

37 Plays Week



Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

2023 began in school with participation in the Royal Shakespeare Company's fantastic "37 Plays" project.

As part of the project, every child in school has written a play, either individually or as part of a group.

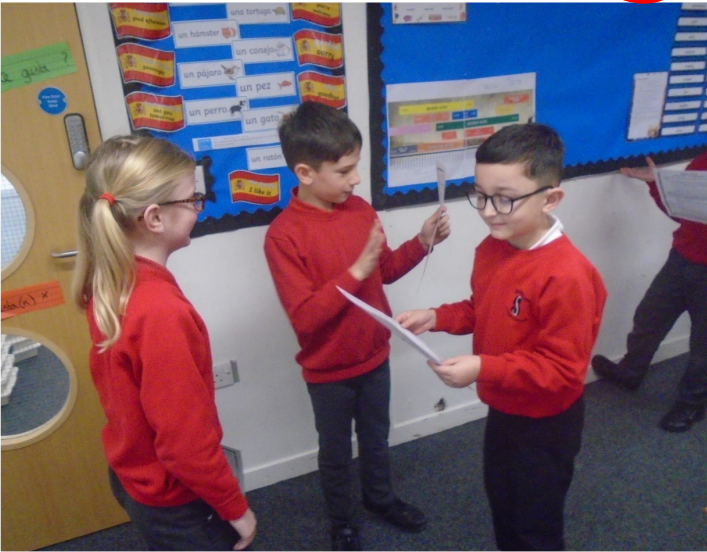
The completed scripts will be sent to the Royal Shakespeare Company. A few lucky playwrights may even see their work brought to life on the stage.



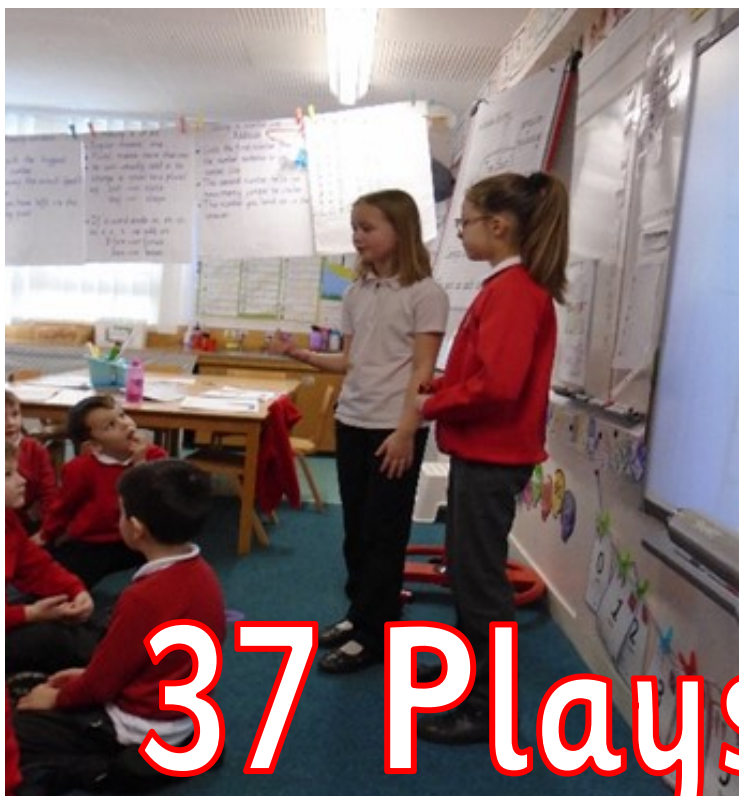
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Before script writing, Y4 explored how scripts are used by directors, actors and other members of theatre companies to produce performances. Mrs Keys worked with a small group to model a performance of *Oliver Twist*. Some children then volunteered to be directors and organise their own cast. Every child then performed in their teams and used the script to help them with performance choices, movement, actions and lines.



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RSC Ambassadors



Our RSC Ambassadors have been instrumental in getting the “37 Plays” project up and running. On Monday, they presented an assembly to the whole school. Afterwards, they visited different classrooms, helping pupils to shape their ideas and write their scripts.





