



Newsletter 38
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Stay and Play



On Tuesday we welcomed the wonderful children joining Reception in Septemeber for a "Stay and Play" session. Our newest recruits had a fun filled morning playing in the Reception learning environment, making new friends and meeting staff.

Welcome to Sydenham!



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Spanish Day

On Thursday, Key Stage Two enjoyed a Spanish Day.



Thank you to Max's mum, Alicia, for reading stories in Spanish

Activities included, food tasting, Salsa dancing, singing Spanish songs, art and geography. Pupils even debated whether bull fighting should be legal.



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Spanish Day

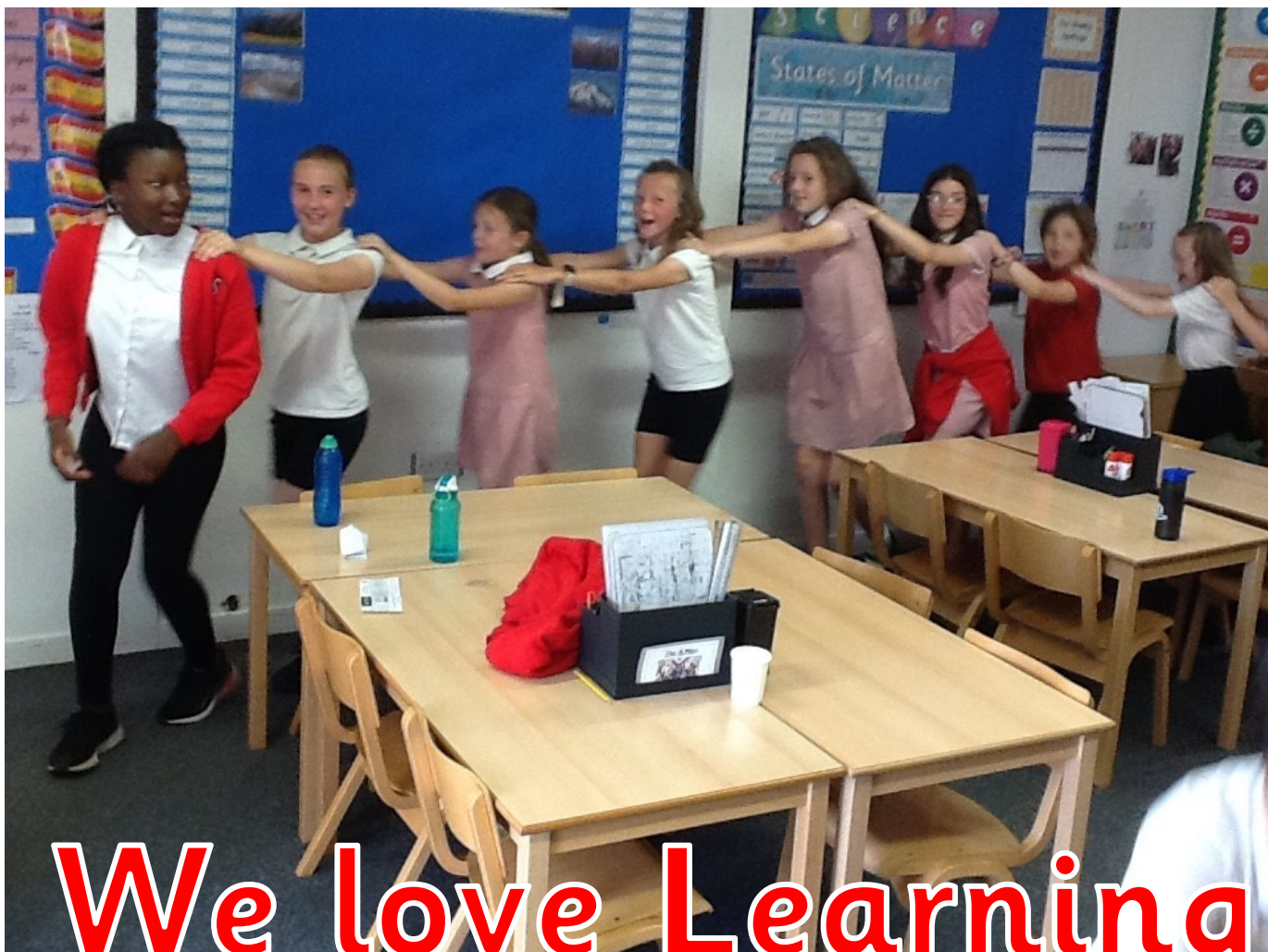


Spectacular Salsa Moves, Y4!





