

Newsletter 37
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Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No! It's our lovely Y2 and Y3 pupils who have put their special powers to the test this week by learning all about superheroes. In English, pupils followed instructions to make superhero cuffs and then created masks and capes. Afterwards, they were challenged to use their superhero ears to listen with. They then wrote a poem entitled, "With My Special Ears I Heard."

In Maths, pupils made multiplication array sky scrapers and superhero puppets. Which they photographed against a city skylinethey were very proud! Kapow! Take that!



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All the Fun of the Fair











Year 6 childrenhave been enjoying a cross-curricular topic on fairgrounds. Pupils have designed theme parks, calculated costs, written promotional leaflets and tested their design and technology skills to the test by building fairground rides from Lego and Knex. Well done, everyone!



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Virtual Sport's Week

Sydenham has been on the move this week as lots of you participated in our virtual Sport's Week. We've practised our catching, dribbling, throwing and jumping and some of the children even managed to beat Mr Lee! There is still time to enter so, if you haven't already, please load your scores onto the online form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdW9e74Y4Ax1IzAsiouv9nrMvjfwLYa9cvbBkyce_vJQa8ZHA/viewform

Last entry will be Monday 6th July at 3pm so don't miss out. Results of the house winner and the individual prizes will be in the newsletter next week.





Chemical Reactions

Children in Mr Hawes' key worker bubble had fun in school exploring chemical reactions. Each pupil mixed vinegar and bicarbonate of soda in a plastic bottle to create carbon dioxide. A balloon was placed over the end of the bottle and the gas quickly got to work, inflating the balloon.



















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Habitats

Children in Year Two have had fun creating two and three dimensional habitats using Lego, paper and card. We are very impressed with the results. Well done, children!







Summer Food Fund - Edenred School Meal Vouchers

We have been informed that the expiry dates for meals vouchers has changed. Any new vouchers received on or after 1st July will now have an expiry period of one month.

Any vouchers received in June will still have a two-month expiry period .

Please note that once a voucher has expired it is invalid so we urge you to redeem them as soon as possible .

We have also been advised the two additional shops have been added to the scheme and these are Iceland and Company Shop Group .

Please contact Sarah Beck at beck.s@welearn365.com with any queries.

Sarah Beck

Online Safety at Home

The CEOP website has just added some fantastic resources to support safety whilst online gaming. The materials are age appropriate and child friendly. To access them, please visit:

<u> https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</u>



Free Online Conference for Pupils



As you may know, some of our pupils have been trained as Young Interpreters, enabling them to support children new to school who do not have English as their first language. Young Interpreters is a nationally recognised scheme, spearheaded by Hampshire County Council.

Throughout July, Young Interpreters are hosting a digital conference which is **freely** available to all pupils in school. There will be workshops on cookery, Zumba, story telling, art, building a shadow theatre, sport and computing. To access the online activities, please follow the link:

https://read.bookcreator.com/P1KHTLmo71dVoSBth70o17Cdgmt1/caeLhOIiR6OKQvW CdcQHa

Vacancy for a Parent Governor

Sadly, Kully Deol will be stepping down from her role as Parent Governor at the end of this academic year due to work commitments. We would like to say a huge "thank you" to Kully for all her hard work and dedication to the governing body. She has shown great commitment to our school and made a real difference to our pupils. She will be sadly missed!

This means that we have a vacancy for a parent to join our governing body.

What do governors do?

Governing boards have to monitor and evaluate progress towards the school's priorities and targets, support the head and staff as well as challenging their expectations.

Governors will attend meetings (six per academic year.) During the meetings, governors will be expected to ask questions and discuss topics after having read the associated papers and documents. In addition to this, governors may be asked to take on the responsibility of a "link governor" and have a special responsibility assigned to them, such as SEND or health and safety.

No one governor is expected to know everything as the strength of a governing board lies in its ability to attract and rely upon members from a wide variety of backgrounds. All duties/responsibilities are shared amongst the members of the governing board and, as a group, decisions are made and acted on.

What are the benefits of becoming a governor?

- Making a positive difference to the life chances of pupils at Sydenham Primary School.
- Having a sense of purpose and knowing that you are helping our school.
- Developing new and transferable skills.
- Getting to know and giving something back to the local community.
- Making new friends and colleagues.

What skills do I need to become a governor?

- Have the commitment and the desire to secure the best possible education for pupils.
- Have time to read papers, attend meetings and visit the school.
- Act with fairness, tact, diplomacy and integrity.
- Have good interpersonal skills and be able to work as a team.
- Be able to analyse, interpret, question, make judgements and help take decisions.
- Be confidential and honest.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, or would like more information, please contact the school office.

Miss Glenny is very happy to chat to you about the role.

What support is available to me?

Warwickshire Governor Services offers training, support and advice to all governors from induction through to chairing the governing board. All governors work as a team and they receive support from each other and in particular from the chair of the governing board, the clerk to the governing board and the head teacher.

Sydenham Superstars

YR LS

In Reception this week, children have been taking part in the virtual Sydenham Sports Week. **George** and **Jiya** worked so hard during each challenge! They used their learning characters and had a go and they didn't give up even when they found it hard! This is why they are this week's superstars!