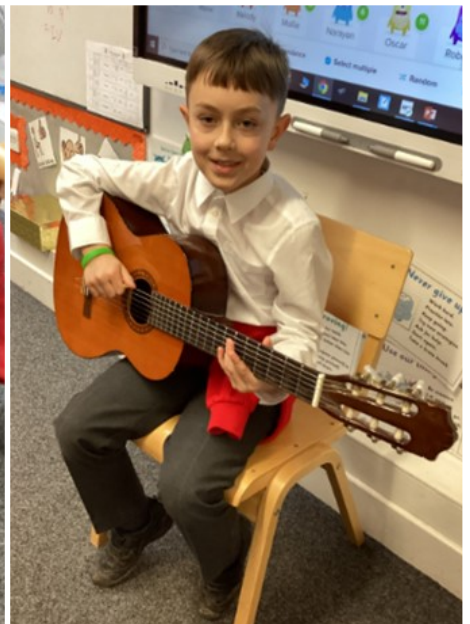
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Pupils spent the week developing plots, characters and settings for their scripts. They used drama to explore ideas and enjoyed reading or performing their work to others.



Playlist



To launch their new Science topic, Y4 explored different instruments. They learned that sound is created and travels through vibrations. They also discovered how we make sounds ourselves using our vocal chords and parts of our mouths. Pupils went on to share their hidden musical talent, some of them bringing instruments in from home.



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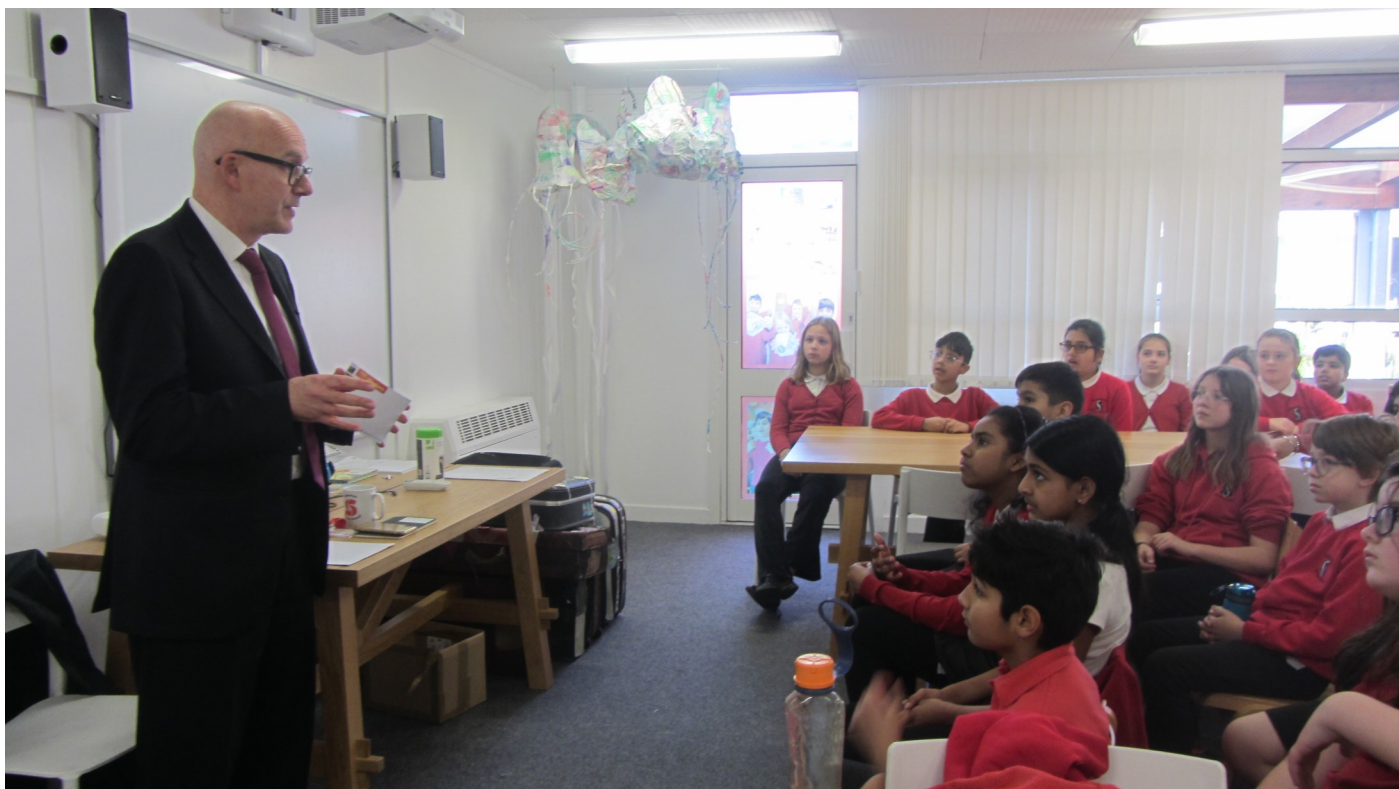
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Last week, Reception returned to school after dark in their pyjamas with torches and teddies. The children talked about bedtime routines, then explored the classroom with their torches. Finally, everyone settled down for a bedtime story with a hot chocolate and biscuit.

