

## Welcome Back Reception



We've been thrilled to see our youngest pupils back in school this week. Reception children settled straight into their learning and wasted no time catching up with their friends and re-establishing positive relationships with members of staff in our Early Years team. All the children have been incredibly sensible about keeping themselves safe whilst still enjoying spending time with each other and it has been an absolute pleasure having them back.



## We've missed you!



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of Education



# How do you Feel Today?

Children in Reception have been using a feelings board to help them talk, draw and write about their emotions. We are pleased that the children feel happy and excited to be back and love the fact that Tayyib feels dizzy!



# School Round-Up

Despite the current restrictions, we have tried to make school a positive learning experience for all pupils able to attend. As you can see, despite social distancing, pupils are enjoying lessons in core subjects as well as PE and creative activities to help maintain wellbeing.



# The Selfish Crocodile

The key worker "bubble" led by Ms Fennelly and Mrs Ashworth have been reading the story of "The Selfish Crocodile."

They created these lovely pictures based on the story using a water colour wash and animal silhouettes. Well done!



# Through the Magic Door



I opened the magical door and saw peculiar shapes shifting in the bright, blinding lights.

I opened the magical door and started falling, falling...

I opened the magical door and found myself washed up on the shore with the sand brushing against me and the cold sea water rushing over me.

I opened the magical door and the smell of melting sugar hit me like a slap in the face as the spinning cotton candy clouds grew in the machine.

**Words by Martha (Y6 KG)**

**Artwork by Tosia (Y6 KG)**

## Year 6 Creative Writing

# Year 6 Formal Writing

**Year 6 have been practising the art of writing a formal letter. Here are two fabulous examples. The first is written by James and the second by Nadia—this is particularly impressive as Nadia's first language is Polish.**

## **A formal letter reflecting on time spent at Sydenham Primary School:**

Dear Mrs. van der Sterren

It is with great pleasure that I have to inform you how much I have enjoyed my time in Year 6.

I particularly liked the residential trip to Marle Hall last year. I shared a room with some of my friends and was pleased to see Noah was one of them. I found kayaking very enjoyable, mainly due to the excellent teaching skills of Duncan, our coach.

I improved on my talent for P.E., especially my ability at hockey.

I have continued to appreciate the challenges of maths and hope to build on this when I move to Champion School in September.

Music, art and drama remain difficult subjects for me and will not be something I choose to do when considering my options.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your help and guidance during my time in Year 6.

Kind Regards

James McCarthy

## **A formal, persuasive letter against school uniform:**

Dear Mrs J Van Der Sterren,

I am writing to you to express my feeling of disagreement toward your decision for children to continue wearing a school uniform. I feel this decision is unnecessary and incredibly inappropriate as the vast majority of children wish to wear whatever they like.

A school uniform is a reason for any child to feel like they cannot show their personality through their clothing. It is boring and will certainly not be clean after a whole week of wearing the same uniform. I feel that a child's clothing would be also much more comfortable and will make them feel better about themselves. Although I understand your reason for this, I do not respect it. We should be focusing on our education NOT our itchy uniforms .

I hope you consider changing the uniforms, as I and many other students are not happy with your previous decision .

Yours sincerely ,

Nadia Victoria Pichor.

# Home Learning Heroes

Making contact with pupils learning at home is still very important to us and we love to hear children's special news. Here are some highlights from the week:

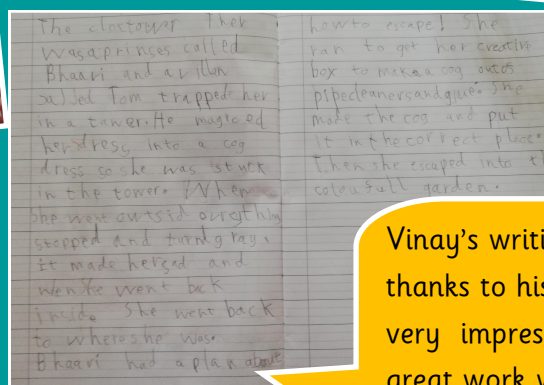


Ashley and Sienna have been hard at work helping to lay paving slabs in their garden. What a great way to learn new skills and keep fit.

