



A Right Royal Affair!



God save the
Queen!

Y1 enjoyed a royal tea party on Tuesday as an introduction to their new topic, "Bright Lights, Big City." Children listened to our national anthem, researched the royal family, practised etiquette and even learnt how to curtsy. What a shame the Queen was too busy to attend!



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Article 29: Goals of Education



GOLD AWARD



Land Ahoy!



Heave ho, me hearties! Y2 have just begun their new topic, "Land Ahoy" which is all about pirates. As well as adopting pirate names, the children have also learnt special pirate words and phrases. They have enjoyed looking at different maps and discovering the names of seas and oceans that surround the United Kingdom. There is lots more exciting learning to be done—let's hope nobody has to walk the plank...



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Shiver me timbers!

Land Ahoy!

W/B 6.1.20

Ye scurvy landlubbers!

Avast!

Immersion Activities

We gave ourselves pirate names and learnt to talk like pirates! We then drew a pirate—he had a hook, sword and a tricorn hat!



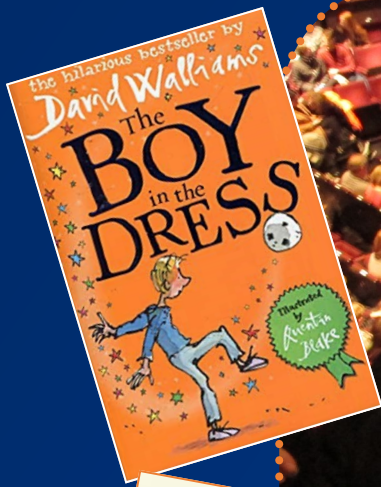
Aye aye captain!

Ship ahoy!



<p>Aft Back of ship</p>	<p>Fore Front of a ship</p>	<p>Aye Yes</p>
<p>Starboard Right side of ship</p>	<p>Booty Treasure</p>	<p>Port Left side of ship</p>
<p>Cap'n Captain</p>	<p>Jolly Roger Pirate flag with skull and crossbones</p>	<p>Loot Stolen gold</p>
<p>Scallywag Scoundrel</p>	<p>Land ho! I see land ahead</p>	<p>Mehearty My friend</p>
<p>Yo ho ho Hahahaha (laughter)</p>	<p>Spyglass Telescope</p>	<p>Shiver me timbers! I can't believe it</p>

KS2 Theatre Trip



Children in Key Stage Two enjoyed a brilliant evening at the theatre on Wednesday watching a production by The RSC of "The Boy in the Dress." The show utilised fantastic costumes, amazing scenery and wonderful singing and dancing to re-tell David Walliams' story of Dennis, a twelve year old boy who wanted to be different and wear a dress to school.

Thank you to all the staff who supported the trip and well done to the children for their excellent behaviour.

The Boy in the Dress



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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture.



Mental Health in School Teams

You may be aware that there is currently a national focus on developing an awareness around mental health within schools.

We are incredibly lucky that our school has been selected to work with the NHS on a mental health trail blazing initiative, fully funded through the NHS, which aims to support children with their emotional wellbeing.

We are very pleased to let you know that we have been allocated two Education Mental Health Practitioners, Amy and Amanprit, who have begun to work in school one day a week. They will be offering support to children in a range of areas such as worry management, low mood, exam stress, difficulties with emotions and sleep.

The support that Amy and Amanprit offer can be on a one-to-one basis, through group work and during workshops. Parental forefront of this

initiative, and if we would benefit from to-one or group and Amanprit, we with you to first to



whole-class work-support is at the

feel that your child taking part in one-sessions with Amy will be in contact seek your views.



We hope that lots of children will be attending the PTA disco on Friday 24th January.

Please note the following information regarding the arrangements:

- Friday 24th January is a MUFTI Day. Children in YR/1 may come to school in their disco outfits so there is no need to change before their disco starts at 3.00pm.
- Y1/2 football club is cancelled on the day of the disco.
- Children who attend Butterflies will be brought to the disco and returned back to after school club by the Butterflies staff.

