

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very busy time recently and this week's newsletter is full of events which have taken place.

Last week Years 3 and 4 had exciting visits to The Roald Dahl Museum and St. John's Museum and we had a busy Share a Book Session on World Book Day. The previous week Miss Bond's class had an activity session with parents and carers.

A big thank you to parents for your continuing support with our dress code. We do seem to be collecting a lot of lost property at the moment, so please come and look if you have noticed any items missing. A reminder that nail varnish and jewellery are not suitable for school unless the jewellery has religious significance. Only stud ear rings are permitted for pierced ears.

We have all been enjoying the sunshine (another reason for extra lost property as coats and sweat shirts are being taken off and left outside!).

This week we have said goodbye to our Warwick Volunteers who have been helping in school and supported us in a wide variety of ways. They were delighted with the thank you cards they received.

Please check the back page for PTA and parent course news.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Best wishes,

Juliette Westwood and Carla Matthews

Executive Headteacher and Associate Headteacher

Sydenham Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of this week's Sydenham Super Stars!
Friday 14th March 2014



Attendance Stars

Our whole school attendance target is 97% this academic year. We can't achieve this without your support! Congratulations to Class 5 100% Fantastic! Commiserations to Reception and Year 1 as chicken pox has kept their attendance low.

This week's attendance:

Class R MB: **89.6%**
 Class R AH: **92.0%**
 Class 1 LC: **92.8%**
 Class 1KH: **96.7%**
 Class 2: **97.1%**
 Class 3: **96.8%**
 Class 4: **98.3%**
 Class 5: **100%**
 Class 6: **95.7%**
Overall Attendance: 95.4%

THE TRAIN RIDE

The train is waiting
 All of the passengers are on
 Now it is time to go
 Over the tree tops
 Down the hills
 What shall I see?
 What shall I see?

A shiny red tractor
 Pulling its load
 That's what I see
 That's what I see

Going by the river
 Over the bridge
 Down the railway
 Into the streets

At the station
 Other people getting on
 Still on the journey
 When we went up the railway

The train stopped
 We were in London
 The other train started to go
 We were at the station
 We got off the train and we drove home

By Benjamin Odonnell
 Aged 5
 27/02/2014

A Magic Moment

Last Friday Mrs Hill brought Ben to see me, announcing that she had discovered a poet in her class!

It was a special moment; Ben was very proud and I was so impressed by Ben's poem, that I asked him to type it up for the newsletter. This week I asked for an illustration. I thought you might like to share one of the magic moments, which make our jobs so special.

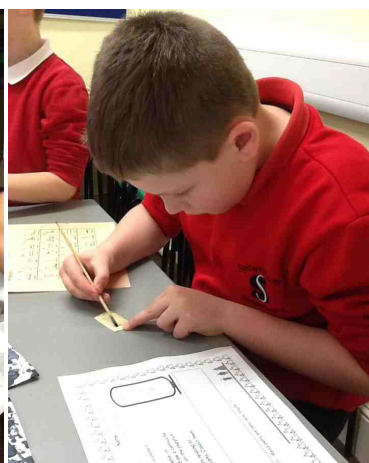
Well done, Ben



Share an Activity

On Thursday 27th February parents of children in Miss Bond's Reception Class shared an activity with their child. This is a successful way to strengthen the link between home and school and support children's learning. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us.





Year 4 Class Visit

On Friday 7th March Class 4 went to St. John's Museum in Warwick to take part in the Egyptian Day Project. They travelled by train which caused a great deal of excitement amongst the class! It was a very busy day and the children were immersed in a range of interesting activities.

When they arrived, each child was given an ancient Egyptian costume to wear. Reuben couldn't resist trying on Cleopatra's wig!

During the morning session the children took part in several different role playing activities. They also looked at some ancient Egyptian artefacts and thought about what they were used for.

In the afternoon the children took part in three different group activities. They wrote with ink pens on papyrus paper, learned about the different foods that would have appeared on an ancient Egyptian menu and made model shabtis/ scarab beetles from clay.

Year 3's visit to Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre



Solo gallery

- Explore a Gladiator cockpit to find out about Roald Dahl's RAF experiences
- Step inside Roald Dahl's original Writing Hut
- Find out your spark-factor on the Sparkometer
- Open the drawers to discover secrets and surprises



Boy gallery

- Hear about Roald Dahl's schoolboy pranks and find the mouse in the gobstopper jar
- Rummage through the Dahl family photo album



The Story Centre and Crafts room

- Make a stop-frame animation film
- Create your own gobblefunk words
- Dress up as a Roald Dahl character
- Get crafty making a character mask or a crowswoggling creature

Miss Henley's Classroom

- Join our fabulous weekend and holiday workshops with authors, storytellers, scientists, chocolatiers and crafts experts

Courtyard and Café Twit

- Relax with a drink and delicious cake from Café Twit, or run off some energy in our courtyard
- Listen to some *Revolting Rhymes* from our roving storytellers



"So much hands-on, I don't think my feet can keep up!"
Museum visitor

Year 3 had a fabulous visit to the Raold Dahl Museum and we thought you would like to see some information about it. And the opportunities available there





Share a Book

Our World Book Day Share a book session involved parents and grandparents from both Key Stages. The children really enjoy family involvement in school time and it was the perfect ending to a very special day. Thank you all very much for your support.





Easter multi sports at Campion School

Organised by the Central Warwickshire Sports Partnership

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th April 2014

9am-3.45pm

Open to children currently in year 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

Sports to choose from include: Hockey, football, badminton, table tennis, fitness, cupstacking, goalball, sports hall athletics, archery and many more.

(Choices can be made on the day)



Prices:

£8 per day

(Reduced to £6 if your child has already attended a CWSSP sports day this year)

10% discount for siblings

Prizes to be won!





Parent classes

Parent course run by Anastasia Pappa and School Staff begin next Friday 21st March and run from 9.15-10.45

Week 1: How Children Learn : a growth mindset workshop

Week 2: Teaching at school

Week 3: Maths Learning

Week 4: Talk Home Learning

Week 5: Introduction to the MyMaths platform we use at school

Please tell the office staff if you are interested in attending.

P.T.A

Jumble Sale : Saturday 5th April 2014

Having a Spring Clean? Please help the P.T.A raise money for the school by bringing in any unwanted items for our Jumble Sale. There is a volunteers wanted list outside the office. If you think you could help, even for half an hour at any of our events, please add your name to the list. We would be grateful for any help at all. Thank you.

More Information about the P.T.A

Sydenham PTA is a group of parents and teachers who organise fund-raising events and activities to provide extras for the school that otherwise would be beyond the school's normal expenditure. We provide an opportunity for parents/carers to meet, get to know each other and have fun whilst working together to raise money to improve children's school experience and enhance their education.

We always need new and pro-active parents/carers to become involved and your support can come in many forms, from helping out at an event to providing contact details for someone you know who could donate a prize or provide a service at a future fund-raising activity.

As a member of our PTA you will be able to share your ideas, get connected, put your skills and hobbies to great use and demonstrate to your child the importance you place on education. You will have the satisfaction of seeing how worthwhile your contribution is, how much the children enjoy events and how you can make a positive difference to your child's future.

If you want to find out more please fill in the slip below:

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I would like to know more about the P.T.A

Name:

Child's class:

Contact details