

## Class of 2020



On Wednesday, we waved goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to watch them grow. They are a cohort that has made huge progress academically, socially and emotionally and we are immensely proud of all their achievements. We wish each and every one of them lots of luck for the future.

Our leavers enjoyed a special picnic on Tuesday afternoon. At the event, each child was presented with a certificate and a Class of 2020 hoodie. As a surprise, an ice cream van arrived on site and the children chose a sweet treat. Thank you to the PTA for kindly funding this—the children were so excited to see the van arrive. This was a lovely celebration for a very special group of pupils. We will miss them all!



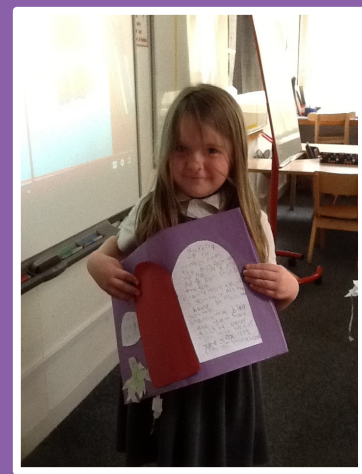
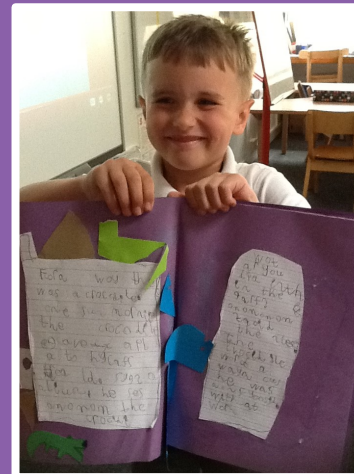
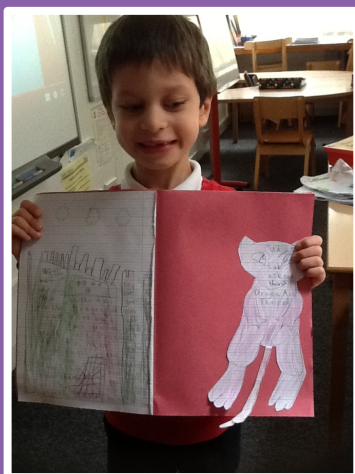
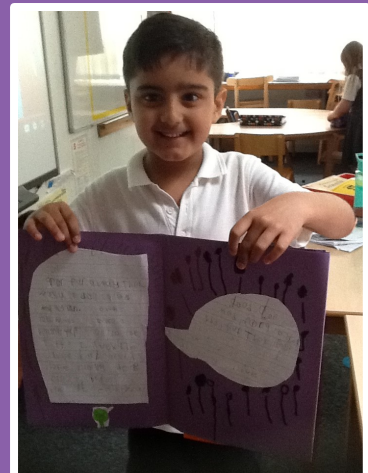
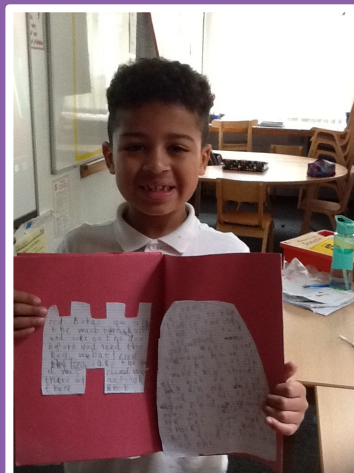
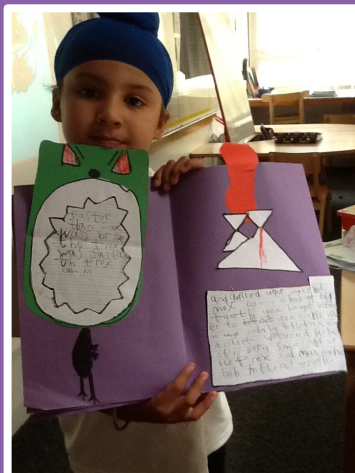
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# We'll miss you!



# Book Making



The children in Miss Peters' bubble have had great fun writing stories and then publishing them as books. As you can see, they are very proud of their hard work. Well done!



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Article 29: Goals of Education



# Outdoor Learning



Miss Parsons' bubble have taken their learning outside this week and enjoyed a mini Sport's Day as well as Forest School sessions. The children have really enjoyed keeping active in the great outdoors.



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# Transition Days



Children returning to school for their transition days brought a huge smile to our faces on Thursday and Friday. It was a joy to see everyone again—you have all grown up so much over the past few months! Teachers and pupils really enjoyed spending time together and are now even more excited for the full re-opening of school in September.