Sydenham Primary School PTA

You can book a place for your child, in advance, by visiting the PTA stall in the hall.

A text will be sent out to confirm times to purchase a place for your child.



£3.00

Includes a snack and drink.

On Friday 24th January 2020

Reception and Year 1: 3pm to 3:45pm
Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4: 4pm to 5:15pm
Year 5 and Year 6: 5:30pm to 6:45pm



Attendance Matters

...every school day counts!

Well done to Y3 J M-L who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 100%

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

YR LS	99%
Y1 CD	99%
Y2 AP	99%
Y5 CB	99%
Y5 RA	98%
Y1 EL	97%
Y4 SM	95%
Y4 AH	95%
YR RK	94%
Y2 CP	93%
Y6 JvS	93%
Y6 KG	93%
Y3 JL	91%

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.



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 3: Best Interests of the Child**

Absence in Term Time

Absence During Term-Time

We are receiving an increasing number of requests for children to be absent from school during term-time. **Please note that we are an over-subscribed school and unauthorised absence may put you at risk of losing your child's school place.**

If travelling abroad, the office will ask to see relevant documents detailing your dates of travel. If the absence is authorised but you **fail to return to school on the date specified**, in most cases these days will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please note that our school attendance target is 95% and above. Guidance states that the Headteacher can only authorise absence during term-time in **exceptional** circumstances.

Good attendance means that children usually make consistent progress in their school work. We rely on our partnership with parents to ensure that this is achieved.

Parent/Carer Responsibilities

There are only three reasons why a child may be absent from school. These are:

- Illness;
- Religious observance;
- Where LA transport should be provided but is unavailable.

As the parent / carer of a child in school, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child attends school regularly, and on time, and to provide a reason to the school for any absences.

Parents must contact the school if their child is absent by phoning the school office on the first day of absence. If we are uncertain about the whereabouts of a child we **MUST**, by law, contact the police.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the best possible educational outcomes for your child.

For more information about attendance and lateness, please visit the school website.



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LATENESS

What this means for your child...



*Bad start to the day
Missed Information
Different from Peers
Am I in Trouble?
Feel Responsible*

*Confusion
Anxious
Worried
Upset
Embarrassed*

BE SURE TO GET IN TO SCHOOL ON TIME!

Our school day starts at **8.55am**
after this time your child is late.

After **9.15am** counts as a missed session.

- * 5 minutes lateness per day = up to 1 whole DAY missed every TERM.
- * 15 minutes lateness per day = 2 whole WEEKS missed every YEAR.
- * 50 minutes late once a week = 1 whole DAY missed EVERY HALF Term
- * 50 minutes late ONCE a week = 1 whole WEEK missed every YEAR.
- * 50 minutes late every week = 90% attendance over a year.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st January

Y1/2 phonics meeting for parents/carers in the hall at 3.30pm.

Wednesday 22nd January

“Libraries Alive” English as an Additional Language project starts.

Friday 24th January

YR Maths workshop for parents at 9.00am.

Friday 24th January

PTA disco—see poster for times.

Friday 24th January

MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes or disco outfit.

Friday 31st January

School closed for teacher training.

Wednesday 5th February

YR parents/carers invited to watch a Guided Reading lesson at 1.15pm.

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

Monday 24th February

Return to school.

Friday 28th February

MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes or disco outfit.

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Teachers from Bunkyo University, Japan, visiting.

Friday 6th March

Writing workshop for Reception parents/carers at 9.00am

Friday 27th March

MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes or disco outfit.

EASTER HOLIDAY Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April 2020

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

Friday 31st January, Monday 20th April, Monday 20th July.

Sydenham Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of this week's YR/ KS1 Sydenham Super Stars!

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Congratulations to all of this week's KS2 Sydenham Super Stars!

Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand