



Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,



Congratulations to Miss Glenny for achieving achieving her NPQSL (National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership)



And to

Mrs Banks for achieving her NPQML (National Professional Qualification in Middle leadership) .

Both members of staff worked extremely hard to achieve these qualifications and made valuable contributions to the school curriculum as part of their studies.

We ended this week with a solar eclipse which led to a celebration assembly with a difference. We watched the BBC live broadcast on the large screen in the main hall. The children were impressed and many of them had come to school very keen to learn more about this special event. Mrs Harrad told them that the moon will appear even larger in the sky tonight, so that's something different to look out for and appropriate for National Science week.

Please accept my apologies for two date errors in last week's newsletter:

Kip in a Ship is on April 23rd

And Bikeability level 1 is on April 16th

Thank you to the observant parents who noticed this.

Living Eggs

The Living Eggs will be coming to every classroom soon as part of the children's science learning! The eggs and incubators will be in school for two weeks from 20th April—1st May. The newly hatched chicks will need a lovely family to look after them over the weekend. Please have a think about whether you would be able to help out and let your child's class teacher know. If there are lots of families interested, we'll draw names out of a hat!

Good News

Mr Lee will be returning to school on Monday 23rd March. He has finished his jury service and is delighted that he will be back with us. We would like to thank Mrs Hill for taking the class in his absence.

Best wishes
Carla Matthews
Associate Headteacher



Year 2 Mrs Rowan Lancaster's Class Assembly: The Lion King.



Phoevos said, "I was Mufasa, the King of the Lions. Scar pushed me off the cliff into the stampede and I died. I felt sad because I wanted to be King for longer."

Tyler thought it was easy to play a mean character. He said, "I really do like meanies in stories, but not in real life. It was funny when someone roared at me because everyone was cheering."



George was Simba.. He said, "I liked to be Simba and I like little lions because at the end I make a big roar at Scar. I liked being Nala's friend."

Nala was played by Anastasia. "I liked it because I had lots of lines to learn. I also liked it when me and George were scared. We had to do shocked faces and I like doing that."

Dean was Banzai one of the heads of the hyenas. "I liked being a hyena because I chased people."

The children said, "We learned lots of things. We learned how to learn our lines, take different parts and about the circle of life and it was fun"



The class worked very hard learning their lines and practising a range of different movements and expressions.

They wore mask to identify the animals they were representing.

Well done, everyone.

Thank you too Mrs Rowan Lancaster and Miss Daly.

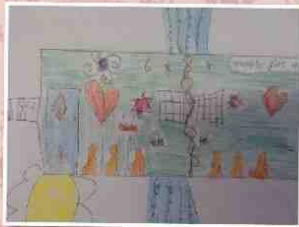
Looking for Learning in year 3:

Year 3 have been chosen to take part in an exciting project called 'Car Stories' with the Heritage Motor Centre Motor Museum, Gaydon. On the first visit from the team the children looked at artefacts from the motor museum. Last week, Lara and her team returned and the children began to design their own cars. Lara will be visiting again after Easter when we will make our cars and some of them will be chosen for display at the museum. The children have also been 'interviewed' and some of their stories have been recorded for the project. Year 3 will be visiting the Museum on June 11th

12th March 2015 Car Stories Project

We designed our own cars!

My car is a girl monster truck. It has wings and flowers on the tyres. Shreya Dhalilawal



My car is called a Bat mobile monster truck house. It has big wheels. Karl Baker



My car has wings and has spots on it. It doesn't have a roof. Wiktorja Kos



My car is a huge flying limo and it has monster eyes and a step ladder to get up. Ross Alcock.

My car can fly and you can sky dive out of it. It has a house on top of it and it's as fast as lightning. Tommy Miller



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Mothers' Day Lunch







We had a lovely
time with our
lovely mums
and grandmas





A big thank you to everyone who shared this special day with us and to all the staff who worked hard to make it such a lovely event.



Dear Parents and carers of pupils in KS2,

If you are interested in your child taking part in Cycle training, please read the following letters:

Bikeability Level 1 Course Information

CSW Active Limited and Central Warwickshire SSP are pleased to offer **children in year 3 and 4** a free

place on the following Level 1 course: **School: Sydenham Primary School**

Dates: Thursday 16th April 2015

Times: 9.30-11.30

Bikeability Level 1 is designed to support children to learn to control and master their bike skills. It takes place in a traffic free environment and covers the following aspects:

Correct helmet fitting

Basic bike check

Getting on and off your bike correctly

Starting and stopping

Using gears (if the bike has them fitted)

Steering, including moving around obstacles

Controlling the bike with one hand and signaling

Stopping quickly

Looking around you, including behind, without wobbling

If you would like your child to attend the above course, then please collect a form from the school office and return it to school ASAP. The number of places is limited to 18.

Cycling Ability Pupils must be able to ride a bike before starting the course, without the use of stabilisers.

