

Guess Where...

Where do you think George, Leon and their thespian friends went this week? To find out, take a look at the next couple of pages.



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Sydenham Primary School Newsletter



RSC Playmaking Festival

The answer is...to perform live on stage at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre as part of the National Playmaking Festival!



Leon, George, Chloe, Khymrun, Alfie, Macie, Simran, Kelsie, Seb and Jacy travelled with Mrs Keys to Stratford on Monday and Tuesday.

After a day of rehearsals, in a packed auditorium, they performed a scene based on "As You Like It" which tackled the theme of banishment. Everyone did a brilliant job of acting their part and projecting their voices live on stage. Well done!

Sadly, the RSC did not let us take any photo's of the performance but we hope they will release their official pictures soon.



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Harry Potter World

On Thursday, Year Six visited Harry Potter World at the Warner Bro's Studios in London.



Harry Potter World

Our Sydenham Muggles visited Diagon Alley, The Forbidden Forest and even Platform 9 3/4.



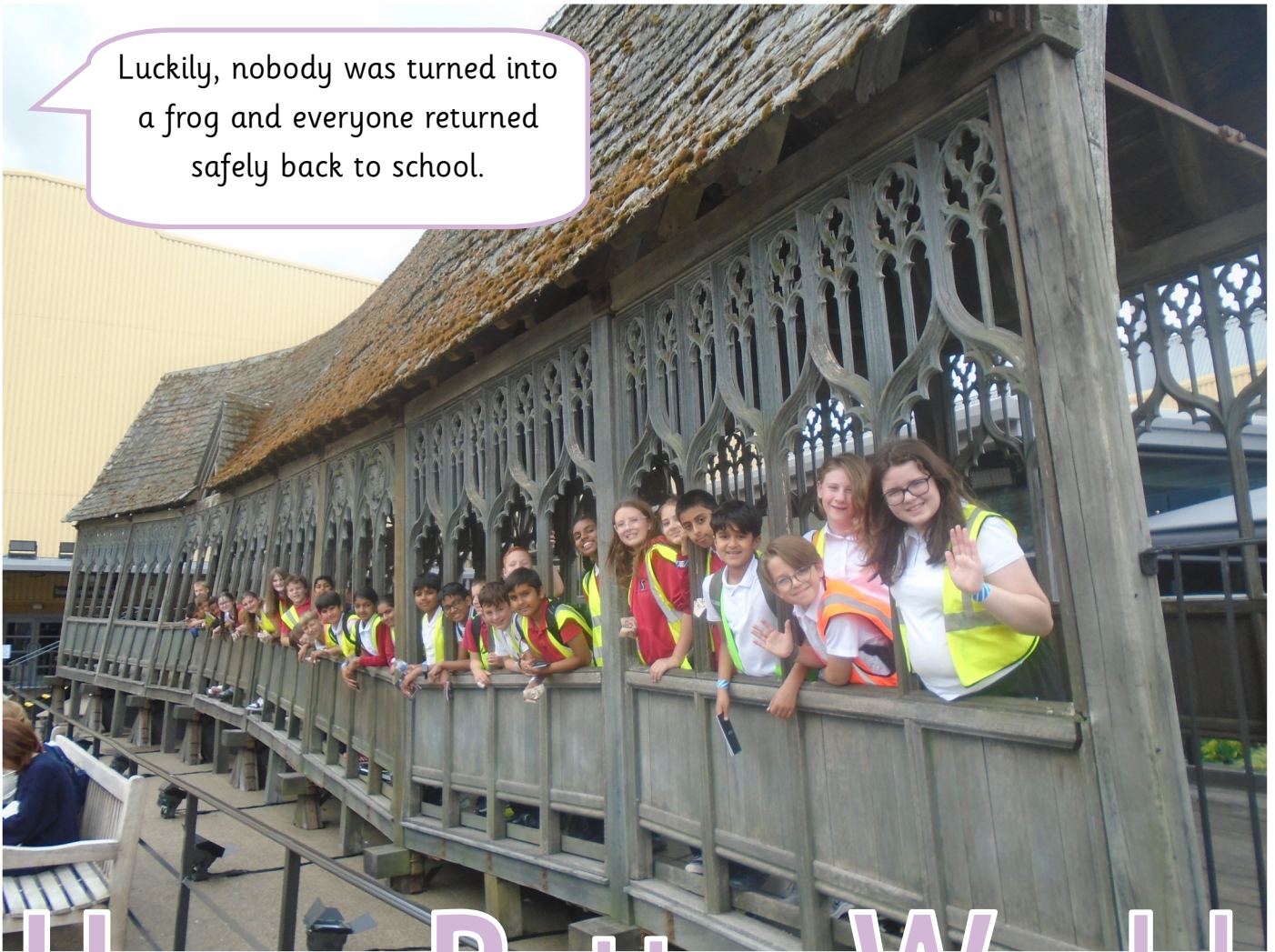
The children also saw Professor Sprout's greenhouse, Gringott's Wizarding Bank and Hogwarts' Great Hall.

Harry Potter World



Also on show were costumes, props and animatronic creatures used in the Harry Potter films.

