

Santa Visits Sydenham



Ho, ho, ho! Look who popped in to Sydenham Primary School this week! We were all so excited when the jingling of bells announced Santa's arrival with his reindeer and elves to deliver gifts to all the children in Reception. Santa assured us that he will be back to visit everybody's house on Christmas Eve. Don't forget to leave him a mince pie and a carrot for Rudolph.



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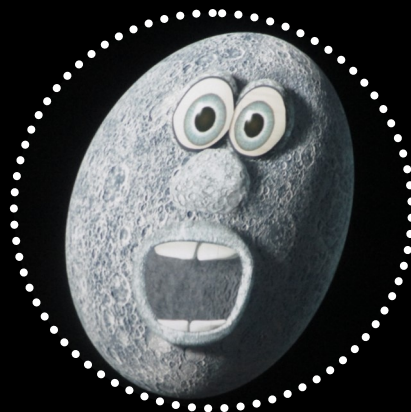
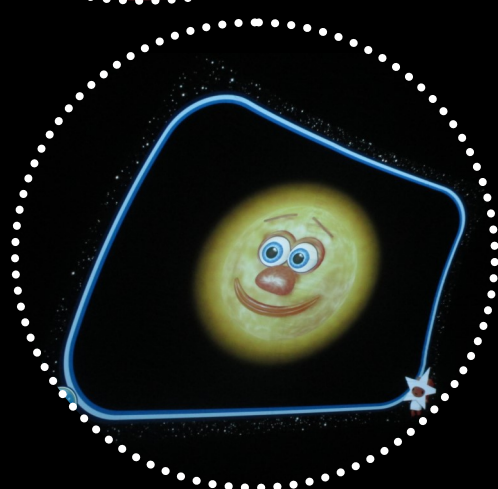
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Thank You Santa!



Year One had a magical experience on Thursday when they stepped inside a pop-up planetarium which had travelled all the way from the Space Centre in Leicester. As images were projected on to the walls and ceiling of the planetarium, pupils learnt about the planets, the sun and constellations. They also heard ancient stories about how the sun and moon were formed. This was a truly awe inspiring way to learn.



Y1 Reach for the Stars



Christmas Dinner



Crackers were pulled and jokes were shared around the table on Tuesday when Christmas dinner was served. Lots of children enjoyed this traditional meal of turkey, roast potatoes, pigs-in-blankets, vegetables and gravy.

Many thanks to the kitchen staff who worked very hard to cook the lunch and to all the staff who helped serve in the dining hall.



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Article Freedom of religion



Present Wrap Room



The PTA Present Wrap Room was a huge success this week with lots of children visiting to choose and wrap a gift for a loved one before writing a special label.

Many thanks to the PTA for organising and running this lovely event. If you are the lucky recipient of a gift, we hope you like it.



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Christmas Jumper Day



We saw some fantastically festive outfits on the last day of term. Well done to everybody for making such a brilliant effort.



Community Recorders

Our Y6 recorder players performed in the foyer of ASDA on Thursday to raise money for Myton Hospice. Two groups of children played Christmas carols and tunes, accompanied on the keyboard by Mrs Murphy, our KS2 music teacher.



At this time of year, it is especially important that we remember the joy of giving to others so thank you to everybody involved in this charity event, including the parents and carers who came to support their children.



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Well done to our Sydenham rock stars who performed for their parents and carers on Tuesday. All of the bands performed with real enthusiasm, helped by Dan, the Rocksteady teacher. Keep on rocking, everyone!

Rocksteady Concert



Spanish Christmas Concert



Bien hecho a todos los niños y niñas del Club de Español que dieron un concierto fantástico el martes. Los niños cantaron villancicos de Navidad y compartieron deseos navideños. Excelente!

Well done to all the children in Spanish Club who performed a fantastic concert on Tuesday. The children sang Christmas songs and shared Christmas greetings in Spanish. Excellent!

A great big thank you to Mrs Martin-Garrido for organising the concert and teaching the children with such enthusiasm and skill.



Y1 Moon Buggies



Year One have been busy creating moon buggies for alien creatures and the results are impressive. Using recyclable materials, the children came up with some very inventive ideas as you can see from the photographs. After making their buggies, the children raced them to find out which was the fastest.

Curriculum

Reception



Can You Read Me a Story?

