

Dear parents and carers,

### Well done Year 6

We would like to say well done to Year 6 who worked hard all week on their KS2 SATs test.



**Sports Days** A final reminder that KS2 Sports Day is on Monday 19th May 10.30-12.00 and the Infants have theirs on Tuesday 20th May from 10.30-12.00.

We break up for Half Term on Friday 23rd May (non uniform Day) and the PTA will be selling ice lollies at the end of the day (50p each)

We return to school on Tuesday 3rd June.

**\*\*\*SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 2nd June for staff training.**

Teachers will be moderating assessments and end of year reports\*\*\*\*  
Have a lovely weekend.

## Sydenham Super Stars!



Ofsted  
Outstanding  
2010|2011

Warwickshire  
County Council

Warwickshire  
children's  
UNIVERSITY

International  
School Award  
2010-2013

Healthy Schools

Eco-Schools  
NATIONAL GREEN APPLE  
ENVIRONMENT  
AWARDS  
WINNER 2006

PRIMARY GEOGRAPHY QUALITY MARK  
SILVER  
2008

ARTS COUNCIL  
ARTSMARK  
GOLD  
ENGLAND

Extended  
Services  
Warwickshire

Quality  
Mark



## Attendance Stars

Our whole school attendance target is 97% this academic year. We can't achieve this without your support! Congratulations to Class 4 yet again~ who can beat them next week?!

### **This week's attendance:**

Class R MB: 93,1%

Class R AH: 96.5%

Class 1 LC: 99.4%

Class 1KH: 96.7%

Class 2: 98.8%

Class 3: 99.4%

Class 4: 95.0%

Class 5: 96.8%

Class 6: 99,4%

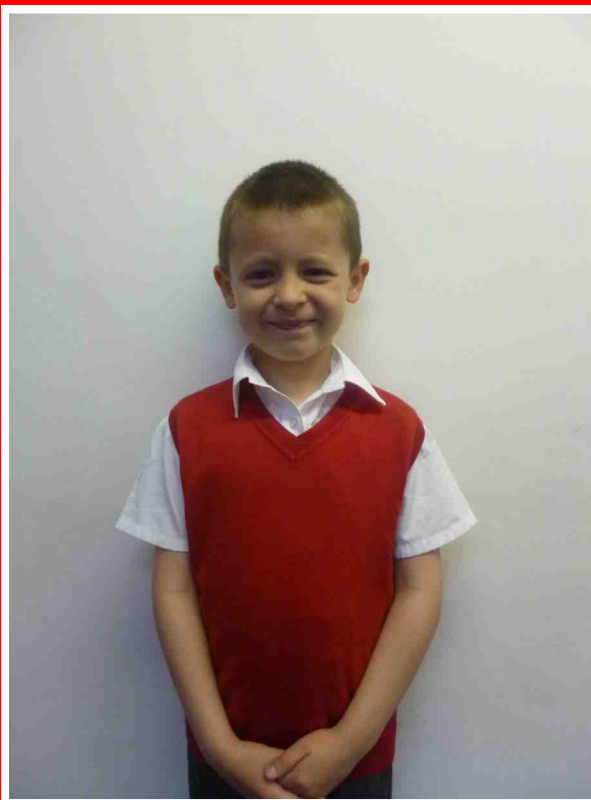
### **Overall Attendance:**

**Congratulations to to Class 4 once again!**

### **School Uniform**

**Szymon Kola has inspired us to add an extra to our uniform. We think it looks very smart and some of our parents do too and have been asking about it.**

**So now, officially, the tank top or sleeveless pullover is part of the Sydenham Uniform. Thank you to Szymon and his family.**





## Reception's trip to the Gurdwara



15.5.14

The Reception children enjoyed our visit to the Leamington Gurdwara today. The children were taught all about Sikhism and why Sikhs go to the Gurdwara. The children bowed down to the 'Guru Granth Sahib' (holy book) and listened to 'Kirtan' (religious prayers involving the use of instruments). After going the prayer hall, we all sat in the Langar Hall (food hall) and tucked into some delicious biscuits, chocolates, fruit and a drink. The visit to the Gurdwara was a fabulous learning experience for the children and we would like to extend our thanks to our parent helpers and those at the Gurdwara who helped to make this an enjoyable and successful outing.

UW: People and Communities: 40-60m



# Sydenham Primary School Newsletter



## **Rock Climbing at Warwick University**

Our second group of pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in a 6 week after school programme of Rock Climbing at Warwick University.

These are some of the skills they have learned : showing awareness of safety, putting on a harness and helmet correctly, being able to tie a figure of 8 knot, climbing a chosen route with confidence and the importance of team work.

Congratulations to all the children who took part. Well done to Kymi-Lei Duffy, Shereen Balu, Abbie Dhaliwal, Skye Coveney and Tatiana Silva who received their Foundation Climber Level 1 award.