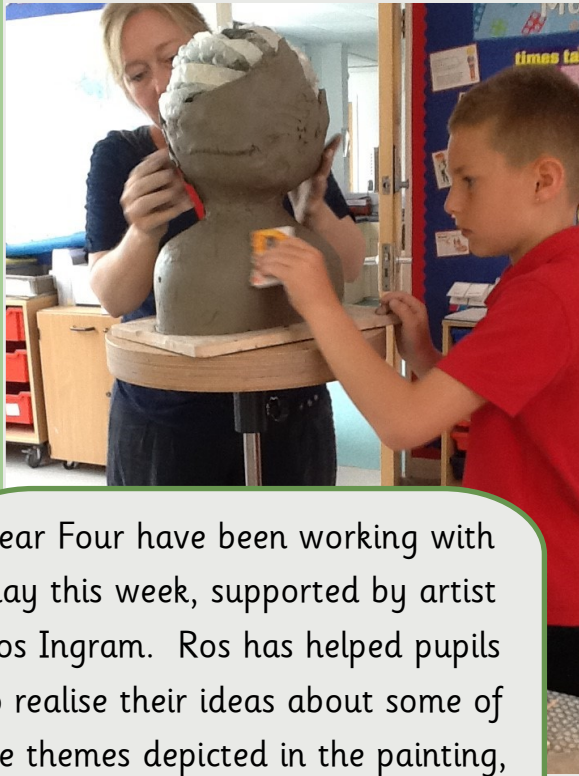
Super Singing in Spanish!



We love Learning!



Take One Picture



Year Four have been working with clay this week, supported by artist Ros Ingram. Ros has helped pupils to realise their ideas about some of the themes depicted in the painting, "Shipwreck in Stormy Seas."



The children worked together to create this amazing clay sculpture on the theme of "heaven and hell." It shows "good" on one side and "evil" on the other.



Year Four



The Finished Artwork





Take One Picture

Years 5 and 6 worked with a wire armature and Mudrock to create these stunning artworks.



Years 5 and 6

Year Six created a sea monster lurking at the bottom of the ocean.



Year Five focused on the final thoughts and wishes of the sailors on board the sinking ship.

Y6 Awards' Assembly



Thank you to all the Y6 parents, carers and relatives who attended our two leavers' assemblies this week. It was wonderful to look back on the children's progress through school and to share special memories. A very emotional moment was the singing of "One More Step" which has been performed by Y6 pupils in their final weeks at school for over 20 years. Well done to all the children—we're really proud of you and will miss you very much.





Last weekend, Prabhpreet and Jeevath conquered Mount Snowdon, walking to raise funds for Khalsa and Langar Aid.

Charity Climb



This was Khalsa's tenth annual hike which has a reputation for challenging the physical and mental limits of participants. Well done to Prabhpreet and Jeevath for making it to the summit and helping to raise money in support of Khalsa's global projects.



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Article 31: 14: Freedom of Thought,
Belief and Religion



Rocksteady Concert



Well done to all of our Sydenham Rockstars for a great concert!

Warwickshire Junior Book Awards

Our Y5 and Y6 Book Club pupils were rewarded for their efforts towards reading with a trip to Warwick School on Tuesday morning, where the Warwickshire Junior Book Awards were being held. The award ceremony was an opportunity to hear four of the short-listed authors talk about and read extracts from their books; and also to find out which of the authors had won the award for the best book, as voted for by pupils from the 27 Warwickshire schools in attendance.



The children enjoyed meeting up with our Lighthorne Heath Primary School friends, who also attended the ceremony!



Meeting Lesley Parr, author of *The Valley of Secrets*, to sign our books. Lesley answered lots of questions, including about how she made decisions about the characters in the book, as well as when and why she became an author.





Pupils were invited to submit an entry to their own competition: Either a piece of writing or an illustration inspired by the chosen texts. The competition was judged by the team from the School Library Service. Four of the Book Club group sent in entries, and I am delighted to share that Mahad **won** the writers' competition, for writing his alternative ending to the novel 'The Chime Seekers'!

