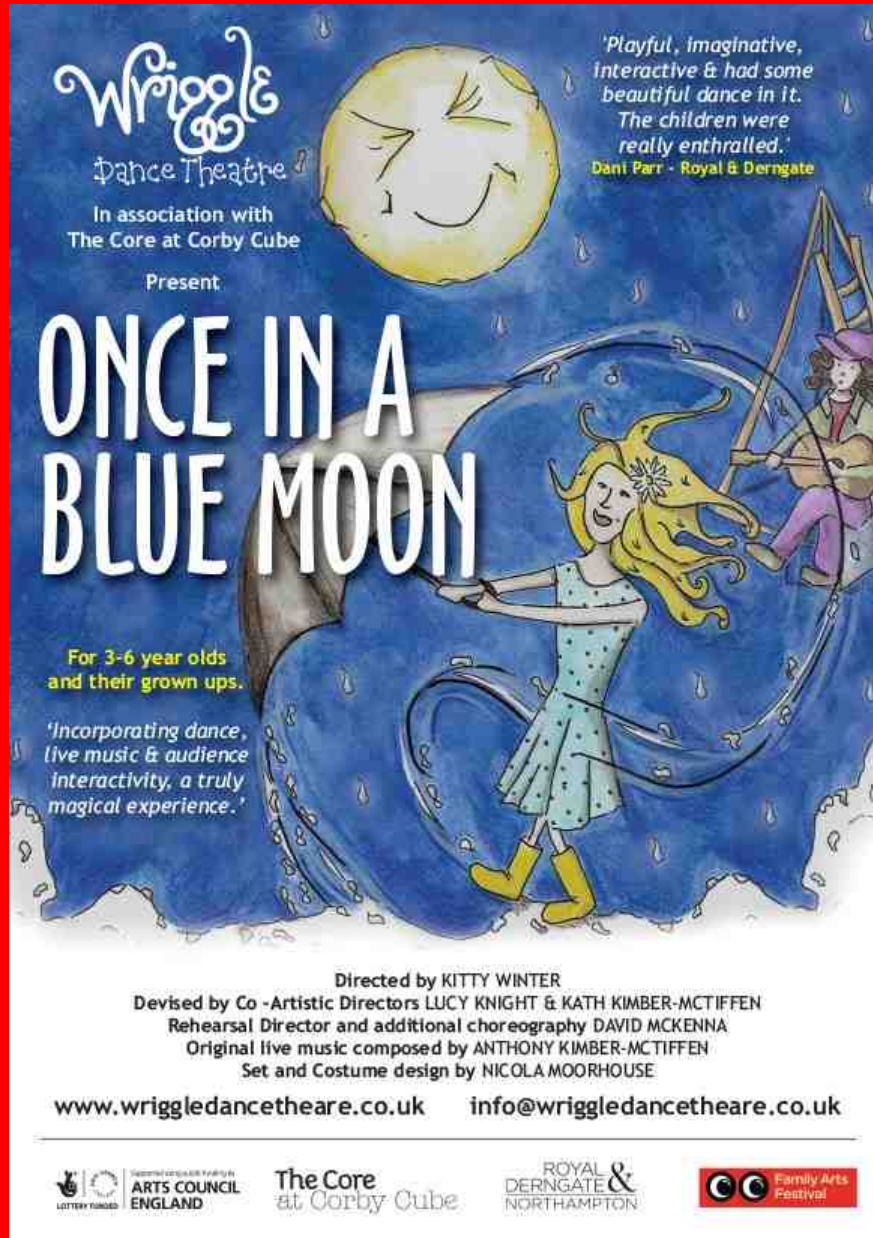


## Looking at Learning in Class 1CG 'Once In a Blue Moon'



It's the moon's birthday! He is having a party and we are all invited... But how do we get there?  
Children in Year 1 CG joined the Wriggle Dance Theatre earlier this week as they journeyed to the moon through strange, distant lands and met some curious characters along the way. The show incorporated dance, live music and audience interactivity, and was a truly magical experience....photos overleaf. Class 1JL will be taking part in a 'Once in a blue Moon' workshop in October.





