

Welcome Back!



My First Week at School

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Outstanding
School
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GOLD AWARD

Quality Mark
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Virtual
2019/20



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 29: Goals of Education



We love Reception!





We love learning!





We love making friends!





It's good to see you

Welcome back to school!

It's been lovely to see you all again after what we hope was a relaxing break. We'd like to extend a special "hello" to our Reception children and their families who began their Sydenham Primary School journey this week. As you can see from the photographs on the previous pages, all sixty of our new children have made a fantastic start to their education and are already impressing us with their love of learning.

We've missed you all.



Art in the Park



Thank you to all the families who visited our SPLAT! pop-up gallery at “Art in the Park” over the summer holiday. We hope you enjoyed seeing the artwork on display and joining in the workshops we were running. Next year, we hope to play an even bigger role at Art in the Park—watch this space!



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture

Growth Mindset Maths



Across the school this week, pupils have been exercising their growth mindset in Maths lessons. Children have had a go at a range of open ended mathematical puzzles, games and investigations. To guarantee success, pupils needed to collaborate, persevere and learn from their mistakes; never giving up and refining their methods and results.

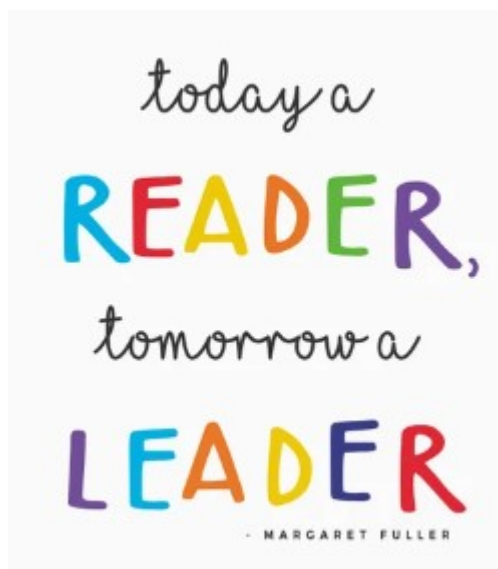


Reading Diaries

Reading diaries have had a revamp this year, so that they are specific to our school and our approaches to teaching reading. We hope that you find the information in them useful, and welcome any questions and queries that you may have.

As well as including the reading vipers and/or handy reading strategies for you to refer to, the outlay of the pages has changed this year. Each page now has a week-to-view, with a space for you to sign for every day that you hear your child read over the course of the week. Teaching staff will no longer sign when they have heard your child read as we keep records in school; but there is space at the bottom of each page for your child's teacher to make any particular notes and for you to write in too. Please ensure your child takes care of their diary, as it needs to last for the whole year!

We really do love reading at our school, and hope that your child will enjoy taking part in all of the different reading activities throughout the year. Regular reading is rewarded, so please do help us to know that your child is reading at home by signing their diary!



Sydenham Primary
School
Reading Diary
2022-23
Reception
Name: _____
Class: _____

Sydenham Primary
School
Reading Diary
2022-23
Year 1
Name: _____
Class: _____

Sydenham Primary
School
Reading Diary
2022-23
Year 2
Name: _____
Class: _____

Sydenham Primary
School
Reading Diary
2022-23
Year 3/4
Name: _____
Class: _____

Sydenham Primary
School
Reading Diary
2022-23
Year 5/6
Name: _____
Class: _____

Reading Incentives

Last academic year, pupils in the Infant classes enjoyed taking home a class teddy as a reward for reading regularly to a parent/carer at home. I just wanted to share some of the lovely messages that were written in the teddies' reading diaries, as they show just how much the children loved the scheme!

Bethany has looked after Juniper throughout the Easter holidays. She has loved taking Juniper along on her adventures in the holidays and they enjoyed sharing lots of stories together

Jiya has had a lovely bank holiday weekend with Aslan. They have been busy watering the strawberries in the garden and read 'The Mouse Made a Friend'. Thank you for a lovely weekend, Aslan.

Mortimer is packed up and ready to leave after a week with Enrica. He's enjoyed her reading stories to him and movie time with the family.

Aslan had a wonderful weekend with Harry. He has shared so many books with him and Harry has been reading his books really well. Thank you for a lovely weekend!

Timothy read 'Finger Snapper' to Mortimer. Mortimer tried to read it himself but didn't understand about digraphs, so Timothy had to teach him!



