



Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend despite the terrible weather to begin with.

It has been strange only having 3 days in school and we hope that your children have not found this too unsettling.

Next week is SATs week for pupils in year 6 and children across the country will be taking their tests on the following days. We have told the children that this is an opportunity to 'show what they know' and hope to make this as stress free as possible. Year 6 pupils have been asked to come into school at 8.30am for a snack and a friendly chat with Mrs Banks before the tests start.

KS2 National curriculum test timetable 2015

Day	Levels 3-5 test(s) am All year 6 pupils	Level 6 test(s)pm A few year 6 pupils
Monday 11 May	English reading	English reading
Tuesday 12 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling test	English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
Wednesday 13 May	Mental mathematics test; mathematics Paper 1	No level 6 tests timetabled
Thursday 14 May	Mathematics Paper 2	Mathematics Paper 1; mathematics Paper 2

KS1 SATs:

Children in Year 2 will be taking their SATs over the next few weeks. There is no formal timetable for them and the work they do will be part of normal classroom practice.

Share an Activity sessions in yR

Next week Miss Bond's class are hosting a Share an Activity session on Tuesday 12th May at 2.30pm

Mrs Harrad's Share an Activity session is on Wednesday 13th May at 2.30pm.

Reception Intake September 2015

Letters for parents of children new to Reception in September 2015 will be going out today. The introduction pack enclosed gives details of the Induction evening Stay and Play sessions and other information about school life.

Year 2/3 residential

Letters booking a place on the Big Sleepover have been pouring into the office. Please send in your reply if you haven't yet done so.

Best wishes,
Carla Matthews
Associate Head Teacher



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Year 5 visit The Pump Rooms



Last Wednesday, Year 5 visited Leamington's Pump Rooms to learn about local composer and soldier, William Denis Browne, who sadly lost his life fighting in World War One.

The children put their History research skills into action by discover facts about Browne's life using artefacts and primary source material. Afterwards they took part in a dance workshop led by final year students from London Central School of Ballet. Pupils danced to music composed by William Denis Browne, imagining that they were soldiers fighting in The Great War. We were then all treated to a performance by the students of a ballet called "The Comic Spirit." This was especially exciting as we were the first people to ever see this ballet (which was written by Browne.)



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All the children really enjoyed learning through dance and everybody joined in enthusiastically. William Denis Browne's great, great nephew, who attended the afternoon, was very impressed with everybody's behaviour, attitude and interest in learning. Well done, Year 5!



Baby Butler Born.

Congratulations to Richard Butler and his partner Becky on the birth of their beautiful son, Jude who weighed in at 7lbs 12oz on 17th April.

He was so gorgeous that many members of staff insisted on a cuddle. Jude managed to sleep through all the attention. What a little treasure!



A Parrot and the History of the World

Mrs Rowan Lancaster's class were surprised and delighted today when Ishita's parrot, Rio popped in to see them. I was lucky enough to meet Rio and to see the amazing book Ishita had made on the History of the planet from the Big Bang onwards.



Sydenham Super Stars!
 Congratulations to all of this week's Sydenham Super Stars!
 Friday 8thth May, 2015


