

Newsletter 20

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The famous diarist, Samuel Pepys, visited Year One this week to tell pupils all about The Great Fire of London.

> It is not in the stars to how our destiny bu th<mark>ours</mark>elves.

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The children re-enacted the events leading up to the fire which started in a bakers shop in Pudding Lane.

The children learnt how people tried to get the fire under control and heard a first hand account from Mr Pepys' diary.

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What a fun and interesting way to learn about this fascinating piece of our history.

On Thursday, Year Three became real-life Romans as part of their topic, "Empire!"

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The Romans are Here!

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Empire

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soldier 👘

Colosseum

mosaic

shield

Rome



The Romans are Here!

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> The children also learnt about Roman society, the food that people ate and the languages spoken at the time.

> > In the afternoon, pupils had fun playing lots of Roman games— some of them were real brain teasers!

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In Science, Year Four have been exploring different kinds of circuits

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Pupils experimented with the number of batteries in their circuit and the effect this had on a bulb. S

They learnt that the bulb will not light up if the circuit is broken. On Thursday Chloe, Simran and our two Seb's represented the school in an event at Lillington Library.

ibrary Winners

The children shared a presentation about one of their favourite books, "The Boy at the Back of the Class." Then they went head-to -head with other school in a book themed quiz. We were so proud that they beat the competition and won the quiz. Well done!

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Minibeast Hunt



This week, Y5 went hunting for minibeasts! These are invertebrates and other small animals that live in nature.









The children used 'bug catchers', as well as techniques like log turning and tree beating. They had to make sure they were really quiet and gentle so that they didn't disturb the bugs







Pupils found several slugs and worms around school, as well as some caterpillars, millipedes, snails, spiders, ants, woodlice and flies. They will definitely be more observant around school now that they know how many tiny creatures they share the field with! Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 29: Goals of Education

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14 Starlings Assembly

Y4 Starlings presented a lovely class assembly on Tuesday in praise of books and reading. The children talked about favourite texts and how they had been inspired by them

They also sang a brilliant song from the musical of "Matilda" the main character of which is, of course, a girl who LOVES books. Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 29: Goals of Education

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The children had to follow instructions and cut and fold carefully for their pop-ups to work. Here are Year One making their fabulous pop-up books for World Book Day.

Celebrating Reading

Our Starlings and Wagtails have been taking part in the 'Year 4 Reading Celebration', led by the Warwickshire Library Service over the past few weeks. One of the aims of the celebration is to promote pleasure for reading at school and at home - a shared goal for us too! On Wednesday, four children attended the final celebration at Lillington Library, and I am delighted to say that the children won first prize in the quiz section of the

celebrating, beating other local schools with their knowledge of children's fiction.



Well done Chloe, Seb, Seb and Simran!



The Masked Reader



After much anticipation, and over 130 entries, we can reveal that the Masked Readers were none other than...Mrs Cox, Mrs Rastall and Miss Challand! The YouTube videos got over 800 views in total, which is just amazing. We hope that you enjoyed hearing the poems!





Mrs Lee chose three of the entry slips at random - Well done to the lucky children who got to take a book home!









Spotlight on reading at school

At our school, children are given a book to take home to read which is colour banded to represent the level at which they are reading. Below is a chart of these colours and the associated levels so that you can get an idea of how this works.

Remember that every child is different, and some will be further along this scheme than others.

Children in the Infant classes and those who are reading at the earlier stages of the banded system are generally given one reading book to take home to practise their reading (some children are given more than one book depending on their stage,