What a Sydenham super star!



Here is an extract of Mahad's amazing writing for you to enjoy:

"Mirrors!" cried Yanni in anger. There were mirrors almost everywhere, keeping watch of everything that Yanni did. There was almost a thousand of them in the fake house, and there were plenty of them on the walls of the stairs in the tower. Mirrors were what had practically destroyed his life in the first place. In a fit of rage, Yanni picked up the last tooth and punched a mirror in front of him as hard as his tired arms could punch. The mirror gave way to the ballroom of the tower. "So what teeth did you get for yourself?" asked Lord Renwin, clearly teasing Yanni. "What teeth did I get for MYSELF?! I did this so I could save my friends and Ari!" Yanni replied, outraged. Yanni could tell that Lord Renwin was excited to know his choices of teeth. "I picked three, as I promised" Yanni said, holding them. "I picked mine, Ari's and....." Yanni was interrupted by a gasp followed by a cry.

Warwickshire Junior Book Awards



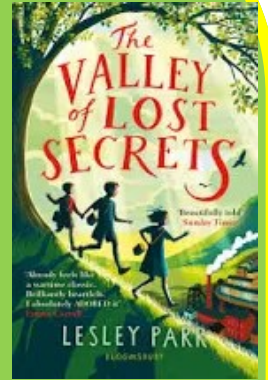
The children got to meet Councillor John Holland, Leader of the Labour group of Warwick West, who also awarded Mahad his certificate.

Another guest at the award ceremony was Junior Poet Laureate, Daniel Wale who spoke to the children about how he had been inspired to write poems at a young age. He shared his beautiful poem *'Sunflowers'*, and told the children to "Never lose the capacity for love".

I am hoping to invite Daniel to come and join us at Sydenham during National poetry week in October.




Here are some of the reviews, art work and writing that the Book Club children created at home, inspired by their reading. Perhaps you would like to read one of these books too? Don't forget to look out for them in the school library in September!



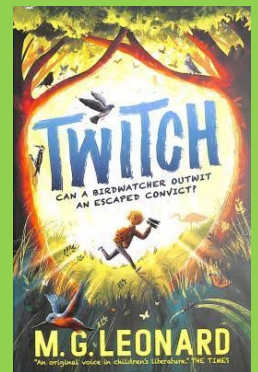
<h3>CHILDREN OF THE QUICKSANDS</h3> <p>BY EFUA TRAORÉ</p>		<h3>Children of the Quicksands</h3> <p>Review</p>	
<p>MY FAVOURITE PART WAS...</p> <p>When Simi dived into the lake and entered Layo's world it was very spooky!</p>	<p>MY LEAST FAVOURITE PART WAS...</p> <p>When Bubu was paralysed/possessed.</p>	<p>My favourite part: Was when Simi entered Layo's world it was exiting and spooky!</p>	<p>My favourite character: Simi as she is kind and fearless. She also sets a good example to stand up for yourself.</p>
<p>MY FAVOURITE CHARACTER IS...</p> <p>Jay because I think he is a nice and friendly character.</p>	<p>My least favourite character: Baba Morayo as he is always grumpy and annoyed.</p>	<p>My least favourite part: When Bubu was paralysed as it was really sad and worrying.</p>	<p>By Efiua Traoré</p>



THE ONE-EYED TOAD



My favourite character is the one-eyed toad because he's always accusing people of stealing his eye! When he finds out Yanni has his eye and the goblins took it he was fine! He is also crazy like me!



TWITCH

By M.G. Leonard

Review

By Lily Warsaw

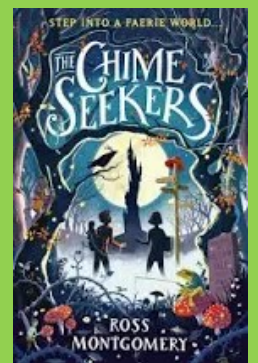
My favourite part was: Jack and Twitch became friends and proved that people can be kind.

My favourite character is: AVA because she is bossy and assertive, but kind and caring. ★★★★★

My least favourite part: When I found out Billy was actually Ryan instead of a woman and Ava and Tippi's mum. I was shocked when I discovered that robber Ryan was really bad for my favourite character's Valley of secrets.