Was the Big Bad Wolf really so bad? How many bowls of porridge did Goldilocks eat? Explore these questions and more in this magical project all about fairy tales, goodies and baddies! Possible lines of enquiry include:

- fairy tale characters
- goodies and baddies
- homes and castles
- magic and fantasy
- writing and telling stories

Year One



Bright Lights, Big City

Put on your best outfit because you're invited to have tea with the Queen. Use your best manners and comb your hair, as one will not be amused if you don't! What do you know about England's capital city? Let's find out all about London, including its history, transport and famous landmarks. Step back in time and discover what happened in the Great Fire of London. Where did it start? How did it end? Create a model of the bakery on Pudding Lane, then burn it to the ground to recreate the Great Fire. Stand well back and watch how the flames spread. London's burning! London's burning! Fire, fire! Fire, fire! Hang on, there's someone new in town! Plan a tour for Marley the Meerkat (he's come all the way from Zambia, you know) making sure he takes in all the sights and sounds of London before he finally meets his family at London Zoo. Are you ready for the bright lights of the big city? Hop in a black cab and enjoy the ride!

Year Two



Land Ahoy!

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum! Arrr, me hearties, – it's a sailor's life for me! Get your sea legs on, it's time to sail the salty seas. Navigate, investigate and explore the world – just like Captain Cook. Make a boat, sink a ship, fly a pirate flag! Speak like a pirate, write like a poet, then weigh and measure a pirate's booty! How do rescues happen at sea? Find out about brave volunteers and young Miss Darling, rowing her boat across stormy seas. Sing a sea shanty whilst cleaning the poop deck then search the school grounds for Captain Longbeard's hidden treasure. Thar's land ahead,

Year Three



Flow

From humble beginnings the river flows down the mountain and into the sea. Pull on your wellies and wade right in. How deep does it go and how fast does it travel? What soil types can you find by the river? Which animals make their homes there? Let's get down to the river bank and find out! Now hop on an imaginary boat and travel some of the world's most majestic rivers – the Ganges, the Thames, the Amazon and Nile – and keep a journal as you follow their course. Time to investigate! As part of the local news team, it's your task to track down the source of some mystery pollution. Where did it come from and who is to blame? Let's meander through the world of rivers, taking a dip into their watery world!

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Year Four



Misty Mountains

Mighty mountains peak above the morning mists, imposing and eternal, rocky outcrops at their feet. Discover how these giants are formed, as a fold or a block, a dome or a plateau. Follow the water cycle's course from peak to valley and meet the exceptional tribes of the hostile Himalayas. Then plan a mountain expedition from the BMC that is eco-friendly and safe as can be. But beware, look out! What's that by that tree? Its footprints are huge! Have we found the Yeti?

Year Five



Princes, Peasants and Pestilence

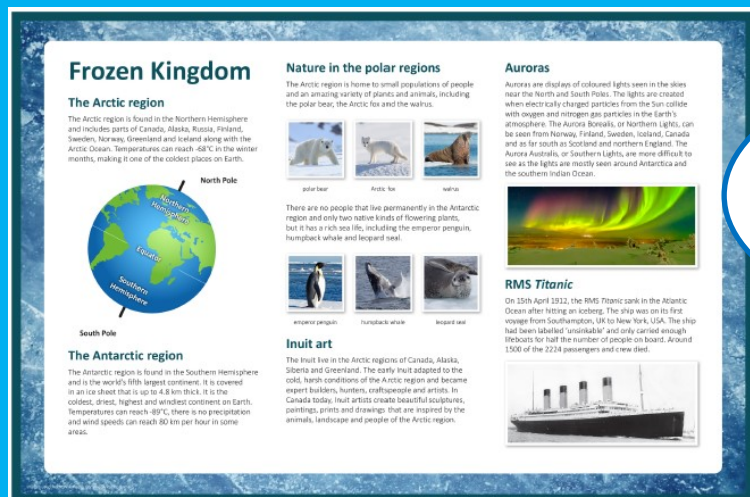
Flee your fields, close your doors and pull up the drawbridge: the dreaded and deathly 'Great Pestilence' is here! Mount your steed and gallop through the dark and deadly world of 14th century Britain, sword and shield at the ready, pledging your allegiance to king and country! Rouse your troops with promises of bloody battle and violent jousts. Read and write historical accounts, poems and tales and discover the grotesque effects of bugs and bacteria on the human body. And if you smell a rat, my friend – get out of there!

Year Six



Frozen Planet

Welcome to the planet's coldest lands. Vast wilds and hostile territories – incredibly beautiful, yet often deadly. Take shelter from the elements or fall prey to icy winds and the deepest chill. Trek bravely and valiantly across treacherous terrain to the ends of the Earth, treading deep in snow or be pulled by a team of mighty sled dogs. Be alert, for magnificent mammals roam these lands, sometimes hungry or fresh for a fight. Perhaps a hungry polar bear or an Arctic fox is hunting rodents, as swift as the wind! Research facts and figures of climate, temperature, habitats and ecosystems, and compose evocative poems about the Northern Lights. Become part of an Antarctic rescue team, braving the elements to rescue terrified passengers from a ship struck by a deadly berg that hides deep beneath the Southern Ocean. So wrap up well everyone and settle by the fire. I'm just going outside and may be some time.