Year group	Age	Book band level
Reception	4-5 years old	Lilac
		Pink
		Red
		Yellow
		Light blue
Year 1	5-6 years old	
		Green
		Orange
		Turquoise
Year 2	6-7 years old	
		Purple
		Gold
		White
		Lime
Year 3	7-8 years old	Brown
		Grey
Year 4	8-9 years old	
		Dark blue
Year 5	9-10 years old	
		Dark red
Year 6	10-11 years old	

their confidence and how often they read to an adult at home). Children are also encouraged to pick an age-appropriate book of their choice from the library. This book is often too difficult for a child to read solely by themselves, so this is a book for the adult to read to their child. This gives parents and carers an opportunity to share with their child what reading aloud should sound like, as well as supporting their child's listening and comprehension skills. In fact, reading aloud to your child is still really important as they get older and more able to read themselves, even up to Year 6; because they are able to fully immerse themselves in the story without having to do any of the hard work themselves. This website gives some really good tips and research about how and why reading aloud to older children is so important: https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/blog/carry-on-reading-aloud-thebenefits-of-sharing-books-with-older-children/



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Spotlight on reading at school

Some questions that teachers get asked by parents and carers are:

"Why hasn't my child's book been changed yet?" and "Why hasn't my child moved to the next book band level?"

Generally speaking, books are changed in the Infant classes once a week. This is because children need the opportunity to read a book several times at home in order to develop a variety of reading skills — decoding the actual words in order to be able to read them at a good pace; gaining an understanding of what is actually happening and why; and then reading with greater fluency once the book has become familiar. Reading their reading book alongside listening to their library book, and reading other familiar books that they have at home typically takes a week.

Teachers do not move children on to the next book band level unless they are certain that a child is ready in a number of ways: The teacher is listening out for how fluently a child is able to read — if they are reading each word robotically, even if they can recognise every word, they are not yet ready to move on. Equally, if children are able to read quite fluently, but cannot show their understanding of a text through reading with expression (e.g. rising up when reading aloud a question, emphasising a particular work in a sentence) or by not being able to answer questions about what is happening or why, they are not yet ready to move on.

Children who are more confident readers and who are reading longer chapter books will change their reading book less regularly. However, it is important to remember that even when children are confident to read every word in the book, we must always check their understanding both at school and at home. For example, do they get the gist of the story? Are they able to read between the lines (inference)? Are they aware of what some of the unfamiliar vocabulary means? Then we know that they are really developing as readers!

I hope that this has been useful! Miss Challand



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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 .

Y6 Fundraiser

7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.



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Się 7 najlepszych wskazówek, które pomogą ci w rozpoczęciu czytania w domu





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বই সব সময়ই দারুণ কিছু—তবে কোনো ওয়েবপেজে লিফলেট, পড়ুন এবং কমিকস, রেসিপি এবং নির্দেশাসমূহ থাকলে সেটিও কম কিছু নয়। আরো পড়ুন! 2 আপনার শিশুকে প্রচুর কী ? কখন ? কোথায় ? কেন ? প্রশ্ন জিজ্ঞাসা করুন। ? **3** এরপরে কী ঘটতে এটি যদি কোনো বই হয় তবে প্রচ্ছদটি দেখুন—বা শেষ অধ্যায়টি দেখুন—এবং তারপরে কী ঘটতে পারে সে সম্পর্কে কথা বলুন। পারে তা আপনার শিশুকে চিন্তা করতে বলুন। 🗴 আপনার শিশুর পড়া আপনার শিশু যা পড়েছে তা মনে রাখতে আপনি আপনার শিশুকে শেষ করার পর, কী পড়ার ডায়েরি রাখতে বলতে পারেন। পড়েছে সে সম্পর্কে কথা বলুন। 5 আপনার শিশুকে যেকোনো পড়া থেকে লেখা বা ছবি আঁকতে বলুন! সে যা পড়েছে তা লিখে রাখতে বলুন। 6 আপনি যতটা আপনি যখন পড়া সম্পর্কে কথা বলবেন, তখন আপনি আপনার শিশুকে দেখাবেন যে এটি কতটা গুরুত্বপূর্ণ। পারেন পড়ার বিষয়ে কথা বলুন। আপনার শিশুর জন্য পুরো পরিবারকে পড়তে হবে! পড়ার প্রতি আগ্রহ 'দাদু আপনার বইটি পড়া উচিত, কারণ আপনি মজার গল্প শেয়ার করুন। ভালোবাসেন।'



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گھر پر پڑھائی کے عمل میں تعاون دینے کے لئے سر فہرست 7 تجاویز یہ رہیں:



We hope that you find these top tips for supporting your child's reading at home helpful.