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As Twitch rummaged through the notes that Jack had given him to say 'Sorry', Twitch knew that he could not forgive him right now. He was too upset because Jack had betrayed him. As he was looking through all the notes, he came across one that caught his eye. It said that Jack was really interested in the birdwatching. Twitch's brain was perplexed. Does Jack like birdwatching and is he friends with him? Or was he just faking the whole entire time to deceive him?



Reading super stars!

If I saw these books on the shelf before we started Book Club, I wouldn't have picked them up. So I have learned that you shouldn't judge a book by its cover.

I have learned that it is good to try different kinds of novels, because then you might realise that you actually do like different types of books!



Before joining Book Club, I definitely didn't read as much as I should. And now, after having to read four books in a short period of time, I understand more about books. I got to explore different types of books.

Before I joined Book Club, I just stuck to specific authors. Book Club has helped me to choose different authors. I used to just read David Walliams books, but I have enjoyed all of the books that we were asked to read for the competition.

I am really looking forward to re-starting Book Club with children from different year groups in the Autumn term. Watch this space!

Summer Holiday Reading Challenge

Children from Reception to Year 5 will be bringing home a summer holiday reading challenge sheet today, or at the beginning of next 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.

S Sydenham Summer Holiday Reading Challenge **S**

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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!

Name: _____ Class: _____

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 16th September will receive a special certificate, and I will choose three sheets at random to receive a prize!

Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand



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SPREAD THE WORD!

You could help us to win **£1000** of **books!** Nominate our school, and if your entry is picked, you will win **£100** of National Book Tokens too. The closing date is 29th July, so very soon! To make a nomination, please visit:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/>



Leamington Library

A poster for the Summer Reading Challenge 2022. The title "GADGETEERS" is written in large, stylized letters made of gears and bolts. Above the title are several interlocking gears in brown, yellow, and grey. Below the title, it says "Presented by The Reading Agency. Delivered in partnership with libraries." There are three logos in a row: "SCIENCE MUSEUM GROUP", "IGNITING IMAGINATION INSPIRING INNOVATORS", and "20 YEARS THE READING AGENCY". At the bottom, there are illustrations of six diverse children. On the right side, there is vertical text: "Illustrations by Julian Beresford and © The Reading Agency 2022".

Leamington Library are gearing up for their Summer Reading Challenge, which starts on Saturday 16th July if you get the chance to pop in to collect a pack. Children will receive a medal on completion of the challenge!



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Holiday Competition

Looking for something to do over the summer holidays?

Warwick District Green Party are running a summer wildlife photography competition, supported by local Green councillors.

Send in your best wildlife photo and you could win a gift hamper or runner's up prize donated by our local Leamington and Stratford zero-waste shops, Zero. The photo can be taken on your phone or camera and must be of wildlife somewhere in Warwickshire. Photos will be judged with the help of local photographers Craig Adisson and Alex Bradbury.

There will be **prizes for both the best adult's and the best children's** entries and the winners will be published in our next South Leamington wide newsletter.

Send your entry (1 per person), including your name, category 'adult' or 'child' or 'young person' (including age) and where the photo was taken, by 10 September 2022 to:

coordinator@warwickdistrict.greenparty.org.uk

(By entering you are agreeing we can process your details only for the purposes of the competition—see our website for more information). Under 16s please ask a parent or carer to send your photo.

Enjoy our parks, countryside and wildlife this summer and Happy Snapping!



A warm welcome to our new members of the Veg Co Op hosted by the SYDNI Centre since 2009! And a big hello to our existing ones too, some of whom have been with us since then!

Started as a project to promote healthy eating in partnership with Action 21 and the local Children's Centres, it continued under South Warwickshire Local Foods and is now well and truly part of SYDNI.

The idea is simple; we are able to buy in bulk using the £3.50 or £5.00 you pay for your bag, you get great value for money (often half the price that you'd pay in a supermarket) and you may get to try things you may not have even thought about buying!

It's a flexible scheme, you don't have to order every week; dip in and out as you need and we're always on hand with preparation and cooking tips, or recipe ideas should you want them.

Just email food@sydni.org or call us on 01926 422071 for any information you need and we hope you enjoy your bags!