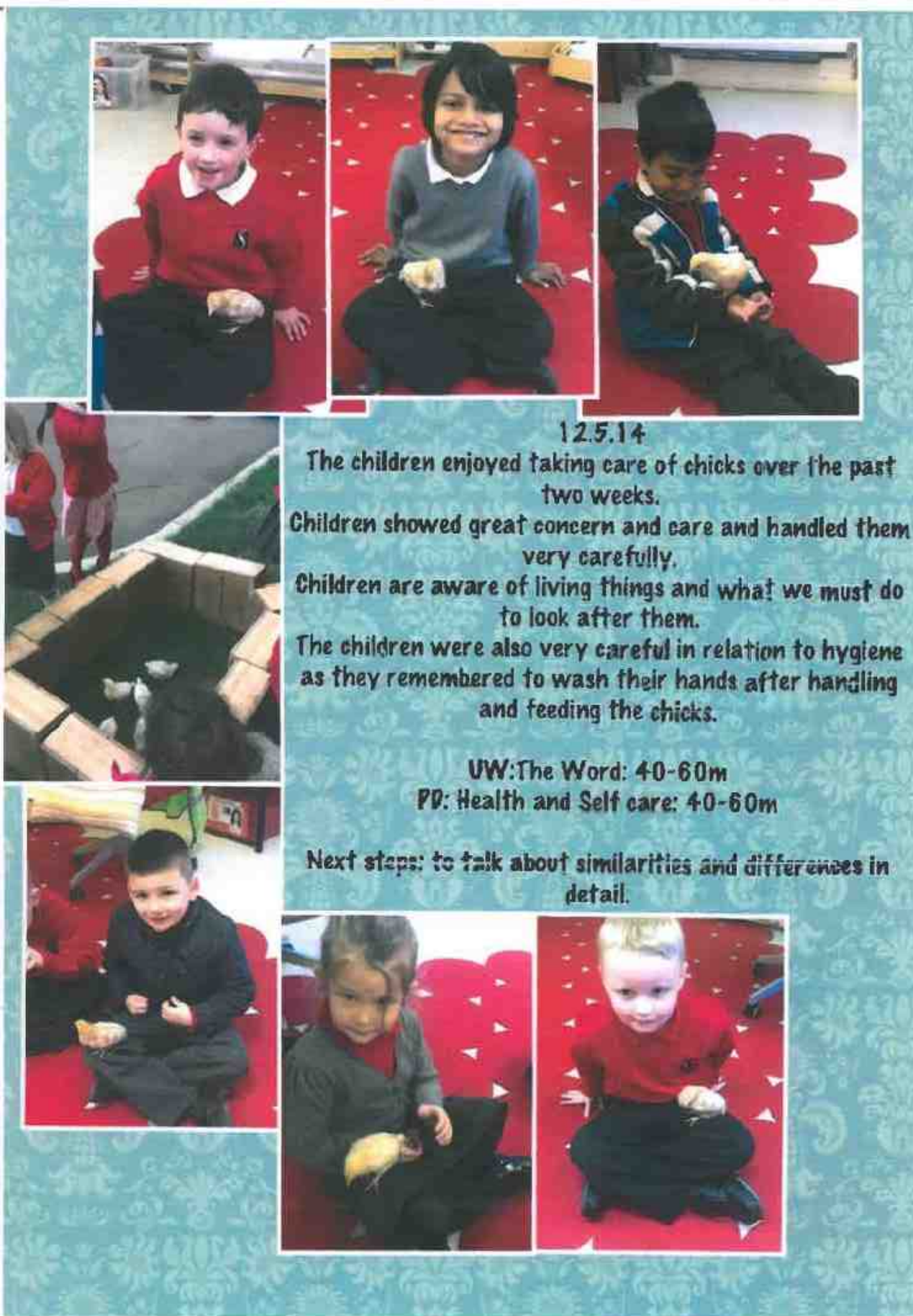
A special mention should go to Skye Coveney who impressed the staff at the university with her enthusiasm, ability, support and helpfulness.

Thank you to Mr Butler and Miss Ball for making this activity possible.



## Living Eggs

We were sad to say goodbye to the chicks. Children throughout the school loved having them in their class and watching them grow. These Reception children look very happy with the opportunity to handle and care for them. Some lucky children even took them home for the weekend.



**12.5.14**

The children enjoyed taking care of chicks over the past two weeks.

Children showed great concern and care and handled them very carefully.

Children are aware of living things and what we must do to look after them.

The children were also very careful in relation to hygiene as they remembered to wash their hands after handling and feeding the chicks.

**UW: The Word: 40-60m**  
**PD: Health and Self care: 40-60m**

**Next steps: to talk about similarities and differences in detail.**



### Zoolab

Children throughout the school had the chance to develop their scientific knowledge and understanding through learning about a range of animals. I thought they were very brave.....!



**7.5.14**

**The Zoo Lab (an animal handling workshop that brought animals into school) came to Sydenham!**

**We learnt all about the life cycles of a cockroach, African snail, toad, gerbil and snake!**

**The children were very excited and were keen to ask and answer questions.**

**UW: The World: 40-60m**





**Zoolab!**

Last week year 1 were visited by Zoolab! They brought some animals with them. We learned about the life cycles of different animals as part of our Science topic on Living and Growing. We found out that some animals lay eggs whilst others keep their baby in their tummy (like humans!). We got to touch some of the animals. Some of us found this a bit scary! We saw a tarantula, a snake, a cockraoch, a gerbil, a snail and a toad.

