

International Nurses Day

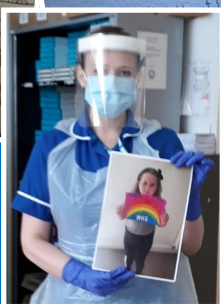
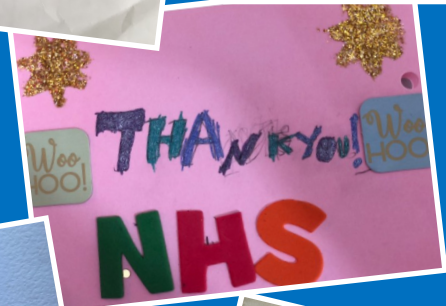
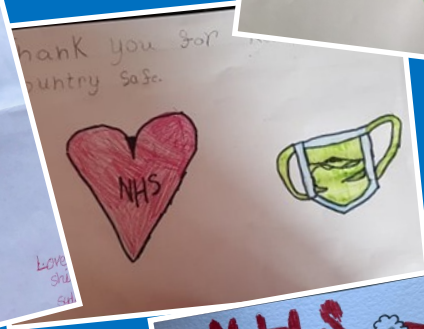
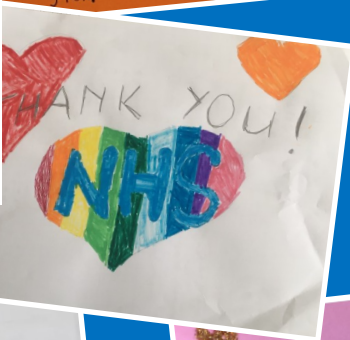
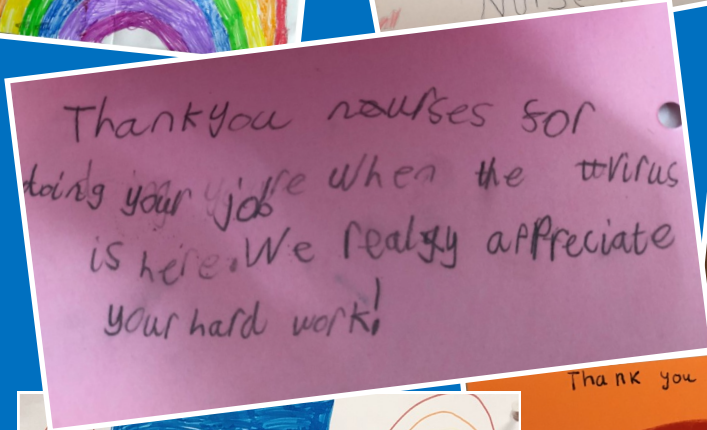
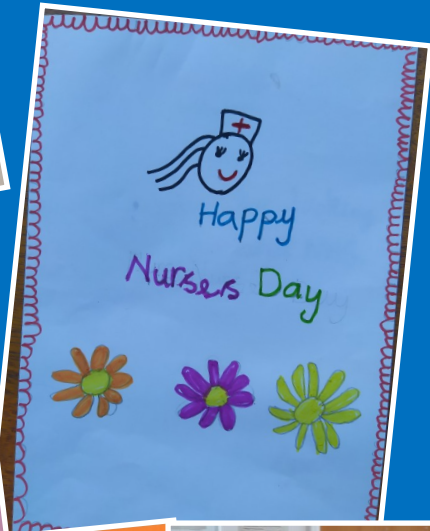
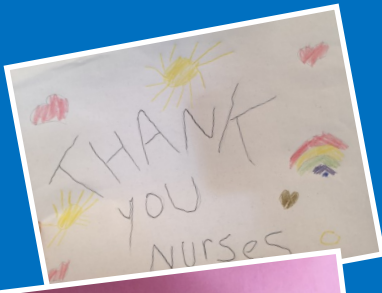
Hello to all our lovely Sydenham families from Miss Glenny, Mrs Westwood and the rest of the team. Please know that you remain very much in our thoughts every day and we miss you!