After Dark





Local MP Visit

Year 6 were lucky enough to be visited by local MP, Matt Western today. Matt talked to the children about his role as a Member of Parliament and shared his passion for education, born from the fact that his father taught in a primary school.

Pupils asked Matt lots of very interesting questions, including:

- Who is your favourite Prime Minister?
- Why and how did you become an MP? What inspired you?
- What do you think about Brexit and The Green Party?
- Have you ever met Rishi Sunak or a member of the royal family?
- What is difficult about your job?
- Why is there a cost of living crisis?
- What is your favourite part of your job?
- What do you do when you're not working in your office?

Thank you, Matt for visiting us and answering our questions. We learnt a lot!



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Joy

Sydenham's Poet Laureate, Tayyaba, has written this fabulous, inspirational poem to kick-start 2023.

It's the end of Winter and a new year has begun of smiles that show
the joy you have,
The cheer moving around making that tingling sensation inside,
Your eyes light up full of energy and it makes you feel ecstatic.
Joy can be found through ordinary things or extreme from reading a
book or delightful news,
Then that tingling sensation covers you from head to toe making you
want to do a somersault,
Jump high and touch the stars,
Scream so loud the whole world can hear you.

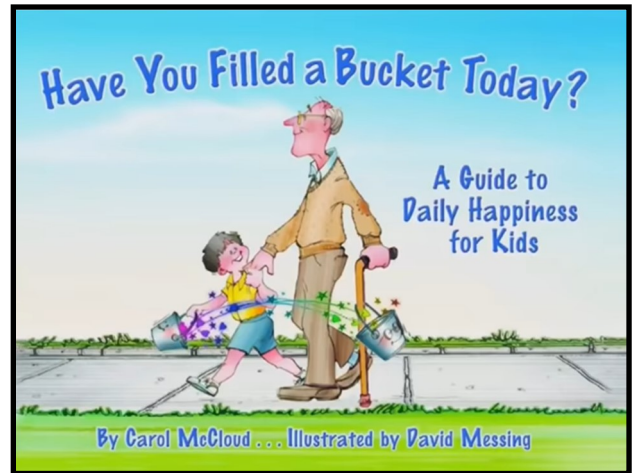
By Tayyaba (Year 5 Woodpeckers)

Kindness and Consideration

The theme for this week's assembly was **Kindness and Consideration.**

We shared the book *'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?'*. Did you know that everyone carries an invisible bucket which holds all of our good thoughts and feelings about ourselves?

During the assembly, we thought about how we can make other people feel good by being kind to them, which fills their invisible bucket. In turn, this fills our bucket too because it makes us feel happy.



Scarlett and Dexter began filling up people's invisible buckets right away, and were keen to tell me how they had been kind to people.

Kindness is Magic

I played with lots of different people today!

Just remember that everyone carries an invisible bucket, and think of what you can say or do to fill it.