Lewis' sunflowers just keep on growing! We can't wait to see them when they flower.



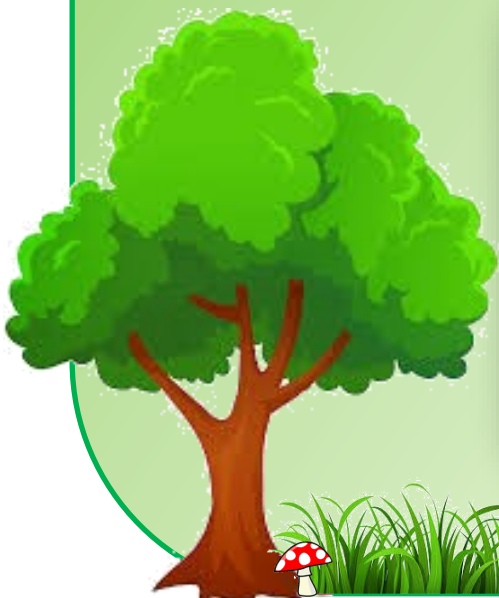
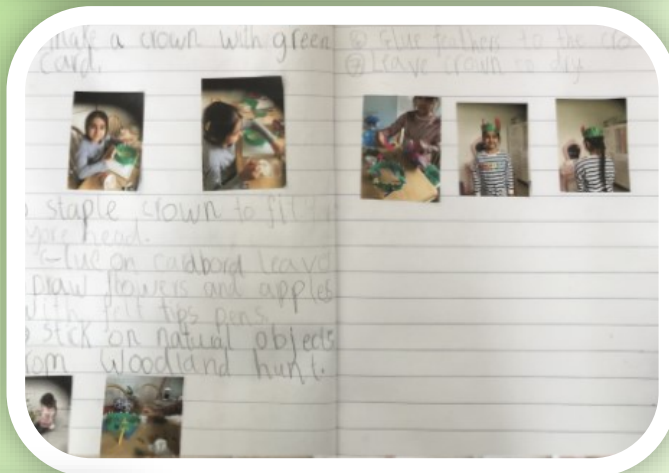
Svanik became a big brother just a few weeks ago. He is enjoying getting to know his beautiful little sister, Navya.



Vinay's writing keeps on improving thanks to his hard work. We are all very impressed, Vinay. Keep up the great work with your handwriting too.