The class teddies are really looking forward to spending the weekend at your child's house; and you may find a few of their belongings in their suitcase to help them with a sleepover! For your child to have a chance to take a class teddy home, they need to read on at least 4 occasions in a week. This is monitored by teachers looking at your child's reading diary, so please fill it in every time your child reads!

Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand



An invitation to our Year 1 Reading River

Kingfishers (1EL) Tuesday 4th October 9.15-9.45

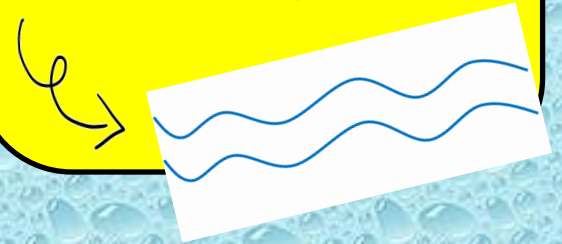
Puffins (1ED) Wednesday 5th October 9.15-9.45



We are once again holding this special reading session for our Year 1 children, parents and carers to come and listen to some lovely picture books being read aloud by members of staff. The theme this year is rhyming stories!

The children will be need to be dropped off in the morning to their classroom as usual, and will then be brought down to the hall by their class teacher at 9.15am to meet you. We really hope that you can join us!

Look out for a linked piece of home learning that will be given out the week before your child's Reading River session!



Session includes a free raffle to win a book for your child!

An invitation to our Year 6 Spoken Word poetry event

Swans (6JVS) Tuesday 11th October 9.15-9.45

Moorhens (6CB) Wednesday 12th October 9.15-9.45

Poetry week at school is always a great opportunity to develop confidence in writing; to allow children to play with language and sentence structures; to use rhythm, rhyme and repetition; and to learn to perform.

Year 6 pupils will be learning and rehearsing a special poem in preparation for a performance for parents and carers in the hall on the above dates. We really hope you can join us!

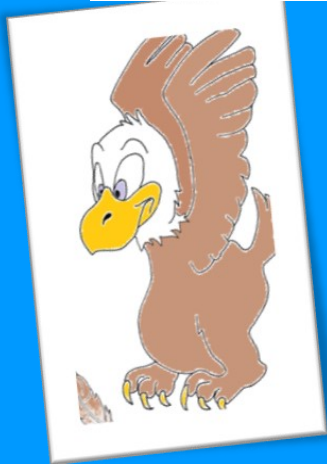
A POET IS,
BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE,
A PERSON WHO IS
PASSIONATELY
IN LOVE WITH
LANGUAGE.
WH. AUDEN



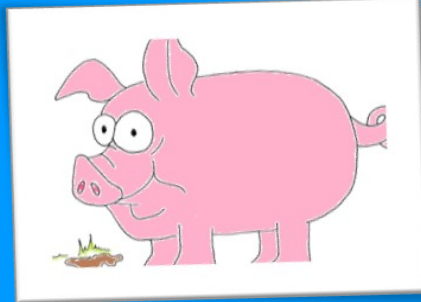
Learning Characters

These are the characters we use at school to help us develop a good attitude to our learning and **GROW** our brains!

Concentrate.



Have a go.

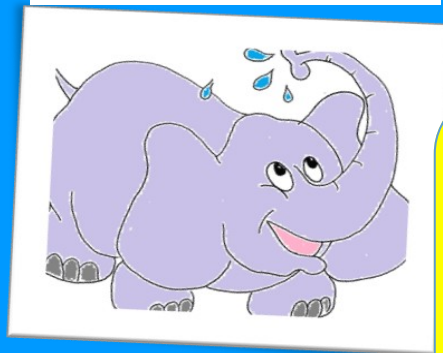


Cooperate.

Be curious.



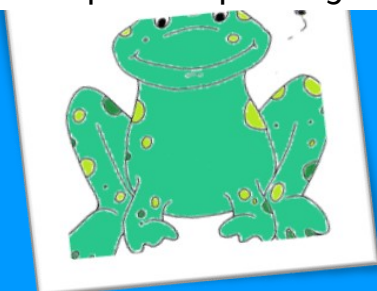
Never give up.



In class this week we have been thinking about having a positive attitude to learning so that we keep on trying even if things are hard.