Luckily, nobody was turned into a frog and everyone returned safely back to school.



Harry Potter World

All the children had a fantastic trip although we think that Sydenham Primary School is just as exciting as Hogwarts!



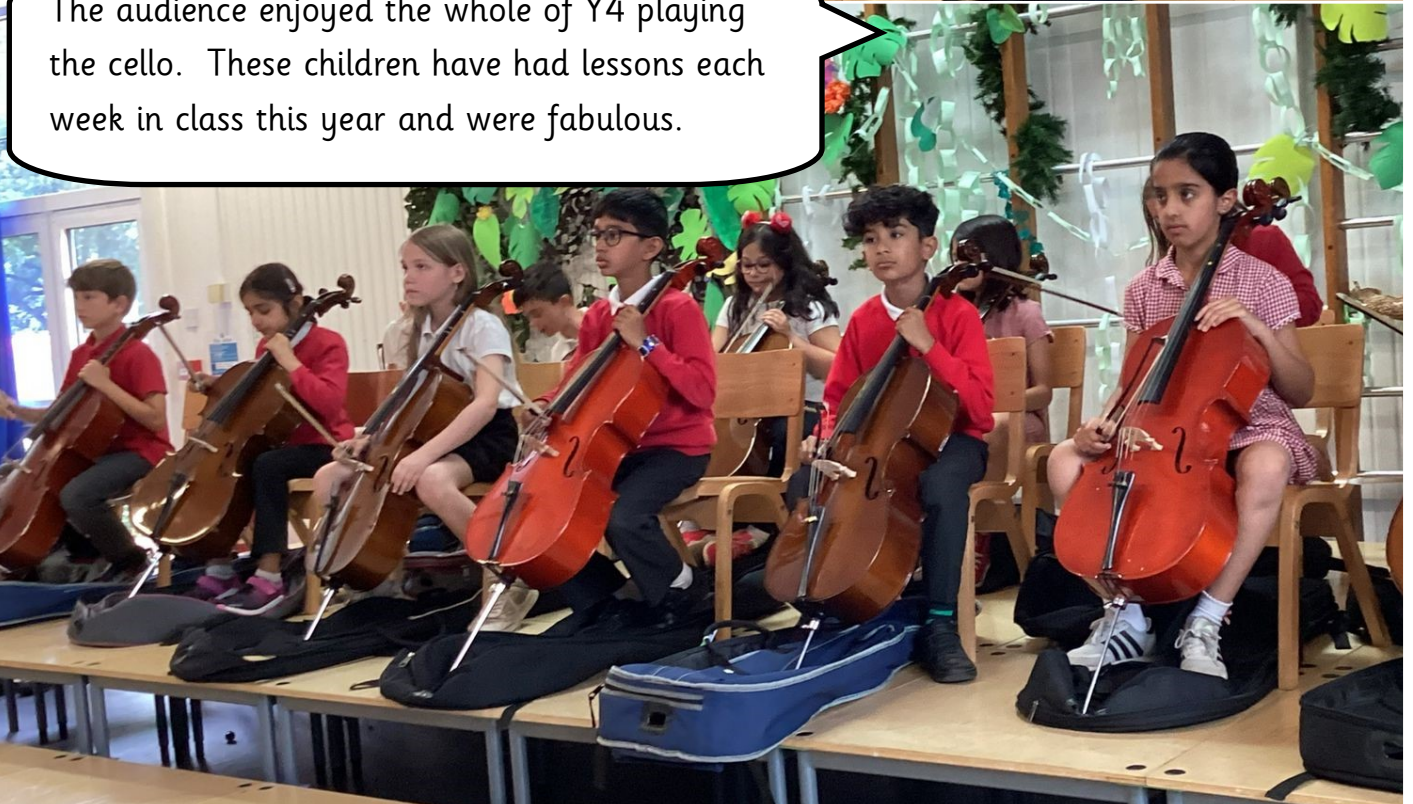


Last Thursday, pupils studying an instrument at school took to the stage to showcase their playing.

Instrumental Concert



The audience enjoyed the whole of Y4 playing the cello. These children have had lessons each week in class this year and were fabulous.

