





Christmas Lunch



On Monday, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch featuring all the festive favourites—turkey, sausage, roast potatoes, stuffing and (of course) sprouts!





Christmas Lunch

A great big thank you to the kitchen staff and our fantastic team of midday supervisors for making our lunch so special.



Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 14: Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion

Community Choir



The children sang to three different groups of residents and brought lots of joy to those who watched. Well done!

Our choir have been out and about in the local community once more, this time singing at The Sycamores care home. They were led by Mrs Keys and did an amazing job.



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Article 15: Freedom of Association.

Festive Outfits

We loved seeing everyone's festive outfits today. There were jumpers and jingle bells galore!





Dear Santa



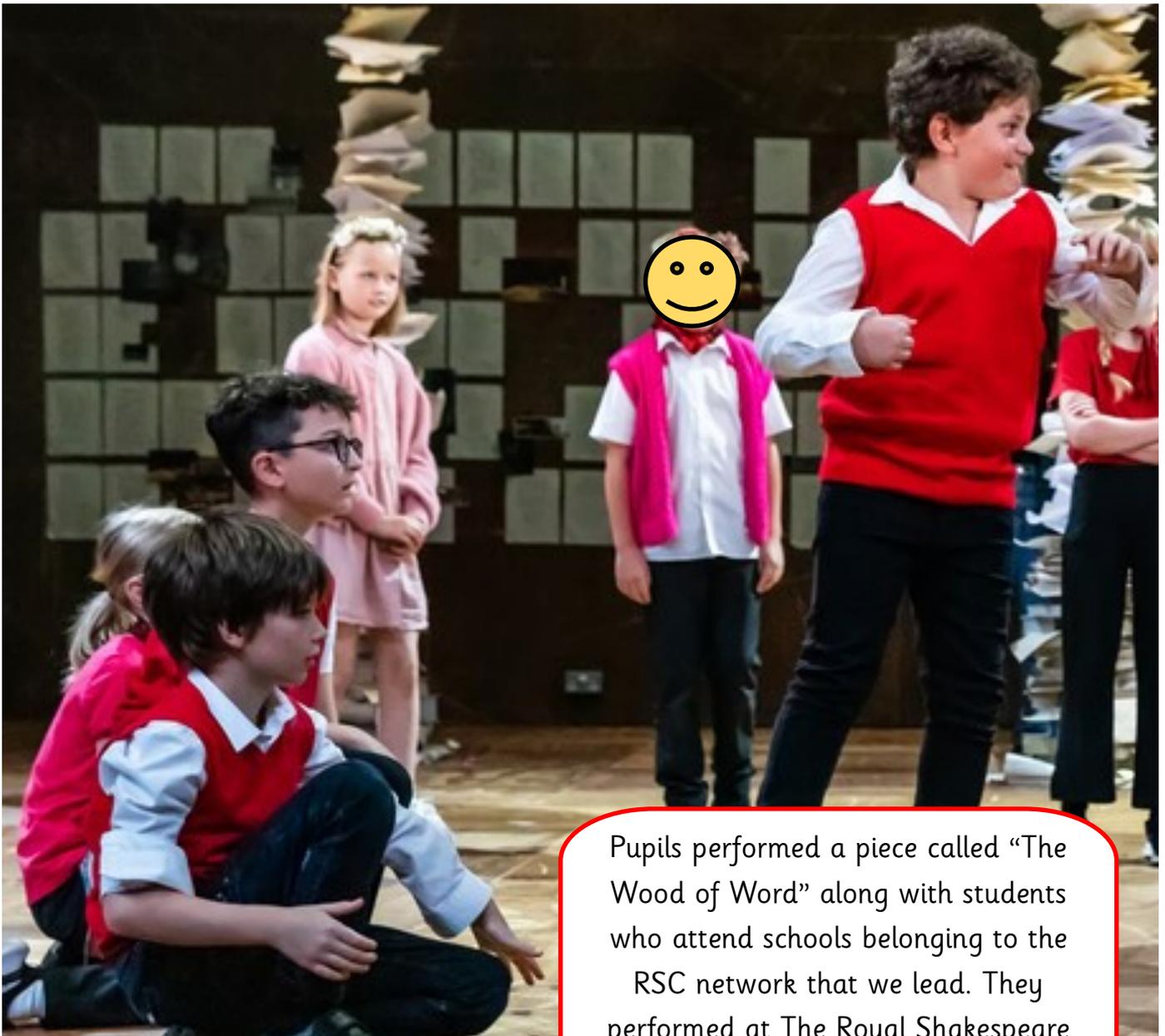
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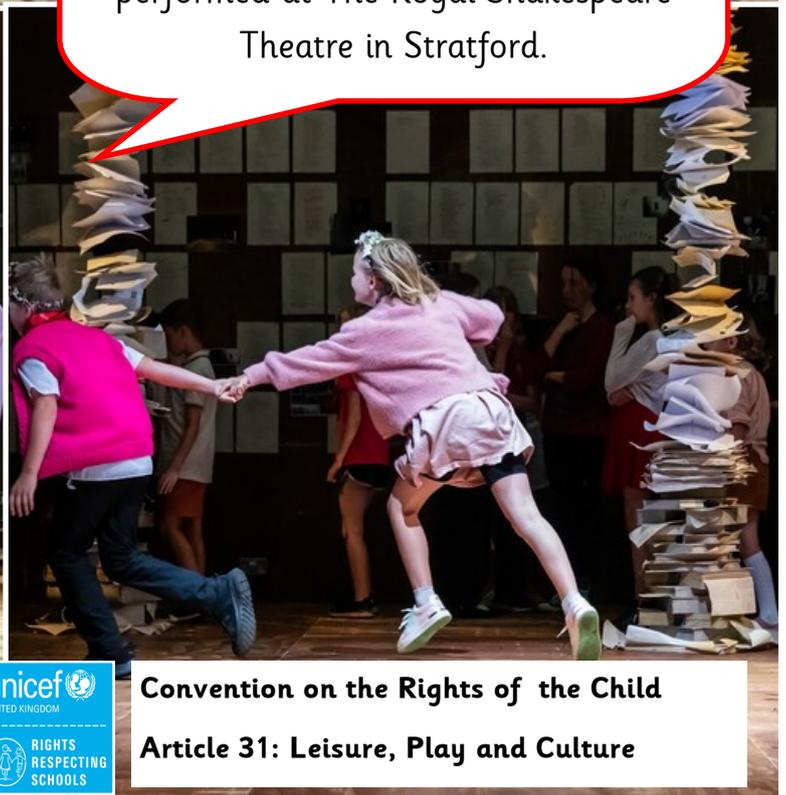
Live at the RST!

