

Dear parents and carers,

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The end of term is approaching quickly, so we thought you might like some dates for your diary.

Monday 31st March: Mothers' Day lunch

Friday 4th April: KS2 recorder players are performing to their parents and KS2 pupils 2.45-3.15

Saturday 5th April: 10.30-12.30 P.T.A Jumble Sale

Wednesday 9th April: Reception Easter Bonnet Parade in assembly

Bingo Night: More details to follow.

Friday 11th April: Easter Egg Raffle in assembly.

Term finishes on Friday 11th April and we come back to school on Monday 28th April

Advance Notice:

KS2 SATs Week : Monday 12th May– Thursday 15th May

**Pupils in Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests this week.
We will give more detailed information after Easter.**

It's supposed to be getting warmer, so have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Juliette Westwood and Carla Matthews

Executive Head teacher and Associate Headteacher

Sydenham Super Stars!



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Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

C E L E B R A T I N G

Celebrating Differences

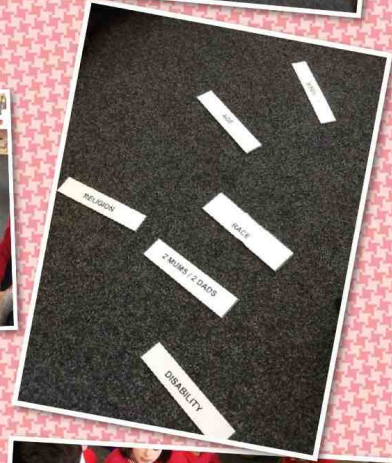
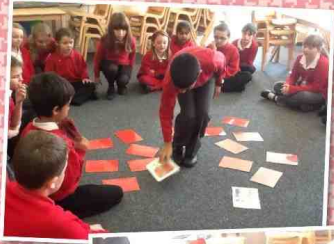
Last week we had the theme of celebrating differences in assembly. This week Shearon Williams, Race, Equality and Diversity Officer came to do workshops with children in years 4 and 5. She will be back to work with year 3 and 6 next week. Shearon was amazed by the children's positive response to her workshops and the teachers were very impressed by the interest and involvement of their pupils.



Year 5 worked with a visitor, Ms Williams, to learn about discrimination and prejudice. Their concentration was superb and they all made thoughtful contributions. Miss Glenny was very proud of them all!

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Diversity Workshop



We played 'pairs' and talked about about the differences we saw between the people in the photos.



We designed cogs that showed how to act kindly around other people, respecting and celebrating others' differences.

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Attendance Stars

Our whole school attendance target is 97% this academic year. We can't achieve this without your support! **This week's attendance:**

Class R MB: 88.3%

Class R AH: 80.7%

Class 1 LC: 89.3%

Class 1KH: 100%

Class 2: 94.5%

Class 3: 96.1%

Class 4: 95.9%

Class 5: 96.2%

Class 6: 96.3%

Overall attendance: 93.2%

Hand Ball Tournament

As part of our Sports Premium funding a group of pupils in years 5 and 6 had some extra training in Hand Ball. This culminated in a tournament with 4 other schools held at Sydenham last month.

The competition was very close in terms of score and our team came an honourable 4th.



The pupils really enjoyed this opportunity and improved their physical fitness and team building skills. Some pupils in years 3 and 4 now have this extra opportunity with our Onside coaches and are learning Tag Rugby. There will be an interschool competition for these children too at the end of their course.

Bread making with Laura Tan

This week we have been delighted to have Laura Tan back in school. She has been doing sessions called Bread and Breath with children in years 2 and 3. The children made bread from different parts of the world. As part of the process Laura also talked to the children about being mindful of others. This helped them to think about their concentration and listening skills and they learned how to share their working space with others.



Year 3 all agreed that Bread making is fun



Keegan in Year 2 told me: "We had to think about the bread and if you think about anything else you have to let it go away and you have peace. Mrs Tan also said you have sit smartly so you can think about what you just did."