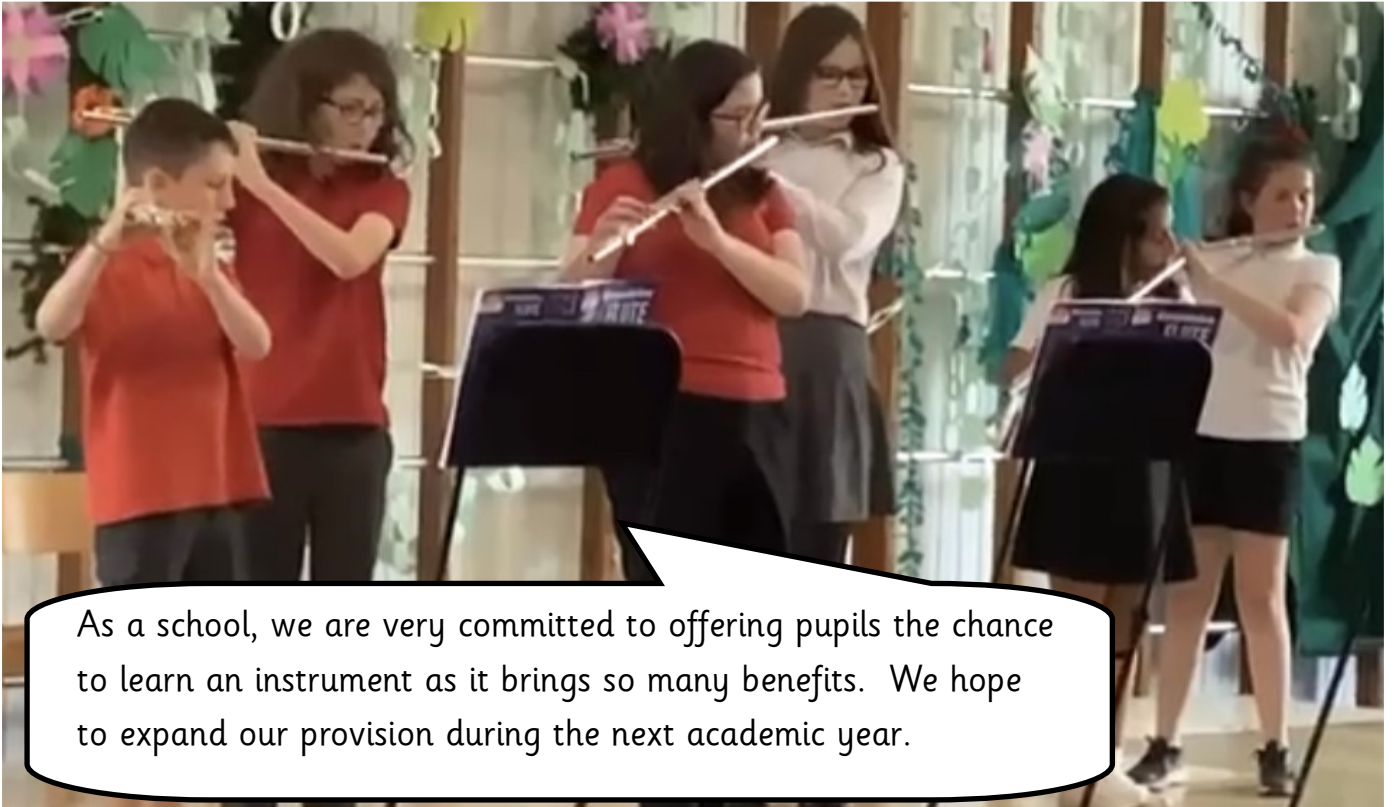




We were also treated to a wonderful performance by pupils studying the recorder, clarinet, flute and guitar.



Instrumental Concert



As a school, we are very committed to offering pupils the chance to learn an instrument as it brings so many benefits. We hope to expand our provision during the next academic year.

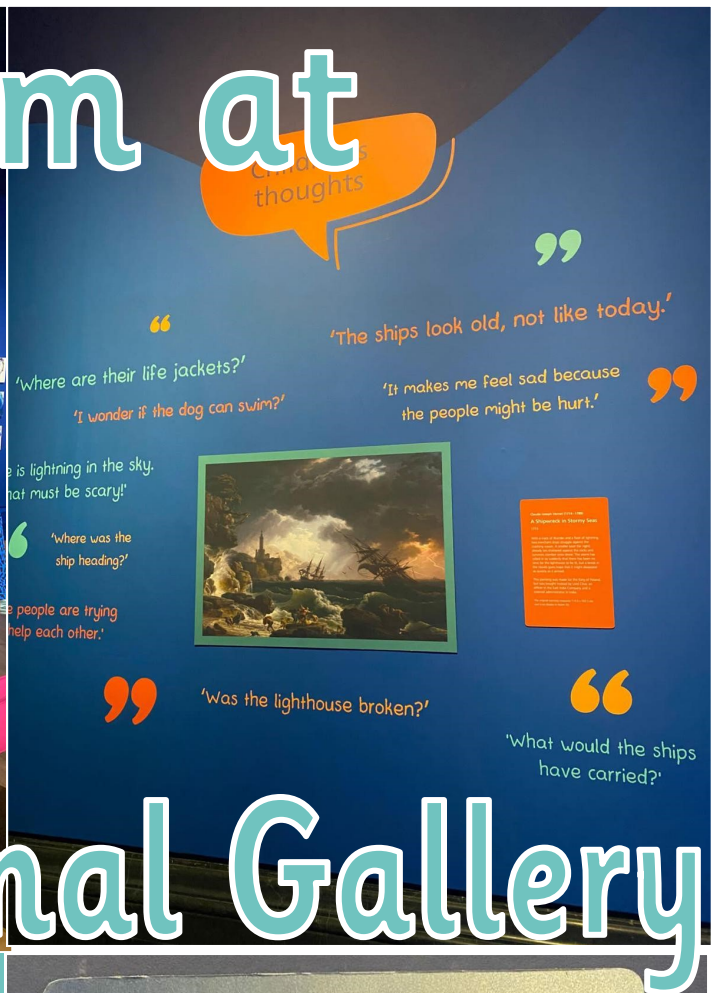
Sydenham at



The National Gallery

We are thrilled that artwork created by Sydenham pupils as part of The Take One Picture project is on display at The National Gallery. The work was created last summer by pupils currently in Year Four and Miss Ellershaw (our Art Coordinator) and Mrs Rastall (Year Three) teacher were invited to view it at the gallery on Wednesday evening.