The Royal Company have just released these stunning pictures of our pupils performing live on stage during The National Playmaking Festival.



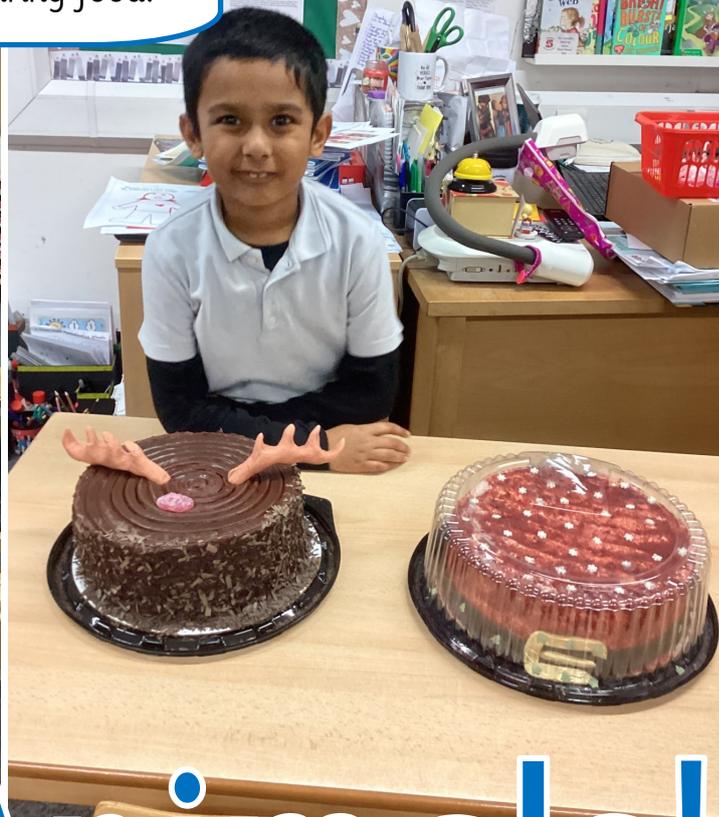


Pupils performed a piece called “The Wood of Word” along with students who attend schools belonging to the RSC network that we lead. They performed at The Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford.



Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture

It's party season at Sydenham Primary School. Children in each class have enjoyed playing games together and sharing food.



Party Animals!

Here are Year Four Wagtails in action. A highlight of their party was the amazing cake that Dhru's mum made!



RSC Performance at School

As you may know, Sydenham Primary School works very closely with The Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC.) We are the lead school for their local network and Mrs Keys coordinates lots of exciting activities and opportunities in collaboration with the RSC Associate Schools team.

As part of this partnership, **the RSC will be performing "Romeo and Juliet" at school.** The show is specially adapted to be suitable for children aged 7+ and, after being premiered at Sydenham, it will go on tour nationally as part of the First Encounters project.

All pupils in Years Three to Six will watch the show on either Monday 29th January 2024 or Tuesday 30th January 2024. There will be no charge for this because our Pupil RSC Ambassadors are fundraising to cover the cost.

You are invited to watch a community performance on Tuesday 30th January at 6.30pm in the school hall. Tickets will cost £6.50 and can be purchased using the following link:

<https://RSCatSydenham.eventbrite.co.uk>

There are 150 tickets available on a first come, first served basis. This is a fantastic opportunity to see a professional performance of a classic Shakespeare play and we very much hope that you will come along with other family members and enjoy the show.

Hot Dinners on Performance Dates

Please note that the main hall will be out of action on Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January 2024. All classes other than Reception will eat lunch in their classrooms and hot dinners will be deli bags. More information to come in the new year.

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Aleksandra

Thursdays are my son's favourite day of the week due to Rocksteady! He absolutely loves it. It's a great addition to his school time.

Caitlin

He loves Rocksteady, and his confidence has come on leaps and bounds.

Rebecca



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Measles and the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine

Dear Parent / Carer,

There has been an increase in measles cases across the country including recent cases in Birmingham, Solihull and Coventry. Most of the measles cases are children who have not had the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

This letter is to give you information about measles and encourage you and your family to have the MMR vaccine.

About measles

Measles is a disease which spreads very quickly and easily in communities such as schools and nurseries where people have not had two doses of the MMR vaccine. Measles can cause serious illness and can be fatal. People in certain at-risk groups, including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weak immunity (immunosuppressed) are at increased risk of complications if they catch measles.

Vaccination with two doses of MMR is the only way to give people maximum protection from this serious disease.

The first signs of measles are:

- High temperature (fever)
- Cold like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, coughing, sneezing
- Red, sore, watery eyes
- A non-itchy, blotchy red brown rash. This usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes starts around the ears before spreading to the rest of the body). The rash can be harder to see on darker skin tones.
- Small white spots appearing inside the cheeks and on the back of lips (for a few days)

Anyone who contracts measles is infectious for four days before any rash appears and for at least four days after the start of the rash.

Anyone with measles symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP practice or NHS 111 for advice. After contacting the GP or NHS111, you should try to rest and stay at home.

If you do need to visit a GP or hospital, you must call ahead to let them know that it could be measles. The staff will make special arrangements to see you and/or your child so that, if they have measles, they won't pass it to others.

If your child has measles, they cannot attend nursery/school or group activities for 4 days after the start of the rash.

Important information about the MMR vaccine

The MMR vaccine can be given to anyone who missed their MMR vaccinations when they were younger. People can 'catch-up' by booking in for MMR vaccination at their GP practice free of charge.

The first dose of MMR vaccination is offered to children soon after their first birthday. The second dose is normally given before your child starts school.

- If your child has not received two doses of MMR vaccination as part of their childhood immunisation programme, you should take up the offer of the MMR vaccine for your child.
- If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) or you can contact your GP to check.

It is never too late to get vaccinated. MMR vaccination is very important when there are cases of measles in the community. This is because any child or adult that has not had at least one dose of MMR and comes into contact with a person with measles cannot attend nursery/school or group activities for 21 days after contact with the infected person. This is the time it can take for measles to develop.

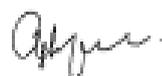
Did you know?

- One person with measles can infect 9 out of 10 unvaccinated close contacts.
- For people who do not touch any pork products, there is a version of the MMR vaccine which does not use porcine gelatin in its production.

More information about measles and MMR vaccination can be found on the NHS website at www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/.

Thanks for your support.

Best wishes,



Dr Shade Agboola
Director of Public Health
Warwickshire County Council



Johnny Kyriacou
Director of Education
Warwickshire County Council



Happy Holidays

We wish all of our lovely families a very merry Christmas and hope that the holiday brings you peace and relaxation. Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January.



Sydenham Superstars



Peace and joy to you
all.

From Miss Glenny.



Reception and Key Stage 1



Key Stage Two