

Reception Nativity



On Wednesday, Reception children performed a delightful Nativity. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch and show their support. We hope you enjoyed seeing your children shine.

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A great big well done to all of our Sydenham Superstars in Reception—we're so proud of you! Thankyou to our brilliant staff team who worked so hard on our Nativity performances. Your patience and dedication shone through in the show.



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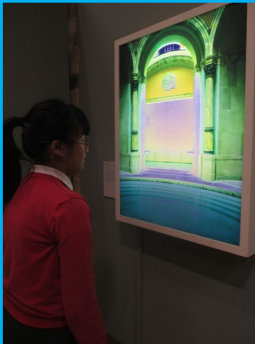
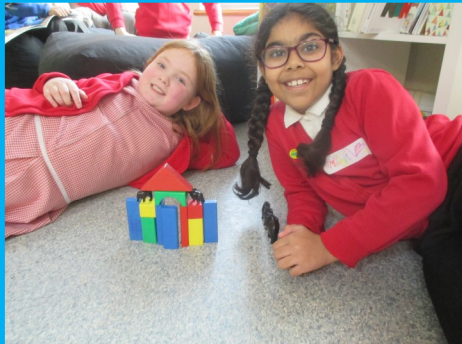
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Arts' Ambassadors Gallery Visit



Our Ambassadors had a fabulous day at Leamington Art Gallery on Monday. The children toured the gallery with curator, Jane, and then visited the gallery store for a peep behind the scenes. After lunch, pupils worked with gallery apprentice, Natasha, to record their responses through printing, drawing, cutting and sticking. Natasha will be using their pieces of art work to make a magazine. We can't wait to see the results!





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Y2 Capture the Castle!



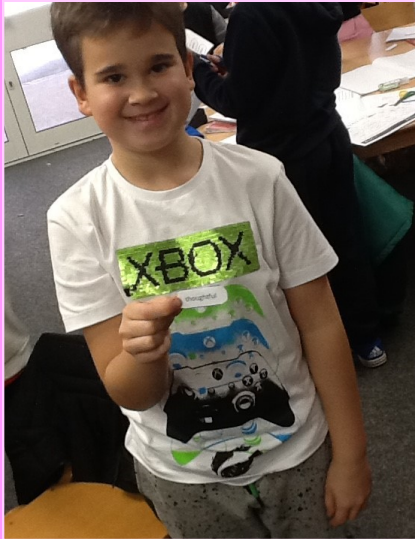
Y2 braved the frosty weather on Monday when they visited Kenilworth Castle.



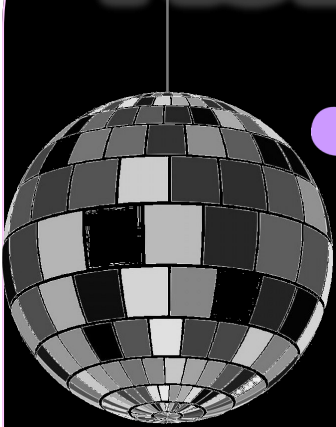
Pupils learnt to identify the different parts of a castle and gained an understanding of the history of the building. They enjoyed walking the castle walls which looked truly magical in the wintry sunshine.

Y4's Kind Words

Last Friday, Year Four shared kind words with one another as part of Anti-Bullying Day. Pupils wrote down the special qualities their classmates had and shared them. Examples included: thoughtful, kind, inspirational, resilient, caring and friendly. This really gave everyone a boost and was a lovely way to end the week.



KS2 Silent Disco



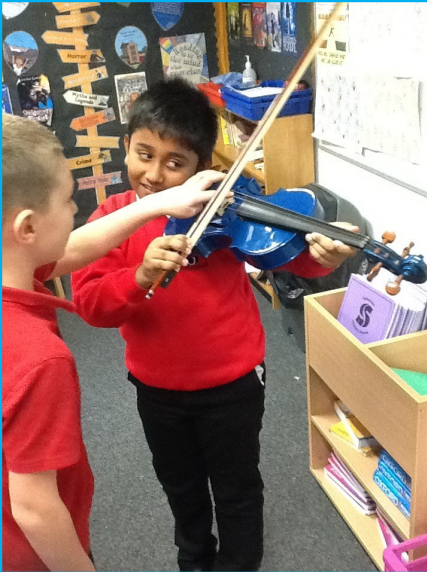
KS2 had such a good time at their silent disco's this week. Everybody threw some shapes on the dance floor and we saw some impressive moves. Brilliant fun!



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Y4 Violin Lesson



As their cello lesson couldn't take place this week, Year Four explored the violin instead. The children looked at two different examples and discussed the differences. They noticed that one was electric and the other was purely acoustic. They also named the different parts that they learned in cello and spotted a new one - the chin rest! Everybody had a go at holding the violin under their chin (even though it was very big!) and used their knowledge of holding a bow to play some open strings.