On Tuesday 12th May, the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, we celebrated International Nurses Day. Around the world, countries paid tribute to nurses for the invaluable work they do to save lives. Pupils said a special "thank you" by sending cards and posters to Stratford Hospital where Miss Parsons' mum works as a nurse. You can see her below surrounded by pictures of the children holding their messages of gratitude.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; Article 24: Health and Health Services



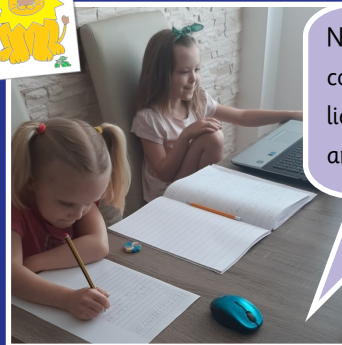


Home Learning Heroes

We remain very impressed by the dedication children are continuing to show towards their home learning and live, online lessons. We are also incredibly grateful to the learning support offered by parents and carers. We know that many families are having to share a laptop and some have even resorted to writing tasks out by hand due to difficulties with technology. We really appreciate all the efforts made and understand how challenging learning at home can be for parents and carers, especially if you have more than one child or are working from home yourselves. Here are a few of our home learning heroes this week:



Jackson is like the unicorn –using his imagination when learning about VE Day.



Nina and Emilia are cooperating like the lion to share resources and learn together.



Lance is curious like the cat. He has planted an apple seed and enjoys watching it grow.



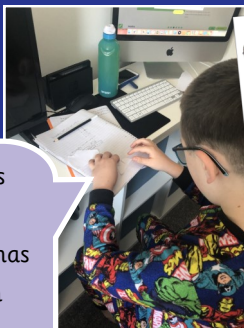
Ella enjoys her learning like the dolphin. She is making a bug hotel in her back garden.



Arthur is good at concentrating—just like the eagle. He is focussing so well during his online lessons with Miss Daly.



Oscar is like the elephant and never gives up with his learning. He has just finished reading his second Famous Five book.



Ashley-Ray is a curious cat. He enjoys self-directed learning and has just completed his own project on aeroplanes.



Molly is carrying out a science experiment on water resistance. She is just like our curious cat.

Erin loves to use her imagination like the unicorn. Here she is making imaginary creatures.



Staying Healthy

Lots of you are doing a fantastic job maintaining a healthy lifestyle despite having to spend more time than usual at home. We love receiving photographs of you exercising and eating balanced meals. Here are a few of the ways children are maintaining good health:



Alice, riding her bike. Look at her go!



Ajai, cooking healthy meals. Yum!



Japjeevan, running. Check out the amazing sprint finish.



Svanik, doing yoga. What a fantastic way to stay flexible.



Arni, bouncing on her trampoline. Love the handstand!



Jayden and Taran, playing football. It's great to have a twin brother!



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Remembering the Holocaust



Last week, we celebrated VE day which prompted Tobias' mum to share an incredible piece of family history—the fact that Tobias' great grandfather spent four years in the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz and, miraculously, survived.

In the photograph, you can see Tobias holding a picture of the cell block where his great grandfather was held captive. One can only imagine the strength of character and physical stamina it must have taken to survive for so long under such terrible conditions.

Thank you to Tobias and his family for sharing this moving personal history.

For the dead and the living, we must bear witness.

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UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 14: Freedom of thought, belief and religion.

Edenred Vouchers - Half-Term

Despite a few problems at the start of the Edenred voucher scheme for our families who are eligible for free school meals, we believe the system is working far more smoothly now with all families receiving their e vouchers in the week in which they are due. We recognise that the vouchers are not being received on the same day each week and this may be inconvenient to you when planning your weekly shop but unfortunately we have no control over when your voucher is delivered to you .

We have been notified by the Department for Education that the voucher scheme will not run over the May half term (week commencing 25 May 2020.)

Please contact Sarah Beck on beck.s@welearn365.com if you have any queries regarding your vouchers or the scheme.

Best wishes,

Sarah Beck

(School Business Manager)

School Re-opening

New guidance was issued by the government last night regarding school re-opening for Reception, Year One and Year Six on June 1st. Senior leaders and governors are working with the updated guidance from the DfE and are awaiting further advice for Early Years. We will share our plans with you next week.