Having work at the country's flagship gallery is such an honour and, as you can see, the exhibition was fabulous. The stimulus for the work was Claude-Joseph Vernet's painting, "A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas." Featured in the exhibition are messages in a bottle as well as questions about the painting and quotations from pupils about the process of creating their work.



Messages in Bottles

Sydenham Primary School, Warwickshire
Ages 7-8

Year 3 wondered how the people on the ships might have felt during the storm. They decided to write letters to and from the passengers and their worried families. They tea-stained their letters to give them a weathered appearance before putting them in plastic bottles so they could be sent across the ocean. The pupils attached the bottles to wood they collected to represent driftwood that might have washed up on shore.

Laura Rastall and Jon Lee, Class Teachers

'It was really cool how we got to make the message look like an actual sailor wrote it.'

Kiara, aged 8

'I felt like we were actually in the painting sending a message.'

Simran, aged 8

'I felt really calm while taking part in the project.'

Aeris, aged 8

Gym Club



Here are our amazing Sydenham gymnasts, practising their skills with Miss Whitehead at Gym Club.



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Pupils have perfected their floor work as well as their ability to climb, balance and jump. Well done!



Gym Club



Y5 Pharaohs

Year Five are learning about the Egyptians this term and created these fabulous pieces of artwork featuring themselves as Pharaohs. We hope you agree that the effect of combining photographs and pencil work is stunning.



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Sneak Preview!



We couldn't resist showing you this sneak preview of the Y6 leavers' show, "Jungle Book." Both classes have been rehearsing their show-stopping song and dance routines and it looks like we're in for a treat.





Art in the Park

On Wednesday, Earthbound visited school to work with our Arts' Ambassadors and Eco Rep's. Earthbound will be performing at Art in the Park and they enlisted the help of pupils to make props and costumes and to learn a song and dance which the children can join in with during the performance. If you are interested in watching the show at Art in the Park, here's what Earthbound have got to say about their work:

Earthbound are a collective of freelance artists who have been brought together by Leamington based performance artist, choreographer and director Sioda Adams, to create a new multimedia outdoor show 'For The Love Of Stuff'. The show is as fun and whacky as it is meaningful and poignant. Through movement, song, puppetry and aerial arts with integrated BSL it tells a story that addresses the dangers of society's throwaway mindset and the effects that consumerism is having on our planet (and us!). It aims to inspire people to change some of their behaviours, leaving them with a feeling of hope for a more positive future, a celebration of community, diversity and the power of people coming together.

Children have been working with some of the performers from the show to learn the finale song and dance, and to make musical instruments to play along to the music during the main performance. They have also been designing their own banners expressing how they feel about nature and climate change and some children were interviewed to take part in a video/sound installation which will be presented at the end of the performance as part of an installation.

The first public presentation of 'For The Love Of Stuff' will be at Leamington Art In The Park festival at 4pm in Mill Gardens on Saturday the 5th of August. Some of the children's work will also be displayed at the event. We would love for everyone to come along, learn our songs, learn our dance and join in with the celebration. (Show duration is 40 mins followed by a 5 min installation which will loop for 20 mins). There will be free family workshops throughout the day so look out for our tent!

For more info about the project and to download/practice our songs and dance, please visit our 'For The Love Of Stuff' web page. Here you can also download colouring sheets and instructions on how to make a flower using recycled clothes. <https://earth-bound.co.uk/performances/for-the-love-of-stuff/>

We'd love to hear about your own creative projects inspired by our themes so please share with us. You can tag us on:
instagram @earthbounddtw and &ForTheLoveOfStuff



Earthbound Visit



Pupils worked with musician, Shanade, as well as dancer, Steph, and artist, Charlotte.