## Looking at Learning in Class 1CG 'Once In a Blue Moon'



## **Mrs Westwood's Ice Bucket Challenge**

Thank you for your support for my ice bucket challenge this morning...brrrr! The money that you have kindly donated will be given to Myton Hospice . Please keep any donations coming in! Thank you.

## **Infants' Share~a~Book**

A reminder that we are inviting infant parents to come into school and share a story book with your child 2.45-3.15pm on Friday 17th October. Please see the flier on last week's newsletter for further details.

## **Admissions 2014**

A reminder that the closing date for applications for Reception Class places for September 2014 is 15th January 2014. It is very important that forms are returned on time to ensure your child is given a place! Text STARTSCHOOL to 07950 081 082 for a text message reminder on how to apply. Telephone 01926 742037 or apply online at

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryschool>

## **In-Service Training Day**

A reminder that school will be **closed on Friday 21st November** for staff to be trained on 'Talk for Reading and Writing, by Pie Corbett'.

## **Half~Term**

A reminder that school is closed for the half term holiday from Monday 27th October ~ Friday 31st October.

## **Sydenham Parent Teachers Association and Friends of Sydenham**

A reminder that the PTA Annual General Meeting will take place at 5.45pm on Wednesday 15th October, 2014 in school.

## **Parent and Teacher Learning Reviews**

We will be holding Learning Review Meetings on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October. Please put the dates in your diaries. A copy of the letters overleaf have been sent home with your child today. Please complete and return the tear-off slip so that your child's class teacher can make your appointment. Appointment times will be sent out on Friday 10th October.

## **Christmas Theatre Visits**

Please see the information overleaf regarding our forthcoming Christmas theatre trips. A copy of the letter has been sent home with your child today. Please complete the tear-off slip and return it to school with your contribution towards the cost by Friday 28th November.

## **Head Lice**

If your child's class receive a letter regarding a case of headlice, please ensure that you check your child's hair thoroughly and treat her / him to avoid recurring incidents.

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,  
Juliette Westwood,  
Executive Head  
Teacher



## **Reception 2015 Open Day**



**Wednesday 15th October**

**9.30am-10.30am**

**2.00pm-3.00pm**

We look forward to welcoming you.

[www.sydenhamprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.sydenhamprimaryschool.co.uk)  
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## Attendance Stars

Our whole school attendance target is 98% this academic year. We can't achieve this without your support!

### This week's attendance:

Class R MB: 93%  
Class R AH: 95.55%  
Class 1 JL: 94.9%  
Class 1 CG: 97.8%  
Class 2LC: 99.3%  
Class 2 JRL: 98.7%  
Class 3: 99.1%  
Class 4: 98.3%  
Class 5: 98.75%  
Class 6: 97.5%

**Overall Attendance: 97.59%**

**Congratulations to to Class 2!**

## Sydenham Super Stars!

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





## Sydenham Primary School Procedures for Administering Medication in School

Sydenham Primary School recognises that a number of children, because of their medical condition, will require medication whilst at school.

Staff have no obligation to administer or to have involvement with medicines for children. Wherever possible, responsibilities must remain those of the parents/carers and medical practitioners.

In general, treatments should be managed so that it is not necessary for medicines to come to school. Most medication can be managed by doses timed to be outside the school day, i.e. 3 times a day: before school, after school and in the evening.

Parents are discouraged from sending children to school with non-prescribed medication. Non-prescribed medication will not be administered by school staff.

