Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

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Carol Concerts































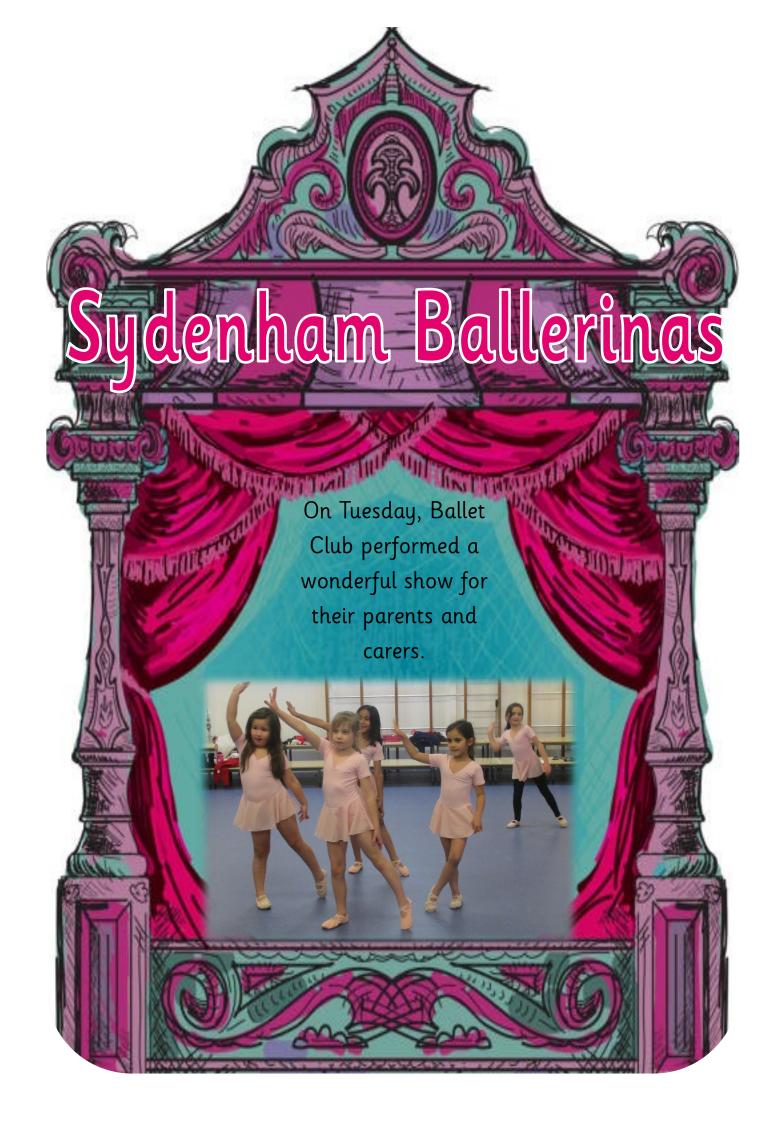
Well done to all the children in Years One to Six who performed in our carol concerts this week. Your singing was delightful! A great big thank you to Mrs Godwin and Mrs Keys, for rehearsing with the children. A big round of applause to the teachers and teaching assistants too.













The children showed off their skipping, partner work and free dance skills. It was a magical show!













UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture

Charity Santa Dash













Well done to everyone for completing their charity Santa Dash in aid of Myton Hospice.
All the children ran with great energy and enthusiasm and we're very proud of you.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 24: Health





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UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 24: Clean Environment

Y6 Poetry

Nothing is worse than grieving a loss,

Heartbreak, heartache, only leaves me cross,

So I locked up my melancholy heart,

Because if I kept it, it would fall apart.

My mind starts to swirl, and yet only my heart is precious as a pearl,

So I try to forget,

But I can't. Not yet.

Then I looked at the sky and the snow and the stars,

And I knew that my heart was held behind bars,

My humanity,

My feelings,

They don't leave me grieving,

But instead leave me feeling on Mars.

So I picked up the bottle and threw it around,

But nothing would break it, not even the ground.

Then I found a girl,

As content as can be,

Who seems to question everything she can see,

And she took the bottle and held it close,

And I realised what she missed the most.

Then the bottle popped open,

And my heart was broken,

So I looked at the sea and the sand and the sun

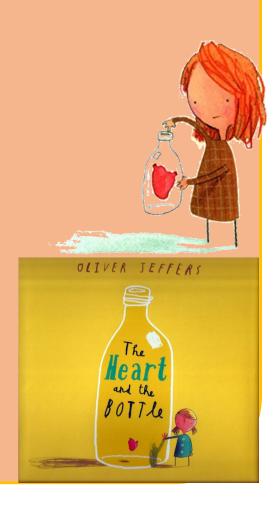
Then the little girl realised her job was done,

So she smiled and laughed and walked away,

And I was left staring curiously out at the bay.

