



# World Book Day



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**On Thursday, we celebrated Book Week with a brilliant dressing-up day. Pupils came in a range of book-themed costumes which really lit up the learning in our classrooms. Throughout the week, pupils have been creating pop-up books provoked by a class text. Some books are fiction and others non-fiction. They all feature mechanisms such as levers and flaps to bring the text to life.**

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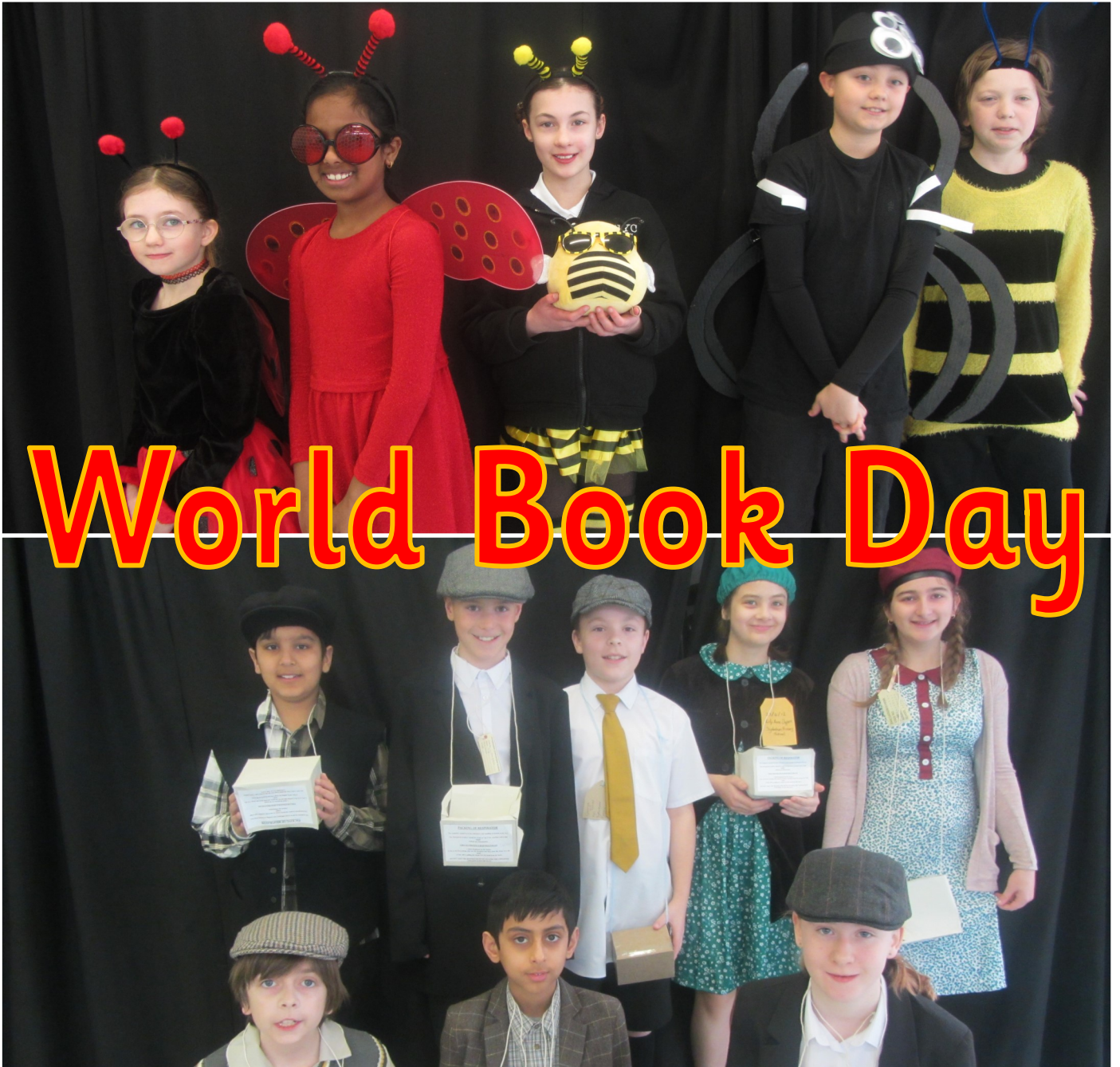




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On Wednesday, we were visited by author, Katie Sahota. Katie read one of her books in assembly then worked with Y6 Swans.

Katie helped pupils to plan and write a short story set during World War Two (the focus of their History topic.)



The children worked on plot and character development and came up with some very creative ideas. Thank you, Katie!

# Author in Residence



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# Flamenco!

On Friday Key Stage Two were visited by an amazing Flamenco troupe as part of their Modern Foreign Languages learning.



The troupe consisted of two singers, a flamenco guitarist, a cajon player and a dancer.





Pupils joined in clapping rhythms and they even had a go at dancing.



We all loved shouting "Olé" to show our appreciation.

Luke was so inspired that he asked if he could join the band. He accompanied the dancer brilliantly using the skills he's learnt playing for his marching band. Fantastic!