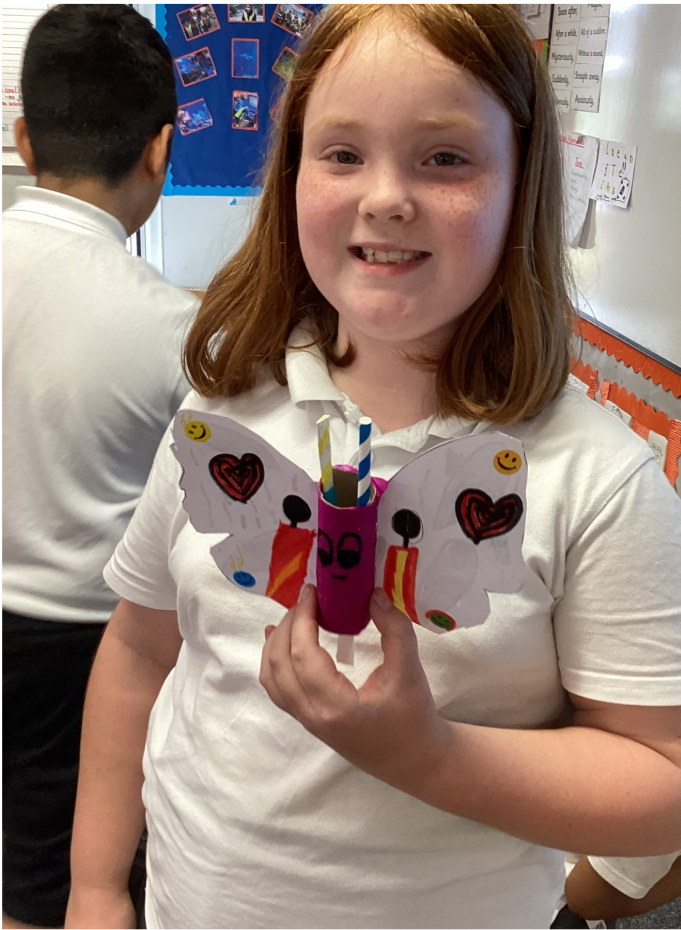
The dance is being taught not only to our Ambassadors but also to lots of different community groups. Anybody knowing the dance can join a flash mob at the end of Earthbound's performance at Art in the Park.



Pupils designed and made banners that will feature in the show.



Some were also filmed and recorded sharing their views on the environment and climate change.



In class, other year groups used recycled materials to make butterflies.

The butterflies will be hung at Art in the Park as decorations.



Stay and Play



On Tuesday, we welcomed our newest pupils to school for a Stay and Play session in the Reception classroom.



It was lovely meeting our future Reception children and their wonderful families.



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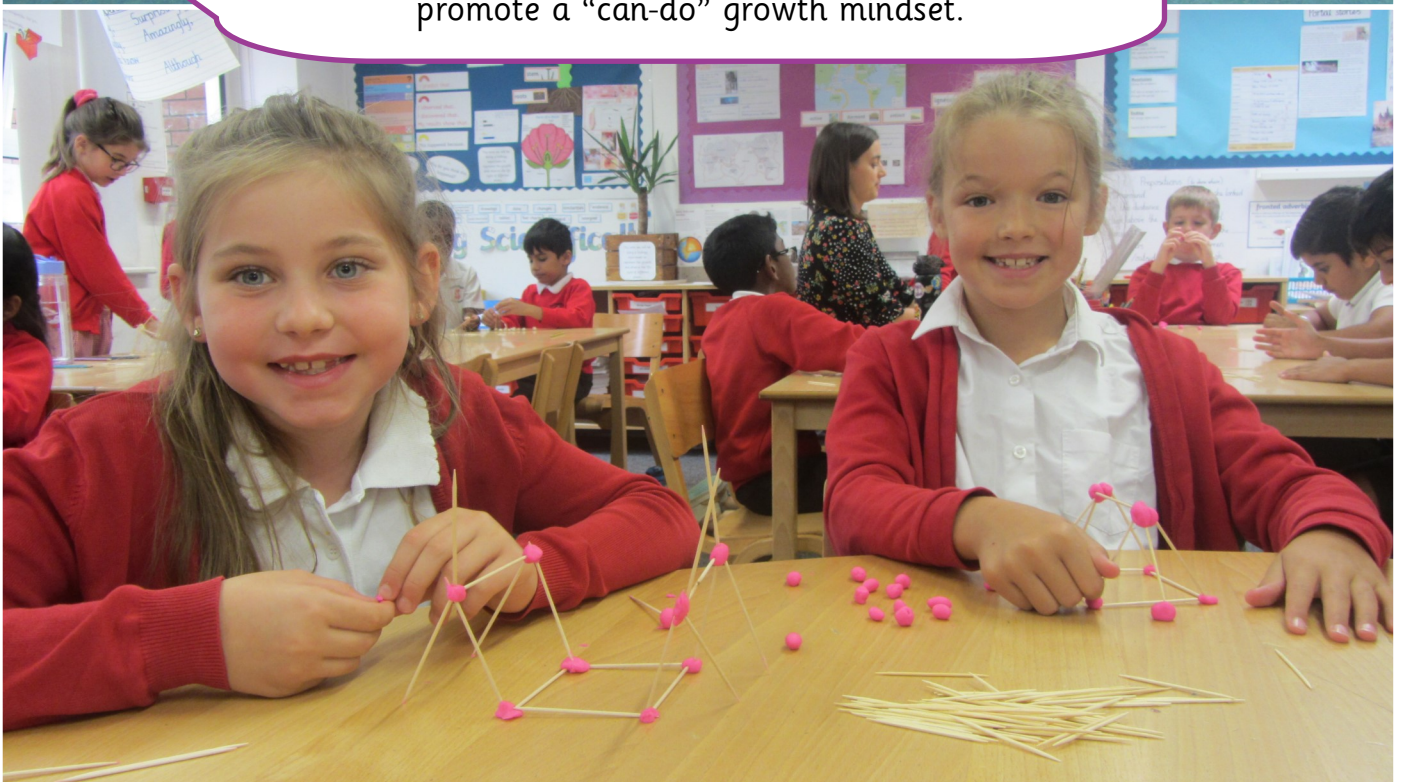