In cases where prescribed medication has to be administered in school time and staff have agreed to do so, the following procedures should be followed:

- Parents/carers should arrange delivery of all medicines to be taken or administered to the school office;
- Medicines should be clearly labelled with the child's name;
- Parents/carers will be asked to complete and sign a form specifying preparations, storage arrangements, dosage and circumstances under which it should be given;
- Medication will be stored securely, out of reach of children;
- One member of staff will administer the medication, witnessed by another member of staff, and then both will sign to say that the medicine has been given;
- For medication in which training is required to administer it, only trained members of staff should be responsible for administering the medicine.

Parents/carers of children who suffer from asthma must complete an 'Asthma Inhalers in School' form.

Self-administration of certain prescribed medication can be found in the Warwickshire Schools Health Directory.

## Juniors' Theatre Visit



**Juniors' Theatre Visit**  
**The BFG @ the Birmingham Rep**  
**Thursday 18th December, 2014**

I would like to my child: \_\_\_\_\_ in Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
to come on the theatre visit.

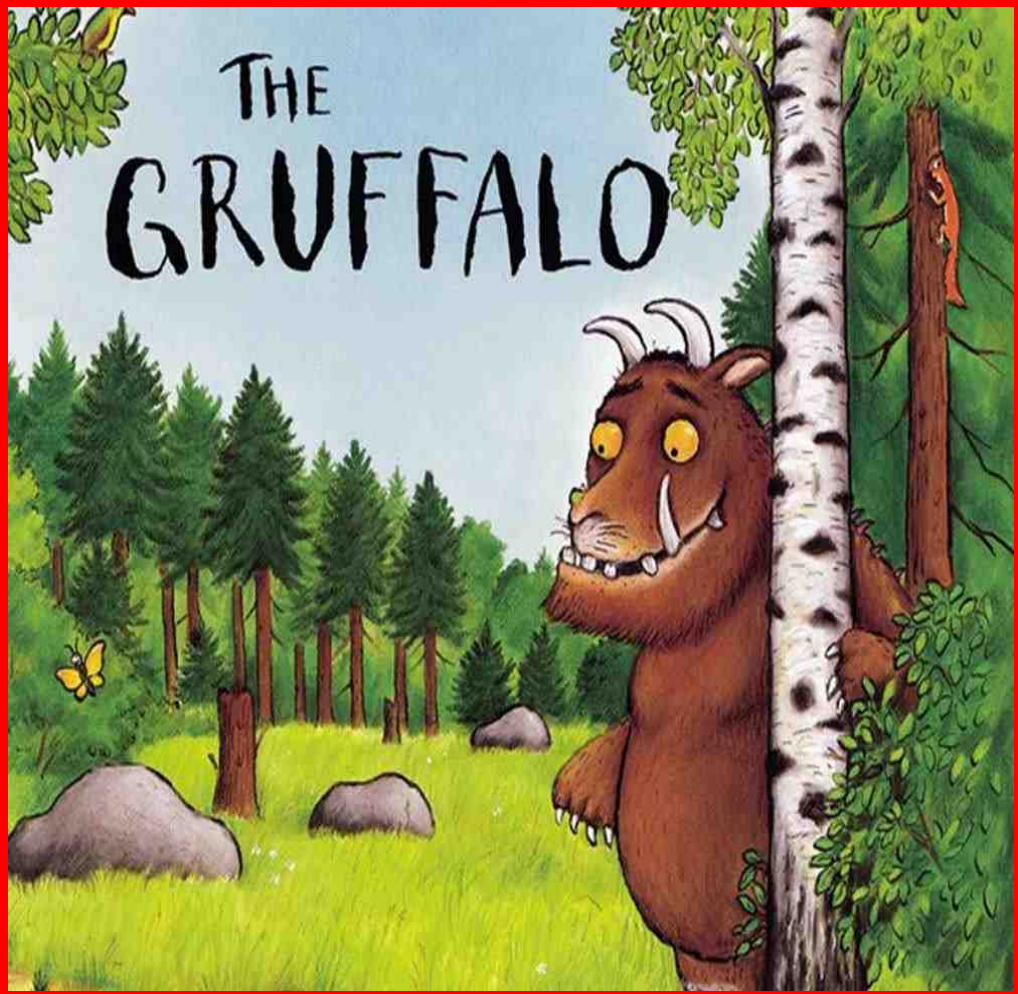
I enclose £14 towards the cost of the visit ☐