YR RK

This week's YR RK superstar is the lovely **Lilybelle**. Lilybelle is such a friendly and confident member of her bubble who always comes to school with a smile on her face. She follows the school rules and enjoys every single learning task. Well done!

Y1 EL

This week, Mrs Lee has chosen **Narayan** to be her Sydenham Superstar. Since coming back to school, it has been wonderful to see Narayan's positive attitude towards his learning within his bubble. This week Narayan has written a wonderful piece of writing based on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Over the week, Narayan managed to fill four pages in his English book which shows how he has developed his writing stamina. It has been lovely to see him applying all the skills he has learnt throughout Year One. Narayan has also been working hard on his reading and is now starting to read with fluency and expression. Keep up the wonderful work Narayan!

Y1 CD

Miss Daly's superstar this week is **Freddie**. Freddie has had a fantastic week in the classroom. Miss Daly has been particularly impressed with his engagement in our phonics sessions. Freddie has been listening attentively and is starting to apply what he is learning to his writing more consistently. Miss Daly has always thoroughly enjoyed spending playtime playing hide and seek with the children, and has seen Freddie's personality has come alive. Freddie has spent the entire week spreading his infectious smile and giggle. He has had Miss Daly and the children laughing all week with his incredible sense of humour. Well done Freddie, you have had a fun week and worked really hard. Keep up the great work.

Y2 AP

Miss Parsons would like to nominate two children to be superstar this week. **Rajbinnd** and **Adam** have both shown brilliant listening and participation during online lessons. This week, they offered thoughtful suggestions and came up with interesting expanded noun phrases to describe a ferocious dragon. Well done—keep it up!

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



Y2 CP

Miss Peters has chosen **Lucia** as her superstar. Lucia has created a fantastic under the sea habitat this week. She has also continued to be a brilliant asset to the Y2 CP online lessons. She is always eager to answer questions, share her learning and improve or correct her own answers. Keep up the fantastic work Lucia.

Y3 JL

Mr Lee's super star this week is **Olivia**. As we celebrate 72 years of the NHS this weekend, it is fitting to choose her. Olivia has been coming into school throughout lockdown as her mum is a nurse at Warwick hospital. I am very proud of them both and how Olivia has handled herself during this time. Lots of the staff have commented on her cheery personality and kind nature. She is very working hard when in school and is a credit to her family. Keep smiling Olivia and thanks to all key workers and their children, you are stars!

Y3 JML

Mrs Lloyd has chosen **Mikolaj** as her superstar this week for his wonderful learning at home. Mikolaj has been working really hard and has been part of all of the Y3 JML online lessons recently. He joins every lesson with a big smile and loves contributing his answers. It has been lovely to see the learning Mikolaj has shared with Mrs Lloyd—she knows he's been having lots of fun keeping active with his family at home!

Y4 AH

Saanvi has worked fantastically hard over the last few weeks and is the Y4 AH superstar. She has taken part in all of her online lessons and participated really well in all of them. Mr Hawes has been really pleased to receive Saanvi's excellent maths and English work and it is clear to see how hard she has been working on her learning. Well done!

Sydenham Superstars

Y4 SM

Mrs Madahar would like to nominate **Emilia** to be the 4SM class Superstar this week. Emilia has continued to impress Mrs Madahar with all her fabulous home learning every week. She shows a positive attitude to all her learning and shows great enthusiasm during the live lessons. Emilia has also been learning to read and write Polish and shared a photograph of some activities she has completed with Nina and Nadia. Well done Emilia!



Y5 CB

Alfie M is the Y5 CB superstar this week for persevering with his online lessons despite intenet issues at home. Well done for keeping on going, Alfie, just like our elephant Learning Character.

Y5 RA

Miss Arundel would like to choose **Alicja** as Superstar this week. Miss Arundel was amazed by Alicja's growth mind-set in our online lessons this week. Both lessons were on decimals, which can be quite daunting! Even though Alicja found the lessons tricky at first, she didn't give up and persevered with the learning until she was confident that she understood. It was fantastic that Alicja told Miss Arundel she was finding the learning tricky so that Miss Arundel could give extra explanations, and it was probably helpful for other children in the class too. Alicja showed a fantastic attitude to her learning, took responsibility by asking more questions when she wasn't sure, and made some really amazing progress in the lesson as a result. Well done Alicja - you have set a great example!

Y6 KG

Beanie is such a wonderful member of the Y6 KG bubble. She tries so hard with her learning, is extremely independent and always helps everyone out. She is so incredibly kind in volunteering to carry the playground box for everyone, asks how they are and plays and laughs with everyone. She is a real star! Well done Beanie!



Y6 JvS

Mrs Van der Sterren has chosen **Nadia** as her star of the week. Nadia designed a fabulous theme park, working with concentration and precision. Well done, Nadia on your positive attitude to problem solving!



Teachers

Teachers are so brave around this time,

Bringing back learning into children's lives.

Teachers have brought back the smiles on children's faces.

Teachers have recreated the joy, happiness and excitement of school again.

Teachers have given the opportunity to see and play with friends.

Teachers are fun,

Teachers are amazing,

Teachers are everything for us to learn.

We love you teachers!

By Tayyaba Bhatti Year Two Tayyaba has delighted us with another fabulous poem, this time in honour of teachers!

Have a super weekend, Everyone.

Warm wishes from Miss Glenny and the team.