School Uniform - for the teachers!



We are trialling a temporary uniform for staff who are in school at the moment to support the children of key workers. The uniform can be easily washed and kept clean on a daily basis. You can see it here, modelled beautifully by Mr Lee!

The New Normal Preparing the psychological environment for a return to school



Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service (EPS) have developed a series of webinars to support preparation for a return to school in line with government guidance. These sessions include;

- Universal guidance – for all schools
- Guidance for parents – preparing for your child to return to school
- Guidance for school staff
- Guidance for vulnerable groups;

Each webinar is around 20 minutes long and is pre-recorded so that you can access them when convenient.

These webinars are free to access as part of our work in virtually supporting families and staff in Warwickshire during this time.

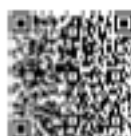
We anticipate that the webinars will be available from **Tuesday 19th May** for 4 weeks.

If you would like to receive the links to the webinars, there are 3 ways you can do so, either:

- Click on “Warwickshire EPS webinar” link below
- Scan the QR code using a smart phone, or
- Call the Educational Psychology Telephone Line on: 01926 742 921.

Once you have signed up, the webinar links will be sent out as soon as the webinars are available.

[Warwickshire EPS webinar](#)



Sydenham Superstars

YR LS

Mrs Scholes would like to nominate **George** as her superstar. He has been missing school and he and mum have been working very hard on learning the new focus sound 'ng', that was introduced in our online lesson this week. You can see George practising with his mum in the photograph.



YR RK



Miss Knight's superstar this week is **Aykam**, for being curious about Space and researching the moon, which apparently now only takes 8 and a bit hours to reach. You are a real curious cat, Aykam. Well done!

Y1 CD



Miss Daly's superstar this week is **Rishi**. Miss Daly has been incredibly impressed with his continued perseverance with his learning at home. When presented with challenges he has risen above them and showed a real dedication towards his work. She has been particularly impressed with his participation in the Year 1 live phonics sessions—Miss Daly could see him showing exceptional concentration with his hand in the air stretching out all the words to count the sounds. Miss Daly thoroughly enjoys receiving updates on all the things that Rishi is getting up to during this school closure period, in particular his delicious culinary skills (which always make Miss Daly rather hungry) and gardening. You have been brightening up Miss Daly's day and she is so very proud of all your hard efforts Rishi. Keep it up

Y1 EL

This week Mrs Lee has chosen **Tobias** to be her Sydenham Superstar. Tobias has been working really hard over the last 7 weeks and constantly completes his work to a high standard. Tobias has had a really positive attitude towards his learning and is using all of his learning characters to help him succeed. He has also been working really hard in his online phonics lesson and is confident sharing his learning on Teams. Last week, Tobias did some very special learning about VE day and how the WWII had an impact on his own family. It was lovely to hear about how he was learning about such significant events from the past. Keep up the fantastic work Tobias .

Y2 AP

Miss Parsons' superstar this week is **Harvir**. Harvir continues to use all his Learning Characters whilst at home, especially the Imagination Unicorn, when he made model buildings from the local community out of Lego for the Y2 topic this term, Street Detectives. He has been consistently working hard at home since school has closed. Keep up the fantastic work Harvir.



Here is your virtual sticker to
print and wear with pride!



Y2 CP



Saachi is this week's Y2 CP superstar. She has delighted and amazed Miss Peters with the high quality work that she is producing. She is taking pride in everything that she does and is putting in her maximum effort. She has been creating some fantastic videos all about our topic 'Street detectives' and has been explaining clearly and confidently how Leamington Spa has changed over the past 100 years. Well Done Saachi! Keep up all the hard work and effort.

Y3 JL

Mr Lee's superstar this week is **Keva**. Keva is a hard-working, enthusiastic and fun member of Y3JL. One of Keva's great qualities is her kindness towards others. This week she baked cakes for a member of our class and left them on the doorstep. Even though we can't be together at the moment, Keva continues to show kindness towards others – a true Sydenham superstar.



Y3 J M-L

Mrs Lloyd has chosen **Lily- Anne** as her superstar for this week for her Maths learning. Lily-Anne has done a great job of completing her Mathletics activities and took part in her first online lesson this week! Well done Lily-Anne.