Changeover Day

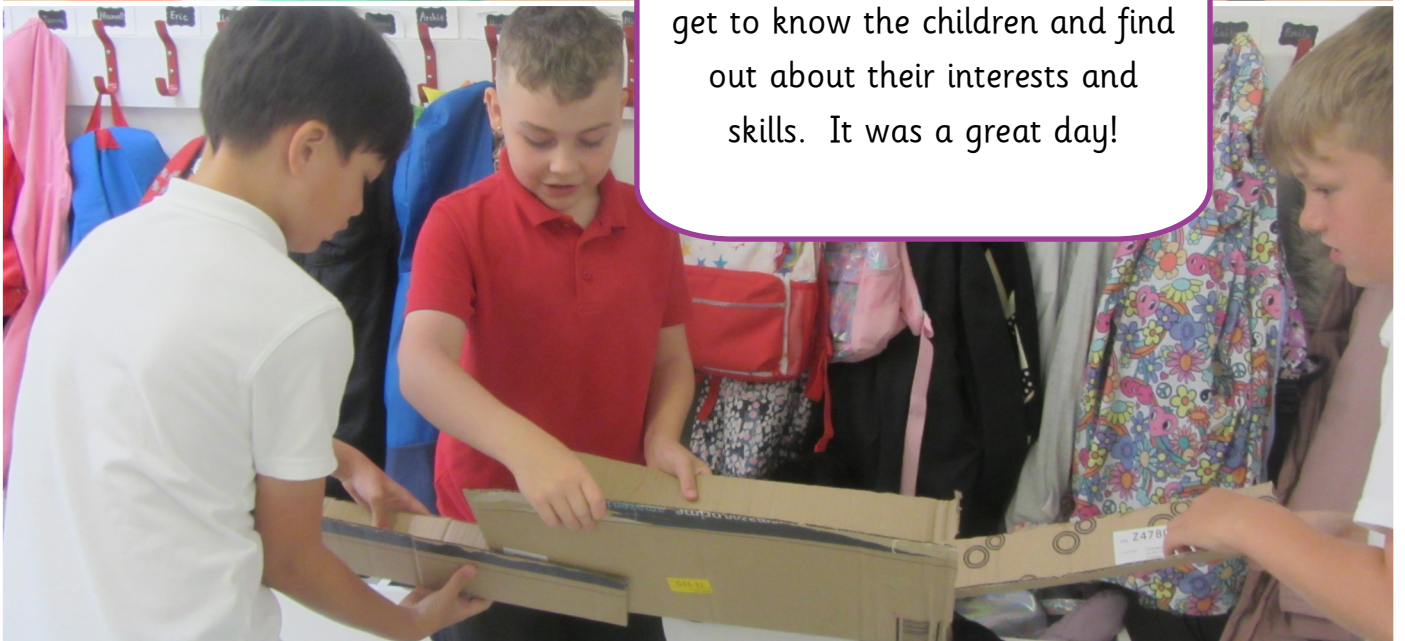


It was all change today as pupils moved up to meet their new teachers. Everyone had fun in their new classrooms and enjoyed a range of activities designed to promote a “can-do” growth mindset.





Teachers took the opportunity to get to know the children and find out about their interests and skills. It was a great day!



Shikshak Vandan Divas



Last weekend, Miss Glenny and Miss Dalton represented Sydenham Primary School at a special event organised by Sanskar Shakha and Balgokulam called “Shikshak Vandan Divas” (Teacher Appreciation Day.)

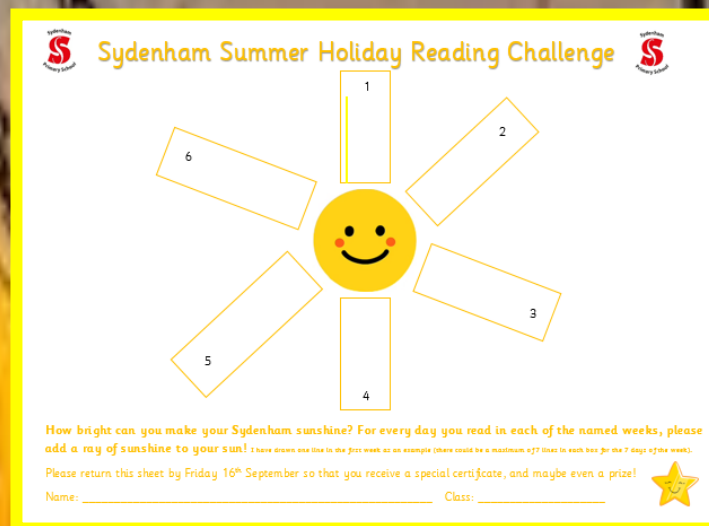
At the event, students showed their respect and gratitude to teachers for playing such an important part in their development and learning.