Bikes Although a basic safety check is carried out during the first session, it is your responsibility to ensure that the bike is roadworthy, safe and the right size for your child. You will be notified of any faults and your child may be unable to continue on the course until the faults are rectified. We therefore strongly recommend that bikes are checked before the start of the course (checklist provided).

Dress Courses will go ahead regardless of the weather (unless it is too dangerous) therefore trainees should be dressed accordingly.

Cycle Helmets Cycle helmets must be worn throughout all cycle training sessions. The helmet should be fitted by the parent/carer in advance of the course to reduce the time implication on instructors.

Dear Parent

Bikeability Level 2 Course Information

CSW Active Limited and Central Warwickshire SSP are pleased to offer children in years 5 and 6 a free place on the following Level 2 course:

School: Sydenham Primary School

Dates: Monday 15th June to Thursday 18th June.

Monday session on the playground, then the rest of the sessions on the road.

Times: 1.15-3.15

Bikeability is a cycle training scheme aimed at developing basic road sense, awareness of traffic dangers and to improve your child's ability to ride safely. Most of the training takes place on the road.

If you would like your child to attend the above course, then please complete the attached form and return it to your school as soon as possible.

Cycling Ability Pupils must be able to ride a bike before starting the course, this includes the ability to control the bicycle and maintain balance whilst giving hand signals and being able to use gears if fitted.

Bikes Although a basic safety check is carried out during the first session, it is your responsibility to ensure that the bike is roadworthy, safe and the right size for your child. You will be notified of any faults and your child may be unable to continue on the course until the faults are rectified. We therefore strongly recommend that bikes are checked before the start of the course (checklist provided).

Dress Courses will go ahead regardless of the weather (unless it is too dangerous) therefore trainees should be dressed accordingly.

Cycle Helmets Cycle helmets must be worn throughout all cycle training sessions. The helmet should be fitted by the parent/carer in advance of the course to reduce the time implication on instructors.

Behaviour Our first priority is the safety of the pupils. A pupil who disrupts the course so that their safety or the safety of anyone else is put at risk, will not be allowed to continue with the course.

Assessment Trainees will be assessed. Our first consideration is that pupils are safe to cycle on the road. We advise pupils who do not reach the standard on their areas of weakness and can offer opportunities further training and/or assessment. Pupils who miss a session will only be assessed if the instructors agree.

Future Cycling The course covers the basics of safe cycling. It does not guarantee pupils are safe to cycle in traffic. Your child will need practice even after completing the course to develop their skills further and consolidate what has been taught. Before you let your child ride on the road please discuss this with them and agree areas where it is safe for them to cycle.

The Villiers String Quartet

On Tuesday, the Villiers String Quartet visited school to play a fabulous concert. The children were treated to a range of classical music played on two violins, a viola and a cello. We were all entranced by the skill of the musicians and the beauty of the music they played.



Stranger Danger

It is that time of year when Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board's Taking Care Scheme asks parents and carers to talk to their children about Stranger Danger.

Here are some helpful tips:

- do not teach blanket 'stranger danger' messages to children. The reason for this is that sometimes a stranger is the only person who can help us and is a far safer option than not talking to anyone. E.g. a child lost in a shop is far safer to tell a stranger they are lost than to wander off looking for the person they have separated from. We may choose to discuss the likely 'safest' strangers in such scenarios such as a mother with a pram or small children or someone who works in the shop.

However, we do need to clarify the stranger issue as plainly there are situations we may want to warn children about for their own safety e.g.

not to get in a car with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.

not leaving school with someone other than who they were expecting unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission and they have checked with a school staff member. Sometimes a password system is used so that children are only released into the care of an adult who can give the correct password – this is usually changed as soon as it has been used once.

not to walk off with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.

If someone tries to grab them it is ok to break all the rules of politeness to others e.g. scream, kick, punch, bite...etc. Whatever they need to do to draw attention to themselves and alert others to the fact they are in danger.

Please reinforce these safety messages to the children regularly without giving them the idea that ALL strangers are 'bad'.

Reminders for next week:

School Disco next Thursday night 26th March 2015

yR and y1 3.20-4.15pm

Y2 and y3 4.30-5.30pm

Y4,5,6 6.00-7.00pm

Non uniform day (mufti) Friday 27th March 2015

Easter Bonnet Parade :Friday 27th March

Easter Egg Raffle: Friday 27th March

Spring term ends Friday 27th March 2015

Summer Term Begins Monday 13th April 2015

Next Term:

KS2 SATs starts week beginning May 11th 2015. All year 6 pupils must be in school this week. The week's timetable will be published after the Easter holiday.

Year 4 Residential to Butterfly Farm and Stratford Youth Hostel will take place from Tuesday 2nd June to Wednesday 3rd June 2015. Letters to follow

The family and adult Learning group are offering a course supporting parents with English as an additional language on Monday 20th Aprilpm and the following 5 weeks.

Sydenham Super Stars!

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