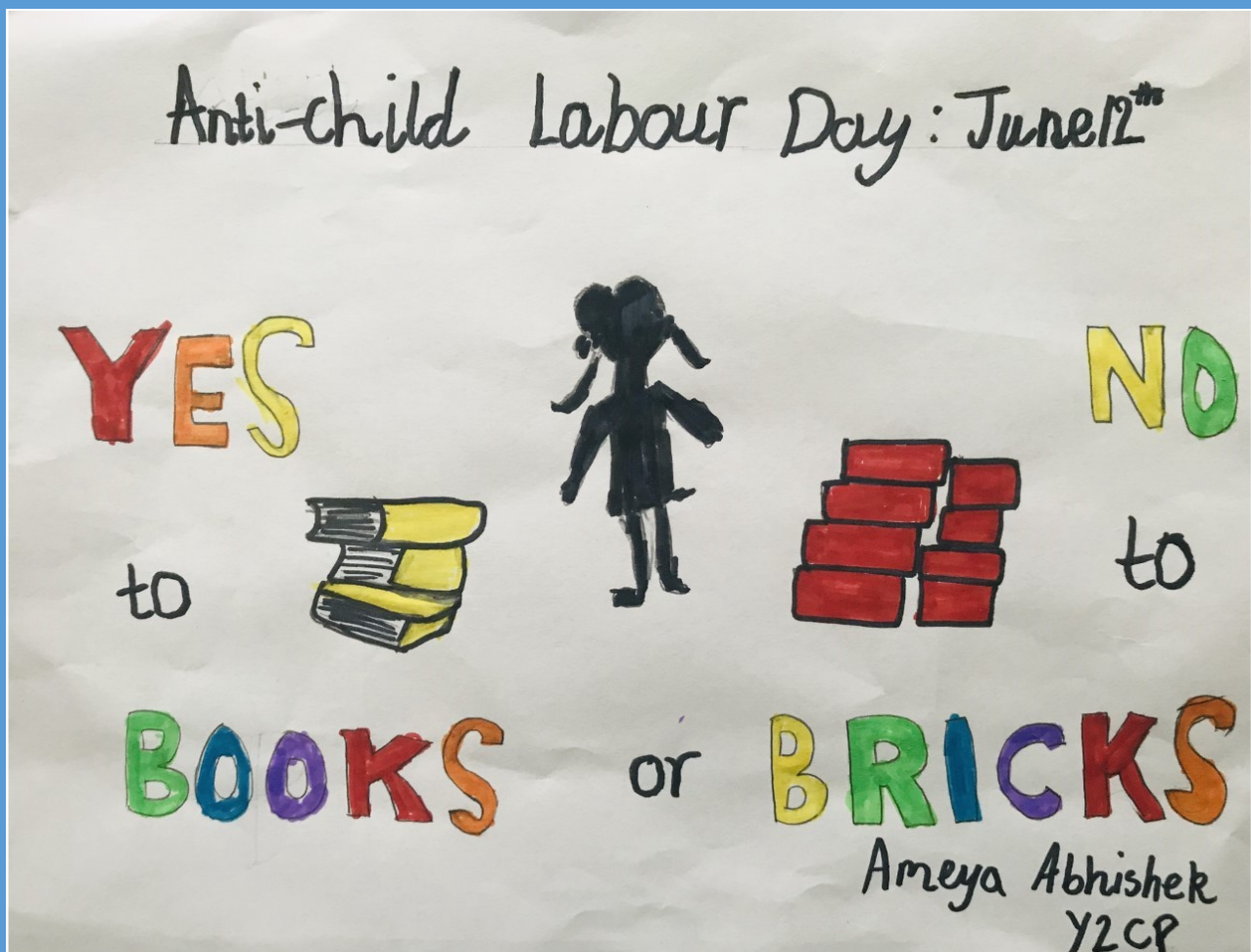
# Enchanted Woodland

Year One have been exploring the topic of "Enchanted Woodland." Children have enjoyed learning about animal habitats and have made nests and woodland crowns from natural materials. Well done children for using your imaginations like our unicorn Learning Character.

