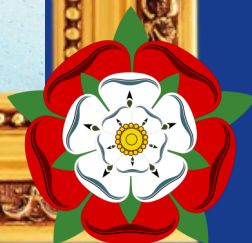
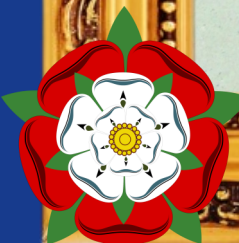


Y5 Dine in Style



Find out what was on the menu when Year Five feasted, Tudor style!



Tudor Banquet



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On Thursday, Year Five joined together in Sydenham's Royal Banqueting Suite for a fabulous feast.



In the morning, pupils made pottage, a Tudor vegetable soup which would have been cooked in a large pot over an open fire.



Traditionally, it would have been served in a trencher—a piece of stale bread used as a plate



Pupils sat at banqueting tables and enjoyed music followed by Tudor dancing.



Royal Opera House



Y4 started work this week on a Design and Technology Project led by The Royal Opera House.

Design Technology Project



ROYAL
OPERA
HOUSE

THE ROYAL BALLET



ALICE'S
ADVENTURES IN
WONDERLAND

Royal Opera House Project

Alice in Wonderland



The project involves designing a set for the ballet of "Alice in Wonderland." On Monday, pupils explored the story of Alice's adventures.



Pupils freeze framed key moments in the story including Alice falling down the rabbit hole and meeting The Mad Hatter, The Dormouse and The March Hare.



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I love my sister because she cuddles me.

I love my brother because he plays with me.

Robins Assembly

On Valentine's Day, Reception Robins presented a super assembly on the theme of love. Children shared who their special people are and why they love them. They also gave a beautiful rendition of "You are my Sunshine" and shared some of their brilliant artwork.

I love Nanny and Grandpops because they take me to the park in Romania

I love Mummy and Daddy because they do nice things with me.



I love my mummy because she learns with me.



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Gymtastic!

Pupils have been showing off their gymnastic skills in Miss Whitehead's PE lessons this week.



We saw some super s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-s



We marvelled at some brilliant balances...



Gymtastic!



And were head-over-heels with some amazing yoga poses.

Arts Ambassadors

Our Arts Ambassadors visited Clapham Terrace Primary School on Tuesday to meet Kate Livingstone, Creative Director of Art in the Park. Also at the meeting was Karen Deasy (Community Outreach Officer) and Arts Ambassadors from St Patricks and Clapham Terrace schools. Kate will be working with the children to plan this year's festival.



Our Ambassadors brainstormed different community outreach ideas for the festival.

Art in the Park

Miss Glenny and colleagues from Clapham Terrace and St Patrick's have raised £7,000 in charitable funding for artists to work in all three schools. Our Ambassadors will soon be meeting these artists to discuss their brief.



Wagtails Assembly



Well done to Wagtails for a wonderful, musical assembly featuring lots of learning about the science of sound.

The audience particularly enjoyed hearing live performances and electronic music created by pupils using the program Busy Bees.



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This week, our news hounds have been discovering more about life in the kitchen by talking to Sydenham's fantastic school cook, Claire.

What is your name and job title? My name is Claire and I am in charge of Sydenham Primary School's kitchen.

How long have you worked at Sydenham? A year and a half.

What inspired you to do your job? A love of food and cooking. I have worked around food for many years and my last job was at Aubrey Allen food hall where I indulged my passion for cheese! I love being at school though because I enjoy interacting with the children.

What is the hardest part of your job? Probably having to cook for two schools—Sydenham and Radford Semele. Each day, my team cooks between 350–400 meals which can be a challenge.

What's your favourite meal on the menu? Definitely spaghetti bolognese because I love pasta and Italian food.

Why do you think it's important for children to have a healthy diet? A balanced diet enables you to grow up big and strong. Healthy food is also good for the brain and eating well can help you to be intelligent. Personally, I enjoy the odd treat but I do like to have a balanced diet.

What do you do to relax? I like to be arty and particularly enjoy 3D diamond dot art. This involves using coloured crystals to make a picture. During Lockdown I finished an enormous picture of a gorilla which looks really good.

Tell us your favourite joke: Here's a cheese themed joke. What did one cheese say to the other when crossing the road? Cross Caerphilly!

Thanks Claire. We hope somebody else is cooking your dinner tonight. Coming up after the half-term holiday, it's Ms Knight.

Journalism Club

On Monday, club members met a real-live journalist, the lovely Lucy Buckham who is also mum to Ella in Year One. Our junior journalists were fascinated to hear all about Lucy's career as a journalist which spans work from writing front page stories in her local newspaper to using the media to lead campaigns and influence the government.



Lucy explained that the journalist's role is to present both sides of a story and hunt out the facts. She said that this can be challenging but also highly rewarding. She shared some of her favourite newspaper reports which even included meeting royalty! Our apprentice journalists were interested to hear about the skills they need to cultivate to be successful reporters, the most important ones being the art of communication and the ability to listen carefully.