Look out for homelearning
and resources in your
child's book bag.



Attendance Matters

...every school day counts!

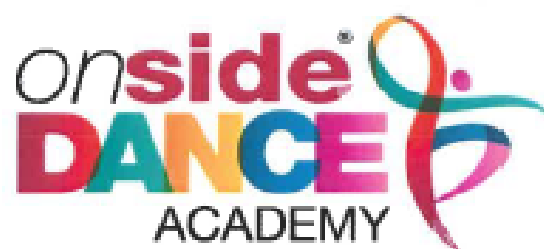
Well done to Y3 JML who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 98%

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

YR RK	96%
Y2 CP	96%
Y3 JL	96%
YR LS	95%
Y1 CD	95%
Y1 EL	95%
Y2 AP	95%
Y4 AH	95%
Y5 RA	95%
Y4 SM	94%
Y5 CB	94%
Y6 KG	94%
Y6 JvS	93%

Please note that our school attendance target is 97%. The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%.

Low attendance results in poorer educational progress and attainment.



School Years: Year 1 to 6

We are pleased to announce we are adding a **New** venue for our Dance Academy at Sydenham Primary School on **Wednesday's** alongside our Heathcote Primary School academy.

There will be lots of new classes for children and adults:

Acrotrix: Gymnastics based classes which include lifts, tumbling and gymnastics. We will work on routines and drills in the classes.

Street dance: Street Dance is a fun and lively class where we learn dance routines, break dancing, tricks and moves to the most popular music.

Contemporary: Contemporary combines three different genres (modern, jazz, lyrical and ballet) to create flowing expressive pieces of movement.

Musical Theatre: Enjoy singing, dancing and acting in our Musical Theatre class as children learn how to perform and take to the stage just like a West End star. Build confidence and shine like a star.

January 2020 – Sydenham Primary School - Class Schedule

Free Trial for all Classes 15/1/19

Day	Time	Club	Ages	Cost
15 th January is a Free Trial – Sign up online				
Wednesday	4.45 – 5.30	Musical Theatre	6 years +	£5.50 per class
Wednesday	5.30 – 6.15	Street Dance	6-11yrs	£5.50 per class
Wednesday	6.15 – 7.00	Acrotrix Gym	5 years +	£5.50 per class
Wednesday	7.00 – 7.30	Advanced Contemporary	12 years +	£5.50 per class
Wednesday	7.00 – 7.30	Street Dance Crew	Invite Only	
Adult Classes				
Wednesday	6.30 – 7.30	Zumba	Adults	£5.00 per class

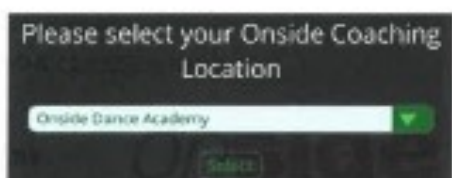
January 2020 - Heathcote Class Schedule

Day	Time	Club	Ages	Cost
Thursday	4.30 – 5.15	<i>Beginners Dance Fusion</i>	4 -11	£5.50
Thursday	5.15 – 6.00	Acrtotrix	All Ages	£5.50
Thursday	6.00 – 6.45	Intermediate Dance Fusion	11 +	£5.50

How to Book?

Book at www.onsidecoaching.co.uk

- For the Dance Academy
 - Select your Location
 - Sign up / Login
 - Click Book Now



What do Children need?

Your child will need to wear appropriate clothing for Gymnastics and Dance; No jeans!
Leotards, leggings, shorts and t-shirts. Please bring a water bottle.



For more information please contact Kerry

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Diary Dates

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 23rd December 2019—Friday 3rd January 2020

Return to school on Monday 6th January 2020

Wednesday 8th January

Arts Ambassadors watch “Matilda” in London.

Wednesday 15th January

KS2 theatre trip—”The Boy in the Dress.”

Friday 24th January

YR Maths workshop for parents at 9.00am.

Friday 24th January

PTA disco—times TBC.

Friday 31st January

School closed for teacher training.

HALF-TERM Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February 2020

School will be closed on the following dates for INSET (teacher Training) in 2020:



We hope you enjoy the break and manage to spend time relaxing with your wonderful children.

Happy new year and see you all on January 6th 2020

Best wishes from

Miss Glenny and Miss Challand