# Green Flag Award



The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning. We are very pleased to announce that we have just received our Bronze Green Flag Award. Well done to Miss Ball and our Eco Ambassadors for working hard to make our school more environmentally friendly. Projects have included:

- Supporting the charity “Keep Britain Tidy.”
- Litter picking to keep the school site clean, tidy and a safe habitat for local wildlife.
- Working with an artists on the Busy Bees art project. This involved making willow shelters inspired by bee skeps for the Forest School area as well as bug hotels and ceramic bee tiles.
- Enjoying Outdoor Classroom Day by taking lessons into the great outdoors.
- Liaising with the planning department and local councillors to implement traffic calming measures along Calder Walk.



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**Article 6: Life, Survival and Development**



# Reading at Home

## **Encourage your child to read**

Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages.

## **Read aloud regularly**

Try to read to your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and children love re-reading them and poring over the pictures. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life .

## **Encourage reading choice**

Give children lots of opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. There's fiction, non-fiction, poetry, comics, magazines, recipes and much more. Try leaving interesting reading material in different places around the home and see who picks it up .

## **Read together**

Choose a favourite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This might be everyone reading the same book together, reading different things at the same time, or getting your children to read to each other. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all .

## **Create a comfortable environment**

Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read independently or together .

## **Use the local library**

Libraries in England are able to open from 4 July, so visit them when you're able to and explore all sorts of reading ideas. Local libraries also offer brilliant online materials, including audiobooks and ebooks to borrow. See [Libraries Connected](#) for more digital library services and resources.

## **Talk about books**

This is a great way to make connections, develop understanding and make reading even more enjoyable. Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests the book could be about. Then talk about what you've been reading and share ideas. You could discuss something that happened that surprised you, or something new that you found out. You could talk about how the book makes you feel and whether it reminds you of anything.

## **Bring reading to life**

You could try cooking a recipe you've read together. Would you recommend it to a friend? Alternatively, play a game where you pretend to be the characters in a book, or discuss an interesting article you've read.

## **Make reading active**

Play games that involve making connections between pictures, objects and words, such as reading about an object and finding similar things in your home. You could organise treasure hunts related to what you're reading. Try creating your child's very own book by using photos from your day and adding captions.

## **Engage your child with reading in a way that suits them**

You know your child best and you'll know the best times for your child to read. If they have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) then short, creative activities may be the way to get them most interested. If English is an additional language, encourage reading in a child's first language, as well as in English. What matters most is that they enjoy it

# Ten Top Tips



# Breakfast and Butterflies Clubs

Thank you to our families who have returned contracts for our breakfast and Butterflies service in September. You will have by now been sent an email confirming your child's place and details of which bubble they will be in. We have also provided details of where your child's bubble will be located and who their lead adult will be. Please ensure that you notify the school office of any changes to your contract as it is really important that we have the correct information for your child.

**Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate any last minutes requests while we are operating the bubble system for this service.**

## Start and End of the Day

As you will know, we will be operating different start and finish times in September to support social distancing. Please help us to keep everybody in our school community safe by ensuring your children arrive at school on time. **Classroom doors will be open in the morning from 8.40am—8.55am until further notice.**

It is equally important that children are collected promptly at the allotted finish time. Until further notice, collection times are as follows:

Reception: 3.00pm

Y1: 3.05pm

Y2: 3.10pm

Y3/4/5/6: 3.20pm

**As each bubble at Butterflies Club must not exceed 15 children, unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate any children due to late collection.**

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.



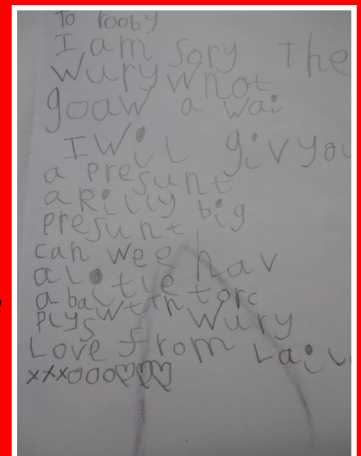
# Sydenham Superstars

## YR RK

Miss Knight's superstar this week is **Rose**. Rose has been chosen by Miss Glenney for being such a delightful and happy member of her bubble. She has chatted away at school, full of confidence and joined in all the activities on Transition Day with a big smile on her face. Rose really cheers up the classroom and is a super member of our school.

## YR LS

Mrs Scholes would like to choose **Laila** as her superstar for the wonderful improvement in her writing based on the story, "Ruby's Worry." In class, the children have been learning that talking about a worry can help to make it disappear and Laila wrote a super letter to the Ruby giving her advice and reassurance. Well done, Laila!



## Y1 CD

Miss Daly's superstar this week is **Poppy**. Poppy has had a delightful end to year 1 and Miss Daly is incredibly proud of Poppy's continued hard efforts. Poppy's return to school was filled with enthusiasm and dedication towards her learning. Throughout the year Poppy has embraced the challenges and demonstrated an incredibly positive growth mindset. She never fails to amaze Miss Daly with her thirst for learning. This week Miss Daly has been particularly impressed with Poppy's story writing. She has produced the most wonderful story using such creative ideas. Poppy listened to my advice about slowing down the pace, and she spent her time really focusing on her spelling throughout. We then went on to design our own books and write our final drafts up inside. Poppy took such care and attention to detail, and it melted Miss Daly's heart to hear Poppy say "I am so proud of myself and my mum and Dad will be, I'm just like my Daddy! A writer! ". Her smile was beaming, and what a way to end the year this was! Miss Daly is immensely proud of you Poppy! You have flourished this year and your thirst for learning is infectious! Never stop being wonderful!