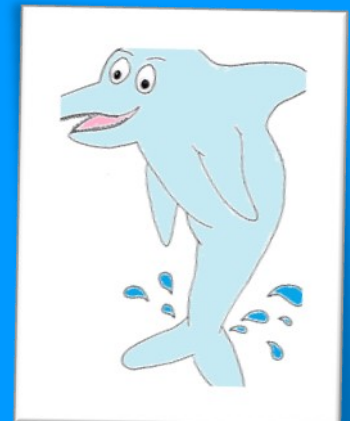
When we think like our characters, we become learning superheroes!

Keep on improving.



Enjoy learning.

Use your imagination.



Useful Information

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

If your child is registered for Free School Meals, we receive additional funding from the government in the form of Pupil Premium. This funding is vital to our school budget and allows us to provide many different learning interventions as well as additional support for pupils.

Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals if you are receiving any of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both, but only if the income-based amount is greater (not if the contribution-based amount is greater.)
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income assessed by HMRC to be no more than £16,190, providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

If you think you might be eligible, please submit an application at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>. The process is quick and easy—just make sure you have your National Insurance number to hand.

Please apply even if your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two and in receipt of a universal free school meal. If you don't apply, school does NOT receive the additional Pupil Premium Funding.

Nut Allergies

We have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy and need to use an EpiPen. For these children, nuts can be very dangerous since they trigger anaphylaxis. With this in mind, we politely request that you refrain from putting foods containing nuts in your child's lunch box. Even spreads such as Nutella or peanut butter can be harmful. Thank you.

PE Kit

Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school on the day that they are taught by Onside Coaches. Children need black shorts, a white T shirt and trainers. For colder weather please also provide plain jogging bottoms and a hoodie. All items should be labelled with your child's full name and class—please use a permanent marker pen or printed labels that can be sewn into clothing.

Mufti Days

You can see from the diary dates below that we have some MUFTI Days planned. For those of you who are new to school, on MUFTI Days uniform is not compulsory and your child can come to school in their own choice of clothes. Please encourage your child to pick outfits which are suitable for the weather and safe for wear during play. We politely request that girls refrain from wearing skimpy clothing such as crop-tops. If your child comes to school in non-uniform, they must bring a donation of 50p for School Fund. This money is spent on additional and exciting resources not covered by our ordinary budget, for example, we are about to purchase new games for each class to use on days when inclement weather makes outdoor play impossible.

Special Lunches This Term

“Walk the plank to some tasty pirate food”

**Pirate's
Lunch**



Thursday 6th October 2022

“Shiver Me Timbers”

*fish finger or (vg) veggie finger wraps
with*

**Golden Doubloon Potatoes
and Cannonball Peas**

**Captain Jack's Jelly and Fruit
or (vg) Ship's Biscuits**



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Guy Fawkes Bonfire Banquet

Friday
4th November 2022

(v) Catherine Wheel Pizza Swirls

or

**(vg) Veggie Hot Dog with
Firecracker Potatoes and Bonfire
Beans or Crackling Corn**

**(v) Toffee Apple Sponge
with Custard**



National School Meals Week 2022



Wednesday
9th November 2022

LOCAL LUNCH DAY CELEBRATE THE GREAT BRITISH ROAST

Traditional British Red Tractor Chicken Fillet
or (vg) Vegan Quorn Fillet

British Roast Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Sage and Onion Stuffing
and Gravy

(v) Homemade Syrup Sponge
with Custard
or Ice Cream Tub



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Love
British
Food




WALES v ENGLAND in QATAR
TUESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2022

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**A FOOD
STORY**



Football Crazy Lunch

Wales v England

Footie Fish Stars with Chips

**(v) Cheesy Welsh Leek and Pasta Bake
with Crusty Bread**

Eat Them to Defeat Them Veggies

**(v) Pwdin Eva - Welsh Apple Cake with Custard
or (vg) Iced Shortbread Football Biscuits**



WOMEN'S SQUASH WEEK

Sat 24th Sep 22

13:00 - 14:30



FREE & FUN
Booking required

PRIMARY school age children
invited to take part in a
SQUASH taster session managed by the
coaching team

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COME AND TRY LAA QUADRATHLON For school years 1-8

£10*

Per competing
athlete

£1*

Per spectator

*Includes unlimited access to inflatable assault course and face paint/glitter.
All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult*

Sunday 25th September 2022

10:00-16:00 at Edmondscote Athletics Track

The LAA Quadrathlon is a multi-event competition of track and field events for school years 1-8 (as of Sept 22).