From our Poet Laureate

Thank you, Tayyaba, for another inspirational poem.

Stop Climate Change Now!

Please save the trees or we may not live,

Do lots of things to help the Earth.

Poor sea creatures, struggling to live with plastic in their necks,

I can hear them crying, "HELP ME!"

Unicef Article 24 says we have the right to a clean environment,

But we don't any more.

A warning: climate change must stop now.

Remember! No planet; no us!

By Tayyaba (Year Four)



Tree Planting



Eco reps Avi, Jackson, Nina and Rocco from Y4 planted a hazel sapling in the Forest Schools area today with Mrs Ashworth, as part of The Queen's Green Canopy. The tree will be recorded on the royal database of trees planted under the scheme which was started by The Queen and Prince Charles in October this year as part of the Queen's Jubilee in 2022.

The children were very proud to take part and be part of The Queen's Planting Squad. They all received a t-shirt and medal to commemorate the occasion. We all look forward to watching it grow into a magnificent tree in the future.

Story Advent Calendar



With the Reception nativity at the beginning the week, and the winter hoops adorning the hall, Christmas feels as if it is just around the corner!

To continue to develop our **love of reading** right up until Christmas Day, every day from December 1st to December 24th, we will be uploading a festive story or poem read by one of our lovely members of staff onto YouTube to help your child count down the days and enjoy hearing some new and familiar tales.

Days 1 - 3 can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwfpG3n2_7iJO0A1y-KEnog



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Look who's reading...

Last week, Macie-May was one of the children who took the class reading teddy home. Macie-May reads really regularly at home, and this was her reward!

Macie-May's mum was happy to share these lovely photos of Macie-May with Sorrel, and I hope that they help to encourage your little ones to read at home too. It looks like Sorrel had an absolutely brilliant time!



Macie chose one of her favourite books *'We're Going On a Bear Hunt'* to read in bed with her hot chocolate.



Macie and Sorrel having a teddy bears' picnic.

Please continue to send these photos in, as they make such a lovely addition to the newsletter!

Our Infant's reading incentive



We encourage children to read at home at least five times a week. Please don't forget to write in your child's reading diary every time they read, so that their teacher can nominate them to take their class teddy home!

Along with the class teddy, they also get a little sachet of hot chocolate so that they can read a bed time story to the teddy and enjoy a hot drink too.



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KS2 Reading Challenge

The Reading Around the World challenge continues in KS2 classes, and it has been GREAT to hear that so many children are choosing to read at home more regularly so that they can travel around the world!



I haven't managed to read every day, but my reading this week includes reading some Christmas stories aloud for our Advent Story Countdown on YouTube!



Miss Challand's journey so far...

If parents/carers would like to join in at home, please pop into the office and we will give you a passport to start filling in too!

Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand

We love to read!

Lots of children came to show me their reading diaries this week, and it was so lovely to hear how proud they are of their reading!

Lots of the children were able to recognise how they have learned to read through regular practice, and how much they enjoy books when other people read to them.



I love reading to learn about animals. I think I am a good reader because I practise really hard.

I read to my brother and my mum at home. I like to find out about new things when I read.

I like reading because you learn new things. My favourite book is called 'The Good Luck Stone'.

Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand



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Sydenham Primary School

Friday 10th December



On Friday 10th December the WHOLE school will be raising money for Myton Hospice by running around the school field. Younger children will run 2km and older children 3-5km.

Bring your PE kit, Santa hat and 50p!

Raising money for Myton Hospice

Selection Box Raffle

Win a scrumptious chocolate selection box by joining in our raffle.

Log on to ParentPay and pay your 50p.

Winners will be drawn on Monday 13th
December.

Good luck!

Tickets only
50p!



Christmas Multi Activity Camp!

Daily Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd December
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Ready For Some Christmas Fun?!

Join our **Multi-Activity Camp** based at **Central Ajax Football Club**, during the Christmas school term break for a Christmas to remember!

Our camp is for primary children and young people **aged 4 - 12**, led by our team of experienced leaders and have something for everyone - multi sports, football, games, drama, Lego Club, arts & craft and much, much more!

Children will make friends, keep active and have loads of fun in a safe environment.

Adults - you get some pre-Christmas time while we look after your children!

Our camp runs from Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd of December
from 9am - 5pm

"HALF-DAY" RATE - £15

9am - 1pm (including lunch) or

1pm - 5pm (including early tea)

Healthy snacks and refreshments included!