# Royal Opera House

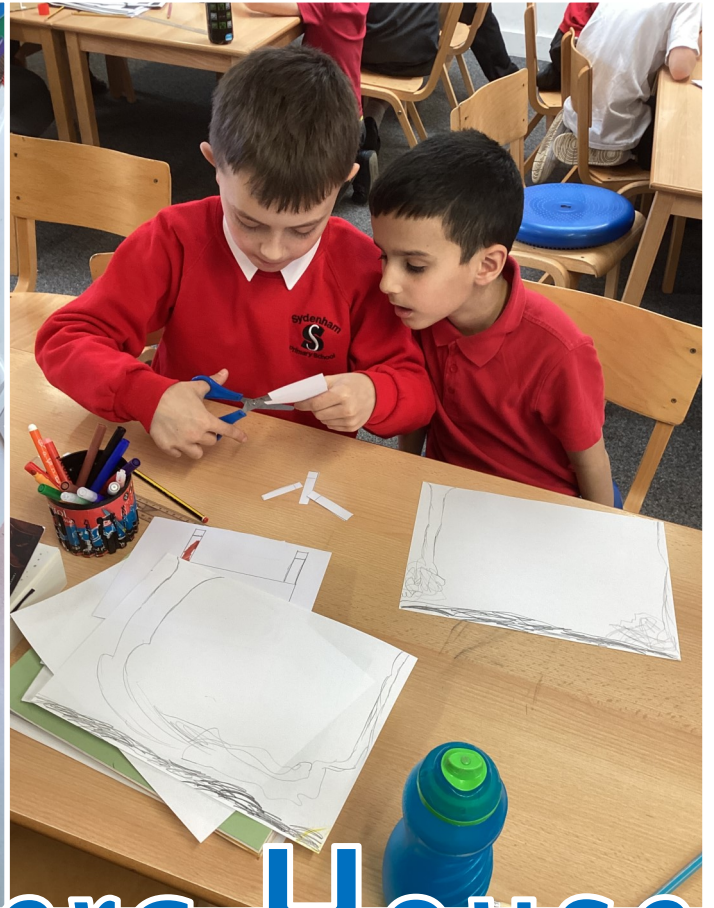
# DT Project

Year Four have continued to work on their Royal Opera House project. Their set designs for "Alice in Wonderland" are starting to take shape as you can see from their designs and 3D models.



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# Football Focus



Well done to our girls football team who came second (out of 12 schools) at the Central Warwickshire girls 4-a-side tournament this week.

Our girls won their group comfortably (2 wins and a draw) and then beat Harbury 4-1 in the semi-final to make it through to the final. After a very tense match, Sydenham lost 3-1 to winners Coten End.

The girls showed fantastic camaraderie and brilliant perseverance. We're very proud of them.



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# Peace Pole



The Rotary Club has presented us with this fabulous peace pole which bears the message, "Let there be peace on Earth." The pole will be installed on the grass at the front of school and we have customised it to include the message of peace in different languages. Once installed, why not look to see whether your mother tongue is represented?



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# Poet Laureate

Tayyaba (our resident Poet Laureate) recently lost her much-loved grandmother. She has written this beautiful poem in memory of her wonderful nan.

## **Nan**

A beautiful, Spring flower that bloomed at every passage and turn she took in life,

Her bright, gorgeous smile lit up like sunshine with the birds tweeting a melody,

Such a selfless woman who kept this family together with her kindness,  
She never moaned or whined between day and night—she was a glorious, shining light.

Although we were there for her, she was also there for us and she taught us how to be caring and loving.

Tears drizzle down our faces but we remember she is now in a happy place and we think about all the cherished memories we have,

She is now with all our other loved ones so we wave farewell and say,  
“ We love you!”

**By Tayyaba (Y5)**





# Half term reading challenge!

**Well done to all of the children who read regularly over half term.** I have begun to give out reading certificates, and will continue to do so next week. Please drop an email to [admin2622@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2622@welearn365.com) if you think your child has missed out!

## Supporting mental health

The assembly theme for this week was of course 'Favourite books'. A new favourite picture book of ours is *The Worrying Worries* by Rachel Rooney, which we shared with the children on Monday.

The story follows a child who has a worry which keeps growing; but once they share the worry with someone, they learn some strategies to help to make the worry go away.

The children enjoyed practising some of these strategies in assembly, including statue-standing, counting breaths, clenching and releasing muscles in our bodies and painting happy pictures in our minds. It's a lovely book to support any child with their worries!





# The Masked Reader



The 'Masked Readers' are back on our YouTube channel, this time reading poems. Please complete the quiz slips sent home this week and return them by Monday. Three slips will be chosen at random and those children will take a prize home, so please don't forget to include your child's name and class on the slips!

# Trophy Winners!

Isla, Ava and Poppy played in a football tournament over the weekend for their football team and the girls won the cup for the Under 9s Central Warwickshire Girls League Festival!