My child is entitled to a free school meal and requires a school packed lunch ☐

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent / carer)



## Infants' Theatre Visit



Infants' Theatre Visit  
The Gruffalo @ Warwick Arts Centre  
Friday 5th December, 2014

I would like to my child: \_\_\_\_\_ in Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
to come on the theatre visit.

I enclose £10 towards the cost of the visit ☐

My child is entitled to a free school meal and requires a school packed lunch ☐

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent / carer)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

Dear parents / carers,

We shall be holding two open evenings for you to come and meet your child's class teacher on:

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.**

Our aim is to work in partnership with parents and carers. The purpose of this discussion is to enable you to contribute to your child's learning. The discussion gives you and your child's class teacher the opportunity to celebrate your child's academic progress and achievements, and raise any concerns or areas for development. Your child's class teacher will also share the levels that your child is working at and targets for him / her to work towards.

Each appointment will last 10 minutes, so it is best to make sure you are armed with any questions! Please try to keep to agreed time-limit, so that other parents / carers are not inconvenienced. We are very happy to offer you a further appointment if you wish to have a more in-depth discussion. Please arrive a little earlier than your appointment so that you can look at your child's work in his / her books and on display in class and around school. Please inform us if you would like to have an interpreter.

Please complete the tear-off slip below, and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. You will receive a note with an appointment date and time on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. Please note that whilst we endeavour to give you your first choice, this is not always possible.

Yours sincerely,

*Juliette Westwood*

Juliette Westwood

Executive Head Teacher

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## Parents' and Carers' Conferencing Evenings

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ in Class \_\_\_\_\_

My child has a brother / sister in Class \_\_\_\_\_ Name of sibling \_\_\_\_\_

I will / will not be able to attend the Parents / Carers conferencing evening

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Before 5pm 1

After 5pm 1

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Before 5pm 1

After 5pm 1



## **Starting points for discussion!**

### **Literacy and Numeracy**

Some topics that could be discussed:

Your child's knowledge and enjoyment of story, and opportunities that might be possible for story telling and story listening.

Some of your child's favourite stories and rhymes.

The kinds of reading your child enjoys at home, eg. comics, own books, books from school. With young children, evidence that they are aware of print around them, eg on TV, signs, computers etc.; whether your child chooses to read.

Whether or not your child attends community schools, eg Punjabi Club / Portuguese Club.

Opportunities for writing at home and whether your child chooses to write / draw.

Opportunities to use number at home and whether your child chooses to use number.

Your child's special interests at home, including favourite toys, games, TV programmes.

### **Opportunities and experiences out of school**

Eg. Does your child belong to any clubs; spend time with extended family; visit the library; go into town to spend pocket money; go to the park? What does your child like doing in her / his leisure time? Does your child read at home with you?

### **Progress / development at school**

### **Behaviour at home and at school**

### **Concerns / anxieties at home or at school**

### **Questions you could ask:**

What are my child's strengths?

Has my child shown any special talents?

What is my child finding difficult? How can I help with this?

Does my child try hard enough?

Does my child join in class discussions?

How can I help with my child's schoolwork in general?

Has my child made sufficient progress since his/her last report?

Is my child happy at school?

Has my child made friends?

Does my child's behaviour give any cause for concern?

### **Remember.....**

If the teacher says anything you don't understand, don't be afraid to ask them to explain what they mean

If you feel nervous about meeting teachers, remember that they probably feel the same way about meeting parents!