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HARDSHIP FUND

Campion School is committed to supporting our school community.

Our hardship fund is available to help families who are experiencing difficulties with any of the following:

- loss of employment or reduction in salary and are struggling to make ends meet
- facing eviction or recently re-housed
- need support with providing resources for remote learning
- unable to provide a nutritious meal for your family
- advice on making a new Free School Meals application
- any other issues that may be causing your family hardship

If your family, or a family you know, require our support, please get in touch. The school's hardship fund is here to help our families get through this difficult time. Please see below for the ways you can contact us:

By email: HLL@campion.warwickshire.sch.uk

By phone: 01926 743200



Concerned about heating your home?

We're here to support you



Our friendly, experienced team can offer free, impartial advice on fuel debts, managing energy bills, accessing energy efficiency measures and more.



Contact us free on: 0800 988 2881

Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm
or send us an email at:

advice@actonenergy.org.uk



How to get in touch

Drop-in or call your Children & Family Centre for an appointment

Lighthorne Heath
Stratford Rd
Lighthorne Heath
CV33 9TW
01926 691105

Kingsway
Baker Avenue
Leamington Spa
CV31 3HB
01926 336793

Lillington
Mason Avenue
Leamington Spa
CV32 7QE
01926 887597
(Option 1)

Or Email our community adviser directly
spencer.colquitt@casouthwarwickshire.org.uk

Telephone advice available Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm
Adviceline: 0800 144 8848

Or on the internet 24 hours a day
www.casouthwarwickshire.org.uk
www.citizensadvice.org.uk



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Convenient advice in your Children and Family Centre for families with children aged 0-19 (25 if additional needs)

**citizens
advice** South
Warwickshire

FREE advice and support is provided by a specialist
adviser based at Citizens Advice

Our advice is available **by appointment** at the following
weekly sessions

Lighthorne Heath
Stratford Rd
Lighthorne Heath
CV33 9TW
Tuesdays
9:30am to 1pm

Kingsway
Baker Avenue
Leamington Spa
CV31 3HB
Wednesdays
1:30pm to 4:30pm

Lillington
Mason Avenue
Leamington Spa
CV32 7QE
Thursdays
10am to 1pm



Call in to see our adviser for an initial chat.
Where possible we will give you the **advice** you need
straight away.

If further help is needed we will arrange this for you.

Our advice is free, confidential, independent and impartial

The service **provides information, advice and support on all sorts of problems**, including:

- Making the most of your household budget
- Checking you are receiving all the benefits you should be
- Helping you to claim benefits including form filling
- Helping you to appeal benefit decisions
- Reducing stress and worry caused by debt or loan repayment problems
- Applying for reduced water bill if you are on a low income
- Accessing grants
- Helping with housing issues

Our aim is to ensure you get the advice and support you need to improve your situation and reduce your stress.

**Whatever your
problem
we can help.**



Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th July	Moving Up Day—pupils spend time with their teacher for September 2022.
Tuesday 19th July	Y6 Leavers' dinner and silent disco

Break up for the Summer Holiday Thursday 21st July.

School closed Monday 5th September for INST (staff training.)

Return to school Tuesday 6th September

Weather Warning

I'm sure that many of you will have seen the amber weather warnings for Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July due to extreme heat. Please be reassured that we will be following government guidance in order to keep pupils safe on these days. Please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england/looking-after-children-and-those-in-early-years-settings-during-heatwaves-for-teachers-and-professionals?fbclid=IwAR35DOO-fCW57hT9uYf2WcWdSXS6du5UPO1oLVGdZd5EF6yOuHSDnB-IoOo>

Measures at school will include:

- Blinds closed so that rooms are shaded.
- Windows/doors opened as soon as the teaching day begins.
- Indoor play/reduced times outside - children to be kept in the shade.
- Children encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day and water bottles refilled as necessary.
- Indoor PE sessions (reduced activity sessions to avoid over-heating.)
- Fans and portable air conditioning units used in communal areas such as the lunch hall

Please make sure you provide your child with a water bottle and sun hat. Sun cream should be applied before children arrive at school.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter



Sydenham Superstars



YR/1/2

Happy weekend!

From Miss
Glenny
(Associate
Headteacher)



Y3/4/5