Isla's mum has informed us that they played amazingly and won with having only five players to play all day, no subs, and they didn't concede any goals during the tournament. **What an absolutely brilliant achievement!**





# Y6 Fundraisers

Our lovely Y6 pupils have put their heads together and come up with two fantastic fundraisers to raise money for Guide Dogs and Macmillan Cancer Support. We would love your child to take part and, you never know, they might even win one of our brilliant prizes!

## Help School to Sponsor Its Very Own Guide Dog Puppy

Pay 50p to get your paws on an official Guide Dogs Labrador soft toy. This cute cuddly puppy is 30cm tall and wears a "Guide Dog in Training" coat .



To be in with a chance of giving this this gorgeous pup a home, all you have to do is correctly guess its name from a selection sheet which will be brought round to each class on Friday 17th March .

**All proceeds will be spent on the sponsorship of our very own Sydenham Primary School guide dog puppy.** Pupils will be able to watch our puppy grow from a six-week-old bundle of fur to a fully-qualified guide dog. After 24 months of training, our puppy will give freedom and independence to someone with sight loss, giving us the chance to sponsor another new recruit.

**To participate, pay your 50p by Thursday 16th March using the ParentPay item "Guide Dogs."** A real-life guide dog will visit us in assembly on Friday 10th March as a reminder and the winner will be announced by Destiny, Freya, Olivia, Amber, Gabi and Lily in assembly on Monday 20th March .

## Help to Fund Leading Charity, Macmillan Cancer Support

Enter our competition to win a delicious, hand decorated Thorntons chocolate egg.

To participate, your child must create their own Easter egg design using the template which will be provided on Friday 17th March. **Pay 50p using the item "Easter Egg" by Thursday 16th March** and we'll make sure your child comes home with the template ready to be completed. Return you finished design to your child's class teacher by Thursday 30th March .

All entries will be judged by Mahad, Sara and Frankie and their will be one winner in Reception/ KS1 and another in KS2. Winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 31st March .

We hope you have fun entering these events and enjoy raising money for charity.



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**Article 12: Respect for the Views of the Child**



CELEBRATING MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS AND ALL  
OTHER WONDERFUL WOMEN THIS MOTHERING SUNDAY.



*Sydenham Primary PTA invite you to have tea and cake with your child*

**Thursday 23rd March - 2:15pm**

Or

**Friday 24th March - 2:15pm**

*Cost: **£2.00** per child (adults are free)*

Book on Parent Pay from Monday 6th March and ensure you select your preferred date.  
Please use your child's individual Parent Pay account for booking.

The PTA will confirm your space on Monday 20th March and confirm any food allergies.

Please note this is a first come first served event and due to limited capacity we can only permit ONE adult to attend the event with their child/ children. We also CANNOT admit additional children who are not in attendance of the school.

Once capacity is reached on Parent Pay this event will show as not available





# Diary Dates

Wednesday 8th March	A group of Y4 pupils visiting Lillington Library.
Friday 10th March	Guide dog visiting school.
Monday 13th March	Vision screening for pupils in Reception.
Tuesday 14th March	YR HC Goldfinches class assembly at 10.15am —parents and carers warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March	National Education Union strikes. Please note that some classes may be closed.
Thursday 16th March	Closing date for Guide Dogs and Easter egg fundraisers.
Friday 17th March	Y6 fundraiser—Guide Dogs for the Blind.
Tuesday 21st March	Y5 SD Woodpeckers class assembly at 9.15am —parents and carers warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 22nd March	Holi celebration for Y1, Y3 and Y4—Bollywood dancing and coloured powder throwing.
Monday 27th March	Rocksteady concert at 2pm.
Tuesday 28th March	Y2 CP Wrens class assembly at 10.15am —parents and carers warmly invited to attend.
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
Friday 31st March	Easter Egg competition winners announced.

Monday 3rd—Friday 14th April, school closed for the Easter holidays

Pupils return to school on Monday 17th April



## **Financial Year End**

As we approach our financial year end, we politely ask that you visit your ParentPay account to ensure all outstanding payments are up to date.

If you have an outstanding debt you are unable to repay prior to 10 March 2023 please contact [beck.s@welearn365.com](mailto:beck.s@welearn365.com) for a mutually agreeable payment plan.

## **School Meals**

We have been notified that our school meal provider Educaterers are increasing **the cost of a school meal to £2.42 per day (£12.10 per week) with effect from 1 April 2023.**

## **School Shoes**

We have noticed that some children are wearing high heeled shoes or boots to school which are dangerous in the playground. Please provide your child with a pair of black school shoes (not trainers) with a flat, non-slip sole.

If you are in financial hardship and cannot afford school shoes, please don't hesitate to get in touch as we may be able to help. Thank you.

## **Strike Action March 15h and 16th**

The National Education Union are planning strikes on the above dates. Please note that we may be forced to close classes affected by industrial action on these days if we do not have the staffing capacity needed for cover. Teachers do not have to inform senior leaders of their intention to strike before planned industrial action but we aim to let you know of any closures as soon as possible.