Thank you to Sanskar Shakha for valuing teachers and inviting us into your beautiful community. This was such a memorable event!

Summer Holiday Reading Challenge

Children from Reception to Year 5 will once again be bringing home a summer holiday reading challenge sheet this week. The aim of the challenge is to help to support you to maintain your child's enthusiasm for reading during the long break, and hopefully for them to keep building on the skills that they have worked so hard on this academic year.



The image shows a worksheet for the 'Sydenham Summer Holiday Reading Challenge'. At the top, it features the school logo and the title. In the center is a yellow sun with a smiling face and six rays, each labeled with a number from 1 to 6. Ray 1 has a vertical line drawn in it. Below the sun, there is a paragraph of instructions: 'How bright can you make your Sydenham sunshine? For every day you read in each of the named weeks, please add a ray of sunshine to your sun! I have drawn one line in the first week as an example (there could be a maximum of 7 lines in each box for the 7 days of the week). Please return this sheet by Friday 16th September so that you receive a special certificate, and maybe even a prize!'. At the bottom, there are fields for 'Name: _____' and 'Class: _____', followed by a yellow star icon.



For every day that your child reads at home, they can add a line of colour to the sun's rays on the sheet. The aim is to make their sun as bright as they can before the end of the holidays. Any reading can count towards the challenge - a book, comic, recipe, road signs, song lyrics, postcards, letters etc.

Every child who returns their sheet by Friday 8th September will receive a special certificate, and I will choose three sheets at random to receive a prize!



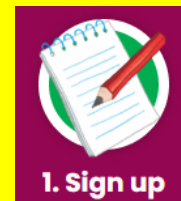
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Warwickshire Libraries Reading Challenge

In addition to our own reading challenge, Holly and Bev from Warwickshire Library and Information Service attended assembly last week to talk to the children about a special reading challenge being run by all libraries within Warwickshire. The challenge this year is called Ready, Set, Read! The expectation is that children will read 6 books over the summer holidays, and they can keep popping into their local library to collect prizes and incentives along the way. You can sign up either in person at a library or online here:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

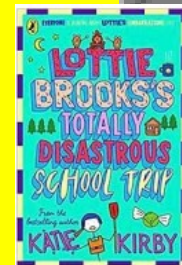
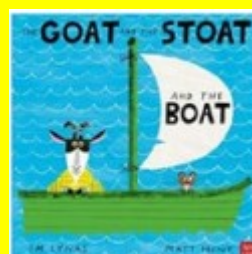
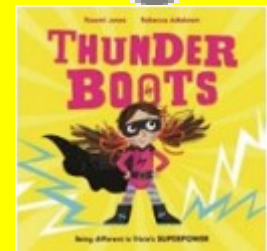
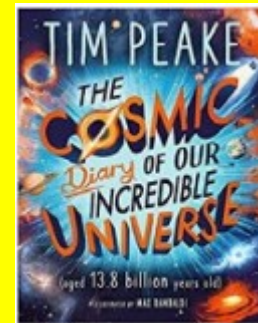
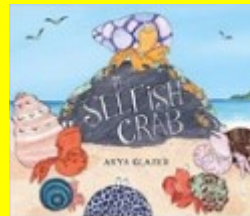
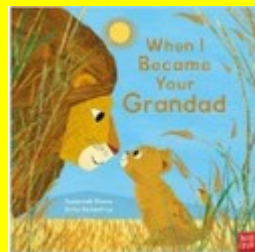


If your child does take part, we would love them to bring in their medal of completion in September to show everyone!



Reading Support

Research has shown that pupil's reading levels can dip over longer breaks, so Book Space have published a document with lots of brilliant book suggestions for all ages. I have emailed the document out to all families so that you can take a closer look at all of the book titles. Perhaps see how many of these you can find in the library, and read them to complete both the school and Warwickshire Libraries reading challenges!



Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand



Ready, Set, Read! The Summer Reading Challenge for children 4-11-year-olds

Join Now at your local Warwickshire Library!

Read books, collect stickers and rewards and get a medal & certificate when you finish!

Scan here for fun, FREE, events this summer

SCAN ME





In assembly this week, we have been thinking about our Unicef Global Goals, in particular, goal number twelve: responsible consumption.

In Monday's assembly, Miss Glenny spoke about the importance of reducing, re-using and recycling waste as well as the issue of litter. We were, therefore, thrilled to see this photo of Chloe and Elliot litter picking in their free time.

Well done Eco Warriors!

Eco Warriors



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Global Goal 12: Responsible Consumption

Arrangements for PE Kit



From September 2023, **pupils should come to school in their PE kit on the day of their PE lesson.** This is in order to maximise the amount of activity in each lesson and reduce lost property .

The **timetable** for lessons in the next academic year is as follows:

Monday: Year Six

Tuesday: Year One

Wednesday: Year Five and Year Three

Thursday: Year Four

Friday: Year Two and Reception

We would appreciate you dressing your child in the **correct sport's kit** of black shorts/ joggers/leggings, a white or red t shirt, trainers and a black hoodie for outdoor sessions in colder weather. Please make sure all items of clothing are age appropriate - no crop tops, football shirts or skimpy shorts!