# Sydenham Primary School

## Diary Dates 2014-2015



Date	Event
<u>Week 4</u>	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014</b>	9.15am: Y6 Class Assembly ~ parents & carers welcome
<u>Week 5</u>	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014</b>	9.15am: Y3 Class Assembly ~ parents & carers welcome
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014</b>	Year 6 @ Campion for Science workshop
<u>Week 6</u>	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014</b>	11am K'antu music ensemble performance for the whole school
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014</b>	9.15am: Y4 Class Assembly ~ parents and carers welcome
<u>Week 7</u>	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013</b>	5.45pm PTA AGM Open Day for new Reception 2015 intake 9.30am-10.30am and 2.00pm-3.00pm
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014</b>	9.15am: Y2 LC Class Assembly ~ parents and carers welcome
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014</b>	2.45-3.15pm: Infants' Share~a~Book
<u>Week 8</u>	
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013</b>	Individual Pupil Photographs am 3.30pm-5.30pm (early night): Pupil Progress Review Meetings and Target-Setting with Parents and Carers
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014</b>	9.15am: Y2 JRL Class Assembly ~ parents and carers welcome 3.30pm-7.30pm (late night): Pupil Progress Review Meetings and Target-Setting with Parents and Carers
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
<u>Week 9</u>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014</b>	2pm Dufay Collection Music Performance for Years 1-6
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>	10 am Year 1 JL cinema trip to Leamington Vue to see 'Rio 2' (Free of charge)
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>	10am Y1 CG, Y2 JRL and Y2 LC cinema trip to Leamington Vue to see 'Walking with Dinosaurs' (Free of charge)
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>	10 am Y3 and Y4 cinema trip to Leamington Vue to see 'Tarzan' (Free of charge) 9.15am: Y1 CG Class Assembly ~ parents and carers welcome
<u>Week 10</u>	
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>	9.15am: Y1 JL Class Assembly ~ parents and carers welcome
<u>Week 11</u>	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>	11.30am Vickers Bovey Guitar Duo performance for Y4-Y6 3.30pm-5.00pm: Staff Meeting - General Health & Safety Awareness Training, led by Sarah Parker
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>	9.15am: YR MB Class Assembly ~ parents and carers welcome 3.30pm-5.00pm: SLT Meeting @ SPS
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014</b>	School Closed for In-Service staff training (Talk for Reading and Writing by Pie Corbett)





# Sydenham Primary School

## Diary Dates 2014-2015 Continued...



Date	Event
<u>Week 12</u>	
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>	9.30am 'Singtastic' performance for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 parents and carers
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>	9.15am: YR AH Class Assembly ~ parents and carers welcome
<u>Week 13</u>	
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014</b>	9.00-9.30am: Christmas refreshments for YR parents & carers in the small hall 9.30-10.15am: YR Christmas Performance 'It's a Baby!'
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014</b>	10.30am YR theatre trip to Warwick Arts Centre to see 'The Gruffalo' 1.30pm Y1 and Y2 theatre trip to Warwick Arts Centre to see 'The Gruffalo'
<u>Week 14</u>	
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014</b>	Last day of Swimming for Y3 (Y4 start swimming 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2015)
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014</b>	9.30-10.15am: Y2 Christmas Performance 'Jack Frost' 2.15-3.00pm: Y1 Christmas Performance 'Cock~a~Doodle Christmas'
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014</b>	2.30pm-4.00pm: PTA Winter Fayre
<u>Week 15</u>	
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014</b>	10.15am: Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 theatre visit to Birmingham Rep to see 'The BFG'
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014</b>	Recorders Group performing at The Royal Priors shopping centre to raise funds for Myton Hospice with Mrs Murphy Selection Box Raffle in Assembly
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2014 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2015	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<u>Week 16</u>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015</b>	School Closed for In-Service staff training

### **Mufti Days**

Children may wear non-uniform on Mufti Days if they make a donation of £1 to our School Fund, which supports us in delivering our fantastic curriculum, and helps to provide exciting learning opportunities. Here are the Mufti Day dates for the academic year:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015