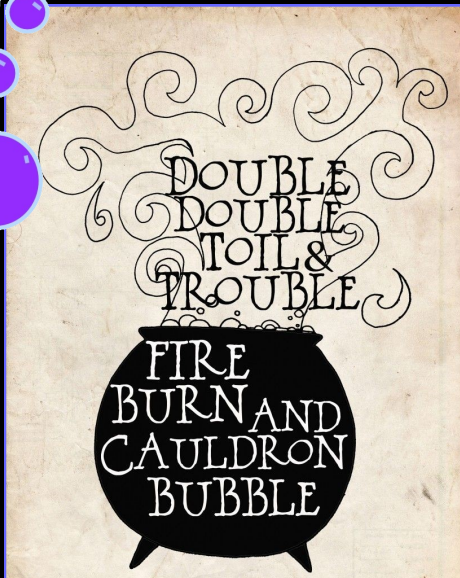


# Thinking of Others

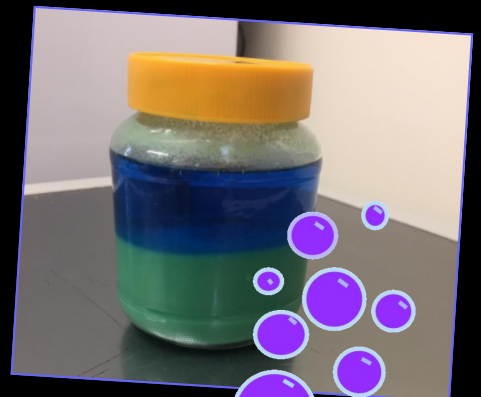
We are very fortunate that so many pupils embody our school belief of thinking about others. You can see two lovely examples below. Evie has been making Loon Band bracelets in aid of the NHS. So far she has raised an incredible £552! Ameya has been thinking of children across the world who are unable to attend school because they must work. She has made a fantastic poster in support of Anti Child Labour Day. What kind and thoughtful children.



# Magical Potions



Something magical happened in homes across Sydenham this week as Year Four pupils experimented with making strange potions as part of their topic work. Using items from their kitchen and bathroom cupboards, the children mixed up a range of colourful and intriguing concoctions that claim to have magical effects. Watch out that you don't get turned into a frog!



# School Meals and Outstanding Payments

## School Meal Vouchers

Edenred school meal vouchers are currently still being funded for our families entitled to a free school meal, whose children are not in school. We receive regular updates from the Department for Education and Edenred who run the scheme and will notify you of any changes to this as and when applicable.

We have been notified that with effect from 1 June the expiry date for vouchers has been reduced from four months to two months. Please ensure you redeem your vouchers as soon as you receive the email to avoid them expiring.

Please note, we have been advised by Edenred the website to redeem your vouchers will undergo essential maintenance from 8 am on 13 June until 7 pm on 14 June and you will not be able to access it during this time.

## Universal Infant Free School Meals

If your child is in Year 2 you will have received a letter via email this week informing you that **when your child moves to Year 3, school dinners will be chargeable unless you are registered with the free school meals scheme.** Please contact the school office if you require any assistance with applying for free school meals.

## Outstanding Payments

There are a number of outstanding payments that relate to dinners, breakfast club, after school club and trips prior to lockdown. Whilst we understand the last few weeks will have presented many families with financial worries and difficulties, if you are in a position to clear these payments we would be very grateful.

If you would to discuss the option of a payment plan we will be very happy to arrange this with you. Please contact Sarah Beck at [beck.s@welearn365.com](mailto:beck.s@welearn365.com)

# Coming Up-Virtual Sport's Day

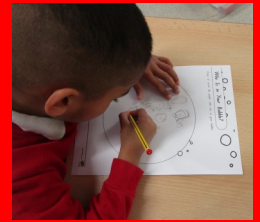
If one of the Summer Term events that you're missing is Sport's Day, then we have some good news. Mr Lee is organising a virtual Sport's Day involving lots of fun, sporting activities which can be carried out at home. You can even have your own mum and dads race!



# Sydenham Superstars

## YR LS

**Henry** is the first YRLS superstar this week for his brilliant thinking and problem solving skills. Henry came up with the idea to use a large tube to race cars down and then used a measuring tape to see whose car travelled the furthest. It was lovely to see the children listening to his ideas and cooperating. The second superstar is **Damanjot** who has been persevering with his learning in school. He made a wonderful drawing of all the children in his "bubble" and was rightfully proud of his efforts.



## YR RK

**Tia** is superstar this week. She has come to school as part of the key worker "bubble" every day and she always has a smile on her face. Tia has been organised with her things, friendly to others and enthusiastic to try out new activities. What a Sydenham Superstar!

## Y1 EL

This week Mrs Lee has chosen **Seb** to be her Sydenham Superstar. Seb has been working really hard in all areas of his learning over the last 10 weeks. One area in which Mrs Lee can see wonderful progress in, is Seb's handwriting. He has worked really hard on making sure he is writing on the line and he is using the correct pencil strokes. He is also applying this to his wider writing, not just in his handwriting work. Seb has also made a wonderful woodland animal habitat in his garden this week and a lovely flower crown to support his learning and understanding in our topic work.