Y4 AH

Jayden has been working so incredibly hard over the past couple of weeks on his learning and really deserves to be superstar. Mr Hawes has thoroughly enjoyed reading his story about 'Electro' the Black Panther. Furthermore, Jayden has continued to work very hard with his spellings and is producing excellent scores. Very well done Jayden, you have impressed Mr Hawes so much with all the learning you have been doing at home - keep it up!

Y4 SM

Mrs Madahar would like to nominate **Bryana** to be the 4SM class superstar this week. Bryana completes all her home learning activities to a high standard and presents her projects wonderfully. This week, she completed a PSHE project about the qualities of people that are special to her. It is clear to see, Bryana put a lot of thought and effort into this activity and she should feel extremely proud of herself. Well done Bree



Sydenham Superstars

Y5 RA

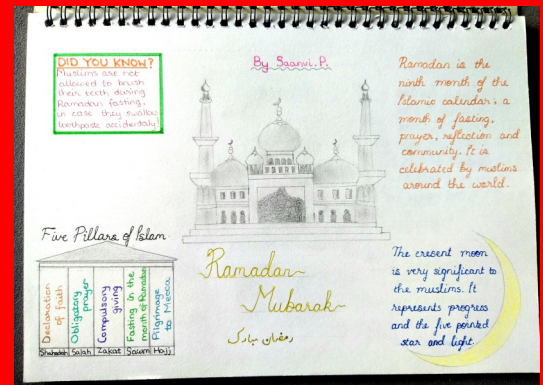
This week, Miss Arundel would like to choose **Imogen** to be superstar. Imogen has been in school most days over the past few weeks and she has been an amazing role model for the younger children that she's been with. Imogen has looked out for all the other children, has been very helpful to the teachers with her each day and has also been sending Miss Arundel some super pieces of learning that she's completed in school. When Miss Arundel was in school this week, Imogen was like a ray of sunshine because of how friendly and welcoming she was. Imogen's kind and caring qualities have really shone over the last few weeks, and Miss Arundel thinks this is especially impressive in such a tricky time. Well done Imi, you should be very proud.

Y5 CB

Miss Ball is choosing **Jess** for superstar this week as she's been making a really big effort with her learning. Her mum has told Miss Ball that Jess has been getting up early every day to do some work before an email has been sent out! She's also been enjoying all the activities with her usual positivity and enthusiasm. Jess is also very good at helping out her brother and sister with their learning too. You're a star, Jess.

Y6 JvS

Saanvi has been chosen by Mrs Van der Sterren and Mrs Murphy as superstar this week. Saanvi has been working hard researching Italian and classical Indian music. Not only has she recorded her own musical pieces but she has also researched instruments and festivals as well as sharing clips of her uncle and great uncle who play flute and tabla. Saanvi's work is always of the highest quality (as you can see from her learning about Ramadan) and she is a wonderful student role model. Well done!



Y6 KG

Miss Gillespie would like to nominate **Luca** as a super star this week. He has been so amazing at completing his online learning tasks, showing such dedication to his school work. He has completed daily maths work to an amazing degree, practising his learning skills each day. He is reading regularly, and researching a range of our directed learning tasks. He has shown a wonderful mind set and is continuing to thrive and flourish with learning. He has worked hard to create his learning schedule and Miss Gillespie is so very proud of him, well done Luca!

Nature Alive



Since the lockdown, we can hear the birds
Singing loud and clear.
I go outside and I look
And I see the blue, clear sky,
Twinkly, like never before.
No sounds of cars, no sounds of trains,
No sound of aeroplanes.

Tayyaba has written us
another lovely poem
inspired by the natural
environment.

When I go for my walk, I have noticed the emptiness,
And the silence around me,
The beautiful blossom; trees that are blooming so beautifully.
Roses, bluebells, rising each and every hour.
The animals are happy and joyful in their homes,
Warm and safe.

By Tayyaba Bhatti (Y2 CP)



Stay safe and well!
Sending the very best
wishes from all the
grown-ups at
Sydenham Primary
School.