Thank you, Lucy, for giving up your time to come and chat to Journalism Club. We hope you enjoy seeing yourself in the news for a change!

Special Visitor



Playlist

Year Four have been using the software “Busy Bees” on Purple Mash to compose their own pieces of electronic music. Pupils explored a range of genres and then created their own compositions with atmospheric titles such as “Rhythmic Waves.”

Marvellous Musicians



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Today we were visited by a clarinettist and flautist from County Music Service



Some of you will be lucky enough to be joining our clarinet and flute club which starts soon.

It was the turn of Jacy and Luke to wow us with their musical talents in Celebration Assembly this week.

Luke plays for The Warwick Corps of Drums and he treated us to some fantastic drum rolls and paradiddles on a practice pad and then a snare drum. Luke marched with his band at last year's Remembrance Parade and played a bass drum. He's certainly got rhythm!

Jacy has been having online piano lessons with a teacher in India for about a year. She played solo and then as half of a duet with Mrs Murphy. She managed to keep in time and play the right notes which is quite a skill.



Marvellous Musicians

Here are Y2 enjoying their weekly music lesson with Mr Beattie. This week, the children played a melody on a xylophone, staying in time with the beat.



Acts of Kindness

The 17th February is Random Acts of Kindness Day.

Kindness is a quality which we very much promote at school through assemblies, our PSHE Curriculum and our role as a Gold Unicef Rights Respecting School. Even the smallest act of kindness can really make a difference to someone's day so here are a few ideas for children to try out:

1. Ask a new friend if they want to play
 2. Write a compliment note to someone
 3. Teach your sibling something new
 4. Ask mum or dad if you can help set the table or tidy a room
 5. Share a toy or book with a friend
 6. Give your mum or dad an extra hug
 7. Compliment the cook on the food
 8. Make a thank you card for your teacher
 9. Pick up litter in your neighbourhood
 10. Hold the door open for someone
- ★ **Bonus:** Smile at someone who needs cheering up

EVERYBODY HAS THE
POTENTIAL TO
CHANGE THE WORLD.

Random Acts of
KINDNESS
Day

IT STARTS WITH ONE.

One Person
One cup of coffee
One compliment
One Smile
One unexpected act of kindness . . .

ONE DAY
February 17

Curriculum: Spring 2 Topics

Reception



Are Carrots Orange?

What do you like to eat? Are you happy to try something new? Explore these questions and more in this project about eating well and being healthy.

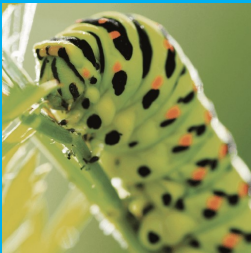
Year One



Bright Lights, Big City

Ding- ding! All aboard the red double decker bus for a tour of our capital city! Learn about famous London landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, Tower Bridge and The Gherkin. Explore the River Thames and consider the role of human features such as memorials, entertainment venues, palaces and places of worship. If you're really lucky, you might even be invited for a royal tea with King Charles!

Year Two



Wriggle and Crawl

Grab your coat and pooter – we're going out and about on a minibeast hunt. Sweep your nets in ponds and lift up logs to see who's home. Then set up a minibeast laboratory and observe their every move. Add notes and labels and ask research questions, just like a real entomologist. Learn about bees and worms and butterflies too. Can you make a food chain to show who eats who? Carry out investigations to find out more, like how far a snail travels in a day and how a spider catches its prey. Then animate to show how your favourite bug transforms from one form to another, perhaps a caterpillar to a butterfly or a maggot to a fly. On your belly, legs at the ready, it's time to wriggle and crawl.

Year Three



Emperors and Empires

So what exactly did the Romans do for us? Tie up your toga and let's find out! Visit the Roman Empire and learn about the structure of society, its inventions and army. See how Britain changed once the Romans invaded and explore the building of roads, the creation of new towns and the development of writing and record keeping. Will you be a slave, a citizen or an emperor? Good luck in the new Roman regime!

Curriculum: Spring 2 Topics

Year Four



Invasion

Run! The Vikings are coming! Learn how Anglo-Saxon life in Britain changed once the Viking invaders reached our shores. Discuss whether to surrender or fight back and compare people's lives before and after invasion. How would you have felt during the raids at Lindisfarne—were you on the side of King Athelstan or not? Were the Vikings misrepresented or do you agree that they were barbarians? It's time to decide.

Year Five



Beast Creator

A bug, a creepy-crawly, a beast. He'll tickle your skin then go in for the sting. Arachnids, insects, molluscs and myriapods, hiding in nooks and beneath darkened rocks. Come search for these minibeasts, and let's sort them out. How many legs? How many wings? Who does it eat and who eats it? Can you classify it? Can you draw it or make it? Build a bug hotel or a wonderful wormery, then watch them wriggle and burrow, mixing earth as they go. Discover where in the world you'll find the deadliest beasts. Perhaps the *Vespa mandarinia japonica* is the one that you fear? Why not become a beast creator? Selectively breed a killer predator that saves the world from the super strong aphid. You'll be a hero. 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly. I don't know why she swallowed a fly. Perhaps she'll die?'