Please note that Year Five will swim as part of their PE lessons - a letter will be sent to Y5 parents shortly giving more information.

SYDENHAM PRIMARY PTA SUMMER FAYRE



NEW DATE

Friday 21st July. 3.20-5.30pm

We look forward to welcoming you!

Both rain and **shortage of volunteers** contributed to the fayre being rescheduled

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

please contact us at sydenhampta@welearn365.com
if you are able to help in any way.

**The raffle will be held at the event,
Tickets available on the day!**

Come along & enjoy a fun afternoon at our school.
There will be something for the whole family!

**BOUNCY CASTLE - GAMES - REFRESHMENTS -
TOMBOLA - RAFFLE -
PRE-LOVED TOY & BOOK STALL**

Summer Fayre Postponement - Volunteers Needed

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we regretfully had to postpone our highly anticipated Summer Fayre until Friday, 21st July due to both weather conditions and shortage of volunteers. We understand this will have disappointed the children, who were eagerly looking forward to the event.

The weather forecast predicted rain all day, which would have significantly impacted the outdoor activities and overall experience. We want to ensure our children have an enjoyable time, free from any weather-related inconveniences.

Secondly, we have (and still have) a shortage of volunteers. To successfully hold an event for a school of over 400 pupils, we need at least 20 volunteers throughout. Unfortunately, despite our initial request for help, we have received just 2 new offers of assistance outside of our very small regular group (who we hugely appreciate). Our other volunteers consist of teachers, Onside Coaching, and family members of our dedicated Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Therefore, the Summer Fayre will now take place on Friday, 21st July. We hope this additional time will allow us to ensure a successful event with sufficient volunteer support. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding.

While we share in your disappointment, the safety and enjoyment of our children remain our top priority. By rescheduling, we aim to deliver an event that meets expectations.

We look forward to welcoming you on Friday, 21st July. Further details and updates will be provided as the new date approaches.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact us by email sydenhampta@welearn365.com for more information. Together, we can make the summer fayre a fun and memorable occasion for our school community.

Yours Sincerely,

Charlotte, Claire and Sonia

Sydenham Primary PTA



RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is the way we show we care and are thinking about people who have experienced loss or are going through a difficult time.

An example of showing sympathy could be feeling sadness for someone we are close to who has experienced loss and sending them a card to let them know we are thinking of them.

Our tips for being more sympathetic:

- 1- Spend some time thinking about the people in your life and how they might be feeling.
- 2- This week, write a card, draw a picture, or make something for a friend or family member that is going through a difficult time, e.g., loss of a loved one/pet, or struggling with their mental health.
- 3- Do something kind for a friend or family member to show them that you care and are thinking about them, e.g., give them a hug, make them their favourite drink, or spend time doing their favourite activity with them.
- 4- Help children to recognise when they might need to show sympathy, by creating a brainstorm of how they might behave, think, and feel when they are going through a difficult time.

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!

thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

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

Information for parents and carers

Do you have a child or young person who has been off school for a prolonged period, due to emotional and/or physical distress, such as anxiety?

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is working with Warwickshire County Council to run two parent and carer focus groups to look at the current support for children and young people, and their families, experiencing Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) and would like your feedback.

You may also have heard this being referred to as 'attendance difficulties' or 'school refusal'.

By attending one of the focus groups, you will be helping the council to understand your experiences and how they can improve support for children and young people with attendance difficulties.

The two focus groups will take place on:

Session for parents and carers with a child at a mainstream school: Wed 19 July 2023, 12pm – 1.30pm - [please book your place here](#)

Session for parents and carers with a child at a specialist school: Wed 26 July 2023, 7.30pm - 9pm – [please book your place here](#)

Places will be limited to help keep the discussion focussed. Parents and carers will be asked to share their own experiences in response to a specific set of questions.

The focus groups will be led by Warwickshire Parent Carer Forum as part of a County Council project to look at improving support for children and young people dealing with EBSA.

If you are unable to attend one of the focus groups and would still like to share your feedback of support for EBSA, please email send-change@warwickshire.gov.uk.

To secure a place, please press control and click on the link to be re-directed to the booking page.

Diary Dates

Monday 17th July	Rocksteady Concert at 2.30pm.
Wednesday 19th—Thursday 20th July	Y5 residential to Kip in a Ship, HMS Belfast, London.
Friday 21st July	Y6 JvS leavers' performance and certificates, 9.30—10.45am
Friday 21st July	Y6 CB leavers' performance and certificate, 1.45 –3.00pm
Friday 21st July	New date for the PTA Summer Fayre, 3.20pm onwards.
Monday 24th July	Y6 Fun Day—pizza and games!
Tuesday 25th July	Break up for the Summer holiday.

Pupils return to school on Monday 4th September 2023

INSET DAYS 2023/24

School will be closed for in-service (teacher) training on the following dates during the next academic year

Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 2nd October 2023
Monday 4th December 2023
Monday 8th January 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024

Enjoy your weekend.
Best wishes from
Miss Glenny
(Associate
Headteacher)