I said thank you to three people who held the door open for me.



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If you practice, you'll become a great bucket filler.

Christmas Reading Challenge

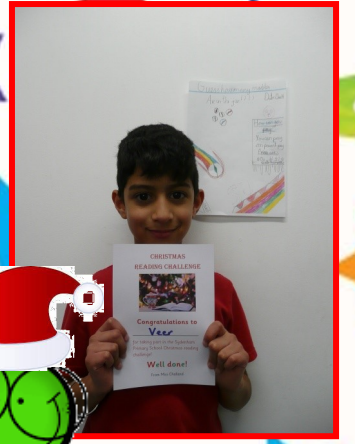
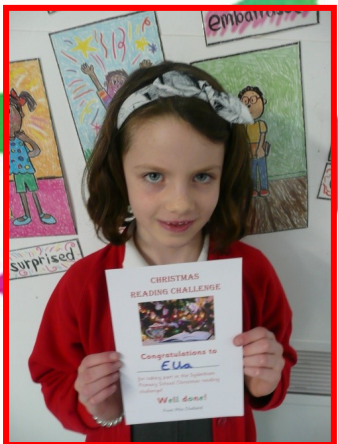
Many congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Christmas reading challenge over the holidays. It was wonderful to get so many sheets returned, and lovely to hear about how much the children had enjoyed their reading activities. **Well done everyone!**



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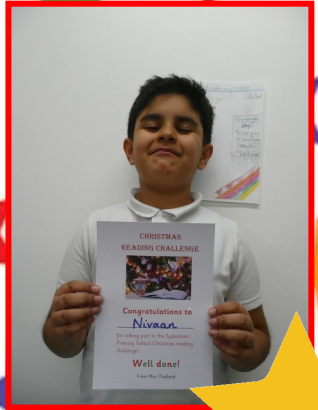




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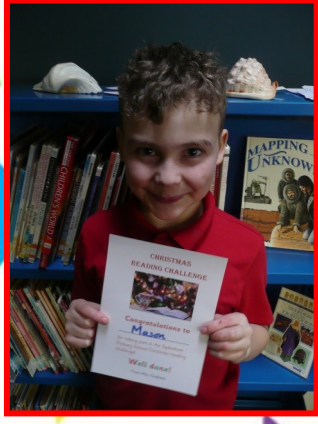
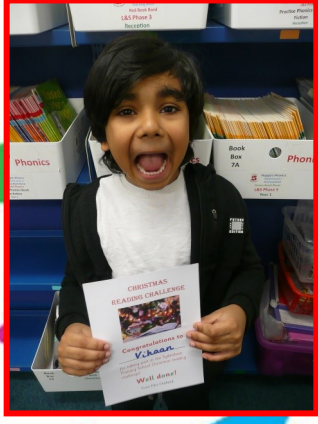
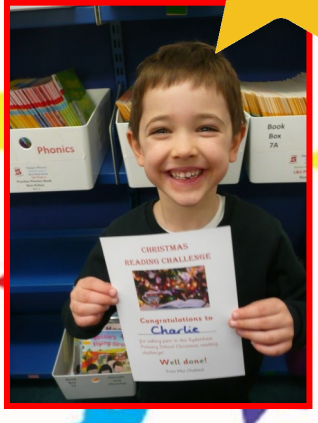
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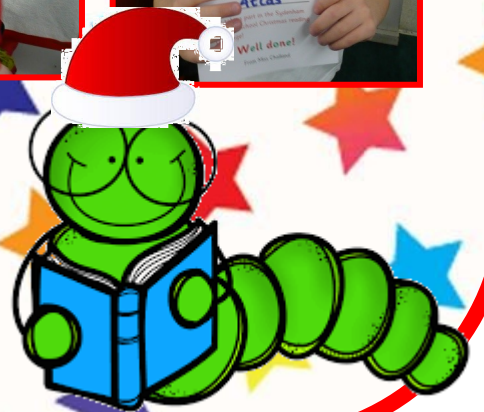


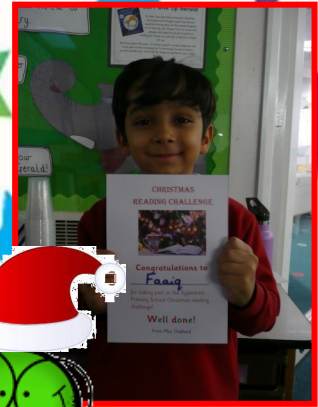
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We are so proud of **all** of our children who have been working hard at home on their reading. Some have been learning new phonemes, some learning to read a greater number of words on sight and some have been building their stamina for reading longer books. You are all reading super stars!

Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand

PTA Christmas Fundraising Update

£750

Raised through the wrap room and your Christmas Card orders!



455

Wrap Room presents were wrapped and decorated by the children



10

Amazing volunteers helped over 2.5 days



Wrap Room

The children enjoyed decorating their gifts while singing Christmas songs



Here's how we've recently spent some of our funds



Magazines for Year 6

Miss Ball requested some new magazines to encourage children to read in their free time



Harry Potter Collection

Kittiwakes have a brand new set of Harry Potter books for their magical readers



Upcoming Events:



DISCO
RAFFLE
UNIFORM SALE

Lookout for more information in the coming weeks

sydenhampta@welearn365.com



Wren's reading corner

A snugly new rug has made the Wren's book corner extra cosy and inviting

Job Opportunity: Midday Supervisor

To apply, visit: <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/147036/midday-supervisor/>

Working hours/FTE 7.5 hours per week

Salary Scale - Scale B

Proposed Interview Date - 19 January 2022

About Us & The Role

We wish to appoint a hardworking, enthusiastic and reliable Midday Supervisor to join our existing team. The successful candidate will work part of a team under the supervision of the Senior Midday Supervisor.

The hours of work are Monday to Friday 12 noon to 1.30 pm term time only. There may be a requirement to attend training at additional times.

You will need to enjoy working with children and have the ability to supervise them with patience, care and kindness in our busy dining hall. You will need a strong sense of responsibility for children's safety.

Key Requirements

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Please see job description for further details

How to apply

Please download and complete the WCC application form and equality form attached to this advert and return it by **16 January 2023**.

Applications should be sent to Sarah Beck at beck.s@welearn365.com

Additional Information

Sydenham Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

The successful applicant will be required to provide evidence that you are entitled to work in the UK, provide proof of identity and provide of any qualifications required for the post.

As you are applying for a job in a school setting, it is our policy to contact referees prior to interview and for you to complete a self disclosure form.

For further information about our school and privacy notice please visit www.sydenhamprimaryschool.co.uk

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th January	Family Learning reading session, 1.45—3.00pm
Friday 20th January	Lunar New Year celebration—dragon dancing workshops for Reception, Y1 and Y2
Tuesday 24th January	Family Learning reading session, 1.45—3.00pm
Tuesday 24th January	Reception trip to Think Tank.
Friday 27th January	Young Voices
Monday 30th January	Y5 Bikeability sessions
Monday 30th January	National Story Telling Week begins.
Tuesday 31st January	Family Learning reading session, 1.45—3.00pm
Tuesday 7th February	Road safety sessions for Y2
Tuesday 14th February	Family Learning reading session, 1.45—3.00pm
Wednesday 15th February	Parent-Teacher Conferencing
Thursday 16th February	Parent-Teacher Conferencing
<p>Monday 20th - Friday 24th February, school closed for half-term holiday.</p> <p>Pupils return to school on Monday 27th February</p>	
Monday 27th February	Book Week
Wednesday 1st March	Katie Sahota, author, visiting school
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day— children come to school dressed as a character linked to their class story book.
Thursday 9th March	Y3 Roman Day
Thursday 30th March	Bike marking from 2.30pm—come along and have your bike security marked
Friday 31st March	MUFTI Day—bring 50p if your child comes to school in their own choice of clothes
Friday 31st March	Y3/4 Bikeability sessions
<p>Monday 3rd—Friday 14th April, school closed for the Easter holidays</p>	



Sydenham Superstars



Last week's
Superstars



EYFS & Key Stage One



Key Stage Two



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