BOOK: www.warwickschool.org/rugbycamp

The Warwick Rugby Camp is back for Easter including new skill blocks, new age groups and a girl's camp. ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

GIRLS

Y6-8

TUES 4TH - THURS 6TH

MON 3RD

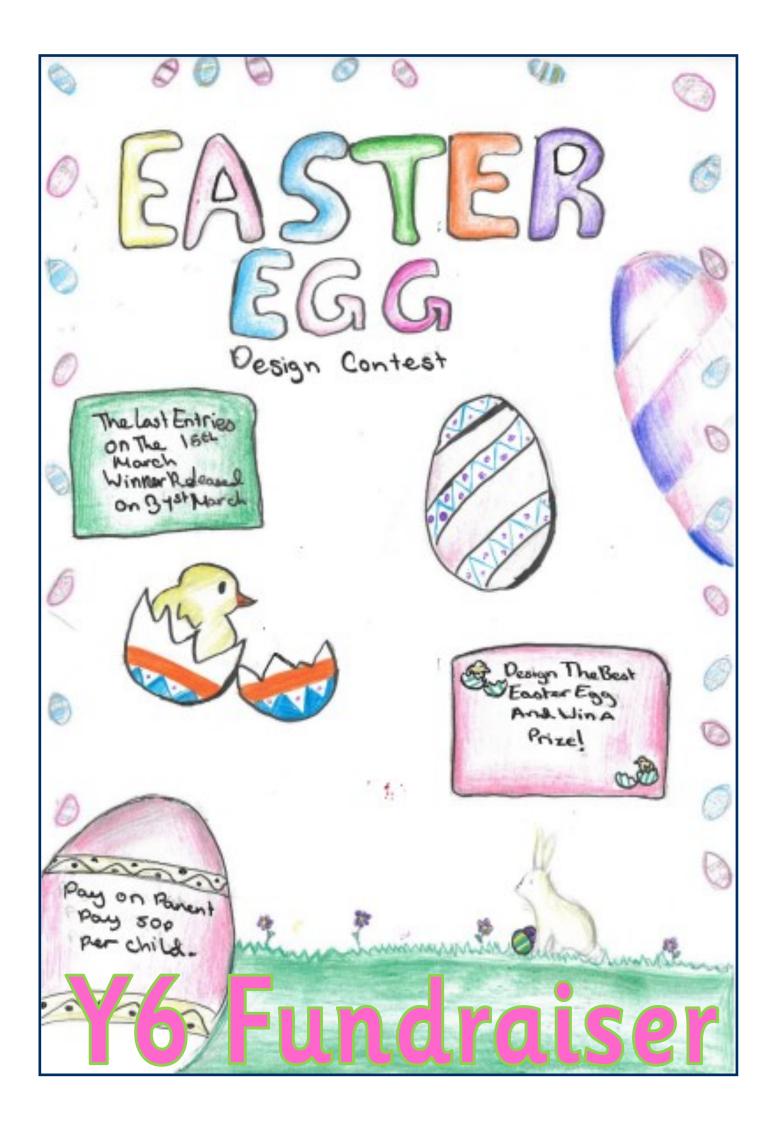
TUES 11TH - THURS 13TH

BOYS Y7/8

BOYS

Y5/6

For more information, call 01926 77 64 66 or email sportscentre@warwickschools.co.uk



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

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 are 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

As per Miss Glenny's email, the following classes are closed on strike days:

- YR Robins and YR Goldfinches
- Y1 Puffins
- Y2 Wrens and Swallows
 - Y6 Swans

Sydenham Superstars





Happy weekend From Miss Glenny (Associate Headteacher)