By Maddison

As part of their topic,
"Blood Heart," Year Six
have been reading Oliver
Jeffers' book, "The Heart
and the Bottle." The
children responded to the
text through poetry. Here
are some of their poems.



Y6 Poetry

The Heart

The heart is pumping every second,

When the heart is pumping,

The blood is moving,

Your love is gleaming,

But when the heart stops pumping,

The blood stops moving,

Your lungs stop breathing

Your brain stops thinking,

Your love stops loving,

Your heart is broken

Your heart is your feeling,

Your heart is your life,

Protect your heart

By Keshav.

Caring

Care is nice; care is family,

Caring is sharing and sharing is love.

Family cannot be taken away,

Their care is everywhere.

By Poppy

A Cage for Feelings

Your heart is a cage for your feelings,

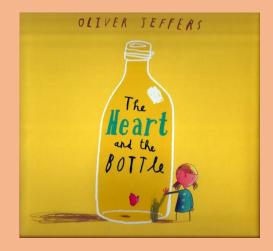
Some hearts are broken and some are healing.

The heart can be a leaking hole,

Positive feelings oozing out,

But I still have enormous hope

By Aliha





Story Advent Calendar

We have continued to share some festive stories on YouTube every day, and it is wonderful to hear the children talk about these stories when they are in school.

Days 1 - 10 can be found here:

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

Thank you so much to all of the families who sent in videos and photos of their child reading Christmas poems and stories. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch them, and I cannot wait to be able to share some of them with you all next week!





KS2 Reading Challenge

The Reading Around the World challenge continues in KS2 classes, and I have been catching up with some children this week to see how far along they are!

Ava in Year 6 reads every single night, and she had travelled 5000 miles by Tuesday. Ava is going to start reading *'Spirit Walker'* by Michelle Paver as her next book. We read the blurt together:

A cry echoed through the forest. He froze. It was not the yowl of a vixen, or a lynx seeking a mate. It was a man. Or something that had once been a man. With a creeping sense of dread, Torak watched the light between the trees begin to fail...

What an exciting insight into what this book will be about!







It has been a busy week this week, but I have finally made it to Rio De Janeiro!



Miss Challand's journey so far...



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of Education

We love to read!

Mrs Napier is feeling very proud of Lacey Mai this

week! Lacey Mai has been really enjoying reading, and is using lots of skills such as looking carefully at the words, looking at the pictures, and using the first letter of a word to help make a prediction. Lacey Mai came and read to me, and was beaming from ear to ear once she had finished her book. She really is a reading super star!





Josh is also enjoying reading at home. He read 'Cut-Throat Celts' most recently because he likes learning about historical events, and loved the humour in the book. Well done, Josh!

What is your child's favourite book to read?

A great big thank you to the PTA who have donated some funds to buy some new home reading books for the KS2 classes. It is very much appreciated!

book!

Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand





Warwickshire Sings!

A FREE Choir for your child to join

As we emerge from the impact of the global pandemic and the huge constraints this has had on children's singing, we are so pleased to tell you about

Warwickshire Sings!

Our talented Vocal Animateurs are working in 48 schools across Warwickshire. However if we are not visiting your class or even your school you can still join one of our First Voices Choirs. The choirs rehearse with the animateurs each week at your local Music Centre and are open to EVERY PUPIL in KS2!

Plus, the choirs are free of charge for the 2021-2022 academic year.

North Warwickshire First Voices	Monday: 4:15-to 5: 00 p.m.	Weddington Primary School, Winchester Ave Nuneaton, CVID ODR
East Warwickshire First Voices	Monday: 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Rugby Free Secondary School, Anderson Avenue, Rugby, CV22 SPE
Central Warwickshire First Voices	Wednesdays: 4:15p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Kenilworth School & Sixth Form, Leyes Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 2DA
South Warwickshire First Voices	Thursdays: 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	King Edward VI High School Chapel Lane, Stratford- upon-Avon, CV37 68E

Next term's rehearsals start in the week commencing: 10th January 2022

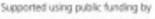
For more information and to join a choir please go to:

https://www.warwickshiremusichub.org/join-a-group















Diary Dates

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



Only 15 more sleeps until Christmas!

Have a relaxing weekend and see you on Monday for the last week of term!

Best wishes,

Miss Glenny

(Associate Headteacher)