Y1/2 = Mini Howler, Long Jump, 50m Sprint, 300m Run

Y3/4 = Mini Howler, Long Jump, 75m Sprint, 400m Run

Y5/6 = Howler throw, Long Jump, 80m Sprint, 600m Run

Y7/8 = Shot Putt, Long Jump, 100m Sprint, 800m Run

WHAT YOU MAY SEE

- ✓ Free Inflatable assault course
- ✓ Free face paint and body glitter
- ✓ Really Awesome Coffee Van
- ✓ Food caterers
- ✓ Adult & sibling race, family relay
- ✓ DJ and lots more...

TO ENTER PLEASE VISIT:

<https://www.thecompetitionfinder.com/event-details/laa-quadrathlon>



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RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

Connecting

Welcome back to school!

Connecting with other people can be fantastic for our wellbeing! By spending quality time with other people, we can share positive experiences and share support during difficult experiences. Good relationships with others help us to feel a sense of belonging which improves our self-worth.

Tips for connecting:

1. Try switching off the TV or phone for a short time while with you spend time with family or friends
2. Organise a fun activity with a friend or family member for the weekend/ one day after school
3. If you see someone without a friend at breaktimes, check in with them to make sure they're okay
4. Ring or video chat with a family member or friend, especially if they live far away

Key dates:

Sep 5th - International Day of Charity

6th - National Read A Book Day

8th - International Literacy Day

10th - World Suicide Prevention Day

#ThanksKids recognises the super efforts and kindness of young people and thanks them via personalised #NHSStars certificates and pin badges. Please spread this message amongst your school community, all you need to do is let us know by nominating the young person using this email address: cwp-tr.thankskids@nhs.net and we'll do the rest!!

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for

Diary Dates

Tuesday 20th September	Individual pupil photographs.
Wednesday 28th September	EYFS road safety awareness assembly.
Tuesday 18th October	Peer mediation training for Y6 JvS Swans.
Thursday 20th October	Peer mediation training for Y6 CBMoorhens.
Friday 21st October	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring a 50p donation to School Fund if your child wears their own choice of clothes to school.

Friday 21st October—break up for Half-Term.

Monday 24th—Friday 28th October school closed for Half-Term holiday.

Pupils return to school on Monday 31st October.

Tuesday 8th November	Y5/6 theatre visit to see The Royal Shakespeare Company's production of "A Christmas Carol." 7pm performance.
Monday 21st November	School closed for INSET (teacher training) - rehearsal room pedagogies, led by The Royal Shakespeare Company.
Tuesday 22nd November	School closed for INSET (teacher training) - Emotion Coaching, led by Dr Louise Gilbert.
Wednesday 23rd November	School closed for INSET (teacher training) - Attachment theory and PACE, led by The Educational Psychology Service.
Thursday 24th November	Y3/4 theatre visit to The Belgrade Theatre to see "Jack and the Beanstalk." 10.15am performance.
Thursday 8th December	YR/1/2 theatre visit to see "The Stick Man" at Warwick Arts' Centre. 10.30am performance.
Friday 9th December	Christmas jumper day! Wear a festive outfit to school.

Friday 16th December—break up for the Christmas holiday.

Monday 19th—Friday 30th December school closed for Christmas holiday.

Monday 2nd January—school closed for bank holiday

Tuesday 3rd January—school closed for INSET—Inclusion training, led by The Education Psychology Service.

Pupils return to school for the Spring Term on Wednesday 4th January

Our Learning Hero



Queen Elizabeth II
21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022

HRH Queen Elizabeth II

We are all so sad at the news that HRH Queen Elizabeth II died yesterday afternoon at Balmoral. We would like to remember the Queen for her deep sense of duty and her resilience, as well as her sense of humour and kindness. She is our Sydenham Primary School Learning Hero this week. She 'never gave up' and always worked hard and kept going, right up until two days before she died, aged 96. She is an inspiration to us all. May she rest in peace.

This is a very important moment in British history, as we say goodbye to the Queen and we see our new monarch, King Charles III, come to the throne. As the Queen's successor, King Charles will be crowned at a coronation ceremony next Spring or Summer, alongside his wife, Camilla.



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Sydenham Superstars



Years Three & Four

Reception and
KS1 Superstars
start next week.



Years Five & Six