small Spaces" by Mimika Theatre at Clapham Terrace Primary, 1.15pm.
Monday 20th May 2019	House PE competition this week.
Tuesday 21st May 2019	Y3 AH class assembly at 9.15am.
Tuesday 21st May 2019	YR AH class assembly at 10.15am.
Wednesday 22nd May 2019	NSPCC assembly—"Speak Out-Stay Safe" programme
Thursday 23rd—Friday 24th May 2019	Y5 Ironbridge Gorge residential trip at 3.30pm.
Thursday 23rd May 2019	Y4 trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.
Thursday 23rd May 2019	Outdoor Classroom Day.
Friday 24th May 2019	MUFTI Day in aid of The NSPCC—bring 50p.

**Whitsun Half-term holiday from Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May 2019**

**Please note that Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday so school will be closed.**



Tuesday 4th June 2019

Tuesday 4th June 2019

Friday 7th June 2019

Monday 10th June 2019

Tuesday 11th June 2019

Tuesday 11th June 2019

Tuesday 18th June 2019

Wednesday 19th June 2019

Wednesday 19th June 2019

Thursday 20th June 2019

Monday 24th June 2019

Tuesday 25th June 2019

Tuesday 25th June 2019

Friday 28th June 2019

Tuesday 2nd July 2019

Tuesday 2nd July 2019

Thursday 4th July 2019

Friday 5th July 2019

Friday 5th July 2019

Tuesday 9th July 2019

Wednesday 10th July 2019

Thursday 11th July 2019

Friday 12th July 2019

Saturday 13th July 2019

Thursday 18th July 2019

Thursday 18th July 2019

Friday 19th July 2019

Y6 KS class assembly at 9.15am.

YR RK class assembly at 10.15am.

School photographer—whole class photographs.

YR/Y1 community dental visit.

Y6 JB class assembly at 9.15am.

Y1 EL class assembly at 10.15am.

YR/KS1 Sport's Day . Time TBC.

Induction meeting for Reception families 2019/20  
at 9.30am.

Y1 JL class assembly at 10.15am.

NSPCC online safety session for parents.

Rocksteady concert at 2.00pm.

KS2 Sport's Day. Time TBC.

Y2 KG assembly at 10.15am.

MUFTI Day—bring a donation of chocolate for the  
Summer Fayre to come to school with crazy hair!

Y4 KJ class assembly at 9.15am.

Y2 AP class assembly at 10.15am.

Reception and KS1 end of year reports go home.

KS2 end of year reports go home.

PTA Summer Fayre, 3.20—5.00pm.

Y3 JM class assembly at 9.15am.

Stay and Play session for YR families 2019/20,  
9.30—11.00am.

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9.30—11.00am.

KS2 recorder concert at 2.00pm—parents invited.

SPLAT! Children's Arts' Festival, Jephson Gardens,  
11.00am—4.00pm.

Y6 leavers' show for Y6 JB parents at 9.15am.

Y6 leavers' show for Y6 KS parents at 2.00pm.

Break up for the summer holidays.

# Sydenham Super Stars!



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Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes from Miss Glenly and Miss Challand