## Y1 EL

This week, Mrs Lee has chosen **Manvi** as her superstar. It was lovely to see Manvi return to school so confidently for her transition day yesterday. Mrs Lee knows that Manvi has worked really hard throughout Year One and tried her best even when she found things difficult. She is sure that Manvi will continue to have this positive attitude as she moves up to Year Two. Keep up the wonderful work Manvi.



## Y2 CP

Miss Peters has chosen **Lacey-Mae** as Y2 CP superstar. It was lovely to see Lacey-Mae at Transition Day and Miss Peters really enjoyed hearing all about the things she has been doing whilst at home. Lacey-Mae is such a kind and polite girl who always tries her best—well done.

## Y2 AP

This week Miss Parsons' superstar is **Macie**. Macie was really enthusiastic during transition day and worked really hard with her new teachers. It was lovely to see Macie smiling around school and enjoying being with her friends again.

## Y3 JML

Mrs Lloyd has chosen **Aveer** as her superstar for his outstanding attitude towards his learning. Since school closed in March, Aveer has blown Mrs Lloyd away with his fantastic work ethic and continued enthusiasm for his learning at home. He has taken part and makes valuable contributions in every single live lesson on Microsoft Teams as well as always challenging himself to extra learning. Aveer, Mrs Lloyd is so proud of how hard you have worked and to see the amazing progress you have made throughout the year! Very well done!

## Y3 JL

This week, Mr Lee's superstar is **George**. George has been an absolute star since returning to school. He is a kind and considerate boy, who makes everyone around him smile. George also gets superstar for wearing his Coventry City shirt for Sports Day. Great choice George!

## Y4 SM

This week Mrs Madahar would like to nominate **all the children in 4SM** to be the class superstars! The children in 4SM have impressed Mrs Madahar with their positive attitude and dedication towards their home learning. They all deserve a well-earned rest (including parents and carers) over the summer break and Mrs Madahar wishes them the best of luck in Year 5!



# Sydenham Superstars

## Y4 AH

**Olivia** has been chosen as Mr Hawes' superstar. Olivia has been incredible at keeping up to date with her learning from home and has done every single task set. Mr Hawes has found Olivia to be an absolute pleasure to teach and knows that she will be a brilliant member of Year Five.

## Y5 CB

Miss Ball is nominating **Matty** as superstar because all year he has been delightful to teach. His manners are amazing and he is so helpful in the classroom. He is also a good friend to everybody. Yesterday, Mrs V came to find me to tell me how polite and lovely Matty had been during his transition day. She was very impressed by him!

## Y5 RA

Miss Arundel would like to choose **Ella** as superstar this week. It was a real treat for Miss Arundel to teach Ella's bubble on Thursday, and throughout the day Ella was kind, polite and a role model to the younger children. Ella has been working hard on some wonderful sewing creations, and Ella's dedication, persistence and creativity with such a tricky skill are very inspiring. She was very helpful doing lots of jobs for Miss Arundel, and was an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom. Ella always has lovely things to say about other people, which is such a fantastic quality and makes her a super friend too. Well done, Ella!

## Y6 KG

Miss Gillespie would like to choose **all of Y6 KG** as superstars this week. She is very proud of their hard work throughout the year and wishes them the very best of luck at their secondary schools. Each and every one of the children in this class has the potential to succeed and they will all be very much missed. Well done!

## Y6 JvS

Without a doubt, **every single person in Y6 JvS** is a superstar. This is a class of unique and wonderful characters who have made fabulous progress since Reception. Their sense of fun and energy have been a real joy and we will miss them all. Good luck for the future!



# Goodbye Poem for Year Six

We will miss you all, Year Six.

You are amazing and talented,

Helping us to boost our confidence by building our friendships,.

Making us laugh,

Making us smile,

Making us happy,

Coming in to our classroom to hear us read did make us feel nervous,

But then we relaxed and were calm.

We hope your new journey is a successful one.

We hope you all shine as bright as the stars.

**By Tayyaba Bhatti (Year Two)**

I think we would all agree that this has been a most unusual term and a strange end to the academic year. Thank you, once again, for supporting your child's education at home over the last few months—your perseverance, commitment and help have made all the difference. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work in partnership with you all. Your wonderful children make Sydenham Primary School a fantastic place to be.

Enjoy your summer break and we look forward to seeing children in Years 1—6 back in school on **Wednesday 2nd September**. Reception return on either Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th September for Stay and Play.

With the warmest of wishes,

Miss Glenny and the Sydenham team.