Sibling rates £15 full day / £10 half day

Payment required at time of booking

Queries to :

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 8th December	Y1/2 carol concert, 9.30—10.00am (Y1 parents/carers in the audience) Y1/2 carol concert, 10.30—11.00am (Y2 parents/carers in the audience)
Thursday 9th December	Y3/4 carol concert, 9.30—10.00am. (Y3 parents/carers in the audience.) Y3/4 carol concert, 10.30—11.00am (Y4 parents/carers in the audience.)
Friday 10th December	Y5/6 carol concert, 9.30—10.00am (Y5 parents/carers in the audience.) Y5/6 carol concert, 10.30—11.00am, (Y6 parents/carers in the audience.)
Friday 10th December	Whole school Santa Dash to raise money for Myton Hospice. Bring your Santa hat and a 50p donation.
Monday 13th December	Christmas dinner.
Tuesday 14th December	Y5/6 theatre trip—"The Magician's Elephant," Royal Shakespeare Theatre.
Tuesday 14th/Wednesday 15th December	PTA Secret Present Wrap Room
Thursday 16th December	YR/Y1 theatre trip—"The Very Hungry Caterpillar", Warwick Arts' Centre.
Friday 17th December	MUFTI Day—bring 50p to wear a festive outfit.

Monday 20th December—Friday 31st December School Closed for Christmas holiday

Monday 3rd January 2022 school closed for bank holiday

Tuesday 4th January 2022 school closed for in-service (teacher) training.

School re-opens on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Year 4/5/6 Theatre Trips

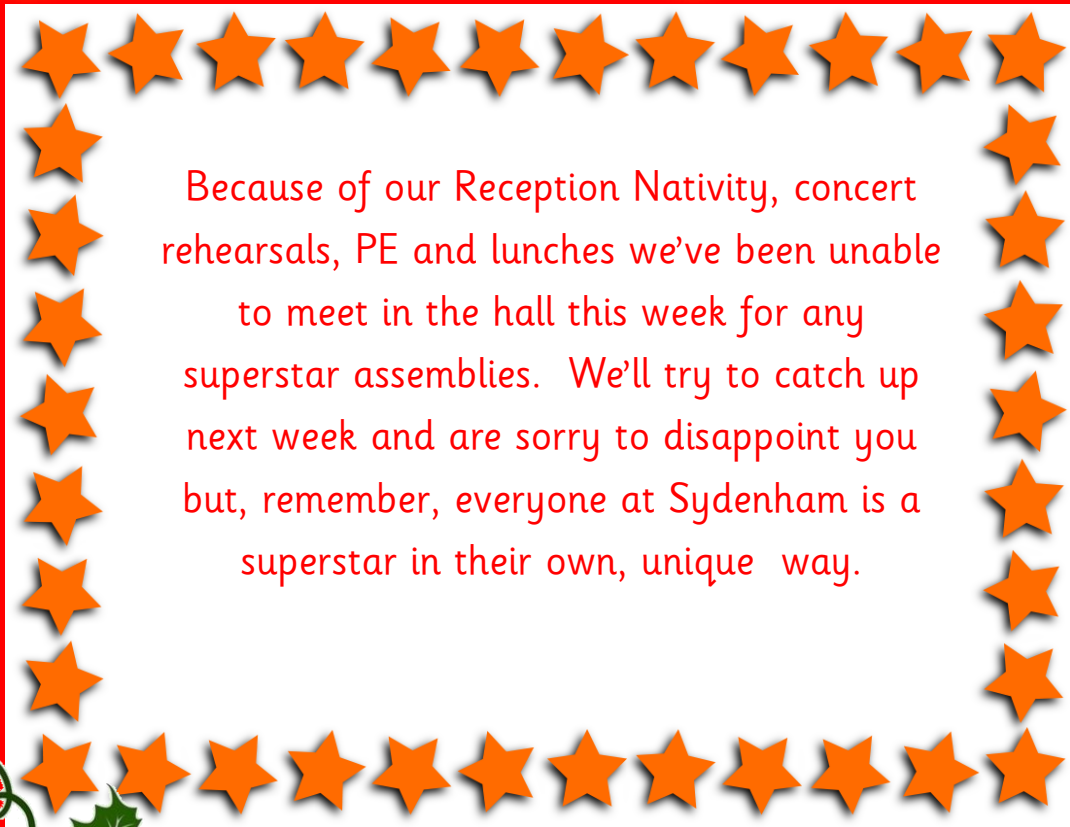


On Thursday, Year Four visited The Royal Shakespeare Theatre to watch a performance of "The Magician's Elephant." Years 5 & 6 will watch the show on the 14th December. Watch out for a review written by our Y5 Arts' Ambassadors.





Sydenham Superstars



Because of our Reception Nativity, concert rehearsals, PE and lunches we've been unable to meet in the hall this week for any superstar assemblies. We'll try to catch up next week and are sorry to disappoint you but, remember, everyone at Sydenham is a superstar in their own, unique way.



Have a restful weekend, Everyone. If you celebrate Christmas, have fun shopping and spending time together as a family.

Best wishes from Miss Glenny
(Associate Headteacher.)