Year Six



Revolution

Are you listening? What is 27 plus 45? Come on, faster now. We haven't got all day. Find out about super strict schools by travelling back in time to a Victorian classroom. Make sure that you're on your best behaviour though, as punishments are unquestionably terrible. Discover a time when great minds thought new thoughts and ingenious inventors created so many things that we take for granted today: the electric light bulb, the telephone and the first flushing toilet. Let's forge ahead to research a time when Victoria was Queen and Albert was Prince Consort, and when some people lived in slums while others prospered. Take on the role of an important reformer and present your good causes to the Queen. Can you gain the support of a wealthy sponsor? Full steam ahead to the Victorian age.

Half term reading challenge!

Has your child been working hard on their reading since September? Whether they are reading books with just a few words, or will happily get their teeth into a novel, I hope that you have been noticing a real difference in their fluency and confidence.

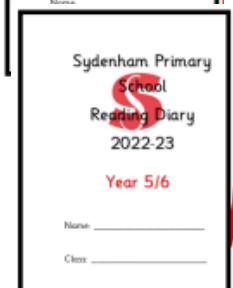
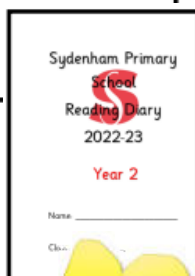
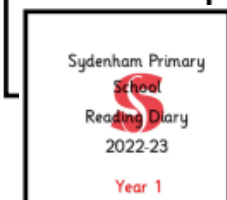
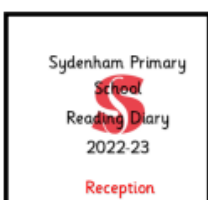
If your child reads on 5 occasions over the half term break, they can come to my office with their signed reading diary for a special reading certificate.

1	2	3	4	5
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Please don't forget to sign your child's reading diary every time they read!

"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – it's that simple."

Bali Rai



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The Masked Reader



The 'Masked Readers' will be back to share their videos on our YouTube channel during our special World Book Day week straight after half term. Look out for the quiz slips that will be sent home on Monday 27th February!

World Book Day 2023

We hope these book warmers have arrived home this week, and that you enjoy looking at them with your child. They are designed to help your children to learn some of the key vocabulary that they will encounter in the book they are looking at in class after half term, as well as giving some background information about the author and the story.



This is the first time that we have designed book warmers, and I would be really interested to know what you think of them! Did your child enjoy using them to find out about the themes of the book? Please send me an email at admin2622@welearn365.com to let me know!

Happy reading everyone, from Miss Challand

Sleep Workshop in Warwick

**A FREE 2-hour workshop for parents and carers running at Westgate
CFC (CV34 4DD)
Tuesday 21st March 2023**

Issues with sleep are common for children and can have a huge impact on the quality of family life.

This two-hour interactive workshop for parents and carers looks at the importance of sleep, the science of sleep, possible causes of sleep issues and offers strategies to help.

To check availability and book your FREE place, please follow the link or QR code below

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>





Understanding Your Teenager Workshop in Leamington

A FREE 2-hour workshop for parents and carers at Lillington CFC (CV32 7QE)
Friday 17th March 2023 at 9.15am

The teenage years can be challenging both for parents and teenagers themselves! But teenager's behaviour does not have to be a mystery.

The aim of Understanding Your Teenager 2-hour workshop is to enhance parent/carers relationships with their teenagers building on parent/carers understanding of teenage development and behaviours.

This workshop will provide you with information about what is going on in teenagers' bodies and brain development to help create positive family relationships and increase your confidence as a parent. Topics covered during the session include What to expect during this phase, understanding your teen, communicating with and empowering teenagers.

To book a place on this workshop please follow the link or QR code below

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Friday 3rd March 3-3:45pm in the school carpark

50p per unbranded item

£3 per branded jumper/cardigan etc

All proceeds to our Outdoor Improvement Fund!



If you are unable to attend but would like to receive some second hand uniform, please email sydenhamPTA@welearn365.com

February Family Fun Day

Wednesday 22nd February

1.30-4.00pm

Come and join us this afternoon in the School Holidays for free refreshments and Half Term fun!

Free Hot
Dogs



Kids
Craft



Tabletop
Sale



Free Hot
Chocolate



And more...



98-100 Shrubland Street, Leamington Spa

Diary Dates

Monday 20th - Friday 24th February, school closed for half-term holiday.

Pupils return to school on Monday 27th February

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.
Tuesday 7th March	Y4 RK Starlings class assembly at 9.15am —parents and carers warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 9th March	Y3 Roman Day
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.
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

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 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.**



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One

Happy holidays!
From Miss Glenny
(Associate Headteacher)



Key Stage Two