## Y1 CD

Miss Daly's superstar this week is **Emma**. Emma has impressed Miss Daly with her enthusiastic return to school. She has continued to challenge herself this week in the classroom and has been showing some real independence with her learning. Miss Daly has been particularly pleased with Emma's participation in learning our model text orally, using a loud and clear voice. Miss Daly is very proud of all your hard efforts throughout the school closure, Emma, and it is really showing in the classroom. Keep up the excellent work.



## Y2 AP

This week, Miss Parsons would like to choose **Ajai** to be superstar. He has arrived at school this week ready to learn as part of his key worker bubble. He has enjoyed sharing his fantastic ideas and playing with his friends. He has worked hard to write a story based on the Elves and the Shoemaker which he is really proud of. Despite being new to Sydenham Primary and then learning from home for a long time, Ajai has settled back into school routines and has been polite, friendly and enthusiastic. Well done Ajai, keep it up!

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



### Y3 JL

This week, Mr Lee's superstar is **Ovi**. He has continued to work really hard throughout his time at home. He's been using his time productively, learning new skills such as the guitar and spending lots of time of reading. He has shown great pride in his work and this was reflected in his brilliant jungle diary this week. Well done Ovi- rock on!

### Y3 JML

Mrs Lloyd has chosen **Nicole** as her superstar this week for her excellent attitude towards all of her learning. Nicole has continued to put 100% effort into every single piece of her learning and uses her Learning Characters every day. She has worked really hard this week on learning to tell the time and has written a beautiful Explorer's poem inspired by the Jungle! Very well done Nicole.

### Y4 AH

This week's Y4 AH superstar is **Zainab**. She has worked her socks off at home and produced a fabulous leaflet this week about an alien world as part of her English learning. Zainab has joined in with online lessons and filled lots of exercise books with her wonderful work. Keep it up, Zainab.

### Y4 SM

Mrs Madahar has chosen **Jeevan** as this week's superstar. Jeevan is working hard from home and is participating enthusiastically with online lessons. He always joins in with a smile on his face and isn't afraid to ask questions just like the our Curious Cat Learning Character. Well done, Jeevan!

### Y5 CB

Arun is this week's superstar in Y5 CB. He has made a great effort to catch up with all of his Mathematics tasks and he has consistently scored highly across the different areas of maths. Keep up the number crunching, Arun.

### Y5 RA

Miss Arundel would like to nominate **Khushi** as superstar. This week, Khushi has been a delight to have in school and has made a lovely member of Mr Hawes' bubble. Khushi has truly been brightening people's days! Whenever I have seen Khushi around school, she is smiley, friendly and her manners are second to none. She's also been working hard at completing her given tasks in lessons and always trying her best. Well done Khushi!

### Y6 KG

**Alex** is this week's superstar. He has shown amazing creativity in his poetry learning and Miss Gillespie has been so impressed by his contributions to lessons. He has also supported his bubble by using success criteria to help with Numeracy. Miss Gillespie has been really thrilled with Alex's partner work with Bianca as well. They created a wonderful performance of a poem and used all of their Learning Characters to develop speaking and listening skills. Well done Alex.

# In the Jungle



Athletic ants,  
Sleepy snakes,  
Beautiful Bats,  
Lilac leaves,  
Towering trees,  
Birds cheeping,  
Chattering monkeys,  
Frogs leaping in streams,  
Jacket made from maps,  
Bracelet made out of dreams,  
A thousand baby spiders,  
A hundred humming birds,  
A never ending drifting cloud,  
The smell of a blooming flower  
The shiny skin from a rainbow snake,  
A mind full of adventures.

By Amber Bevan (Y3 JML)

Amber has written this great poem about the jungle accompanied by a colourful collage. Well done, Amber! You're working so hard from home.

Our very best wishes go out to all our Sydenham families. Keep up the great work you're doing at home and see you soon, we hope.

Love from Miss Glenny on behalf of the Sydenham team.