



# Happy Holi!

This week we celebrated the Hindu festival of colours—Holi.



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Years One, Three and Four participated in our Holi event which was led by Kalpesh..



Our celebrations started with bhangra dancing.



Happy Holi!





Kalpesh taught us lots of special moves which were really fun.



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We showed off our dance moves to grown ups on the playground.



We loved it when they joined in!







We rounded off our Holi events with a powder throwing celebration!



First, Kalpesh handed out the coloured powder and then we had fun decorating each other in rainbow colours.



Happy Holi!





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Happy

Holi!







We had a fantastic time!

Happy Holi!



On Tuesday, Woodpeckers presented a lovely class assembly.



Despite this being a short half-term, pupils have packed in lots of exciting learning including a topic on mini-beasts and a healthy eating project led by a professional chef.

# Woodpeckers Assembly

As you can see, the children shared some lovely art work.



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# Woodpeckers Assembly



These beautiful observational drawings of a bee were lovely to see.








As part of their mini-beasts topic, Y5 pupils designed, made and evaluated a bug hotel.

# Woodwork Project




The children thoroughly enjoyed using different materials and real tools to create their bug hotel which will become a warm and cosy home for insects in our Forest School area.




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Year 5 pupils visited our Year 3 classes today as experts in Design Technology.

# DT Experts



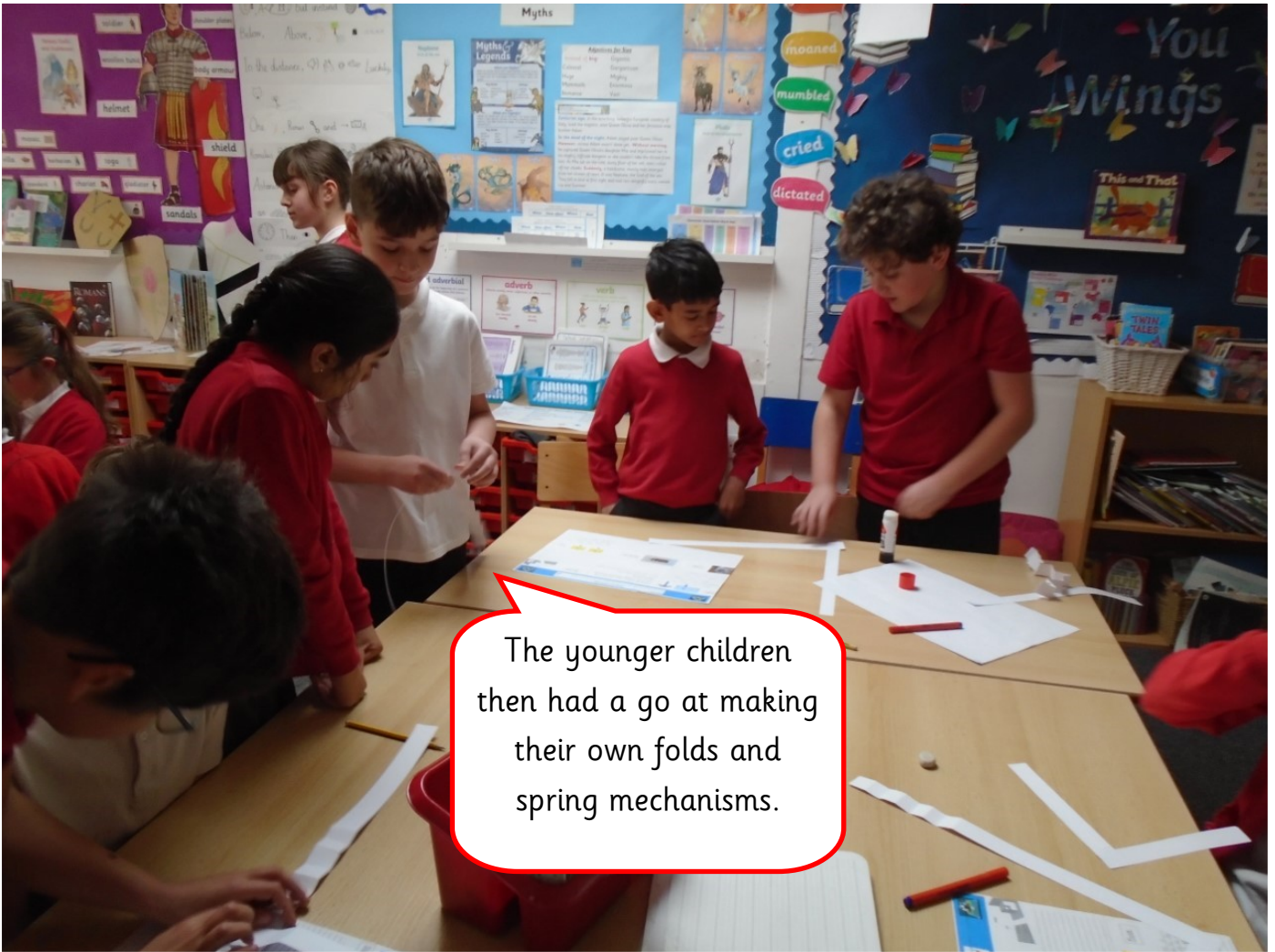
They showed off their skills in paper engineering by modelling how to make different pop-up mechanisms.



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The younger children then had a go at making their own folds and spring mechanisms.




What lovely collaborative working.






Look at all these amazing strong and loving Mums who came to our PTA Mother's Day tea parties this week.



Every mum, step-mum, foster carer or special guardian deserves to be spoilt once in a while!

# Special Women



We're so pleased that you got to put your feet up for a while and enjoy a cuppa and cake with your wonderful children.





Thank you to the PTA for organising this event and to our families for supporting it.



# Special Women





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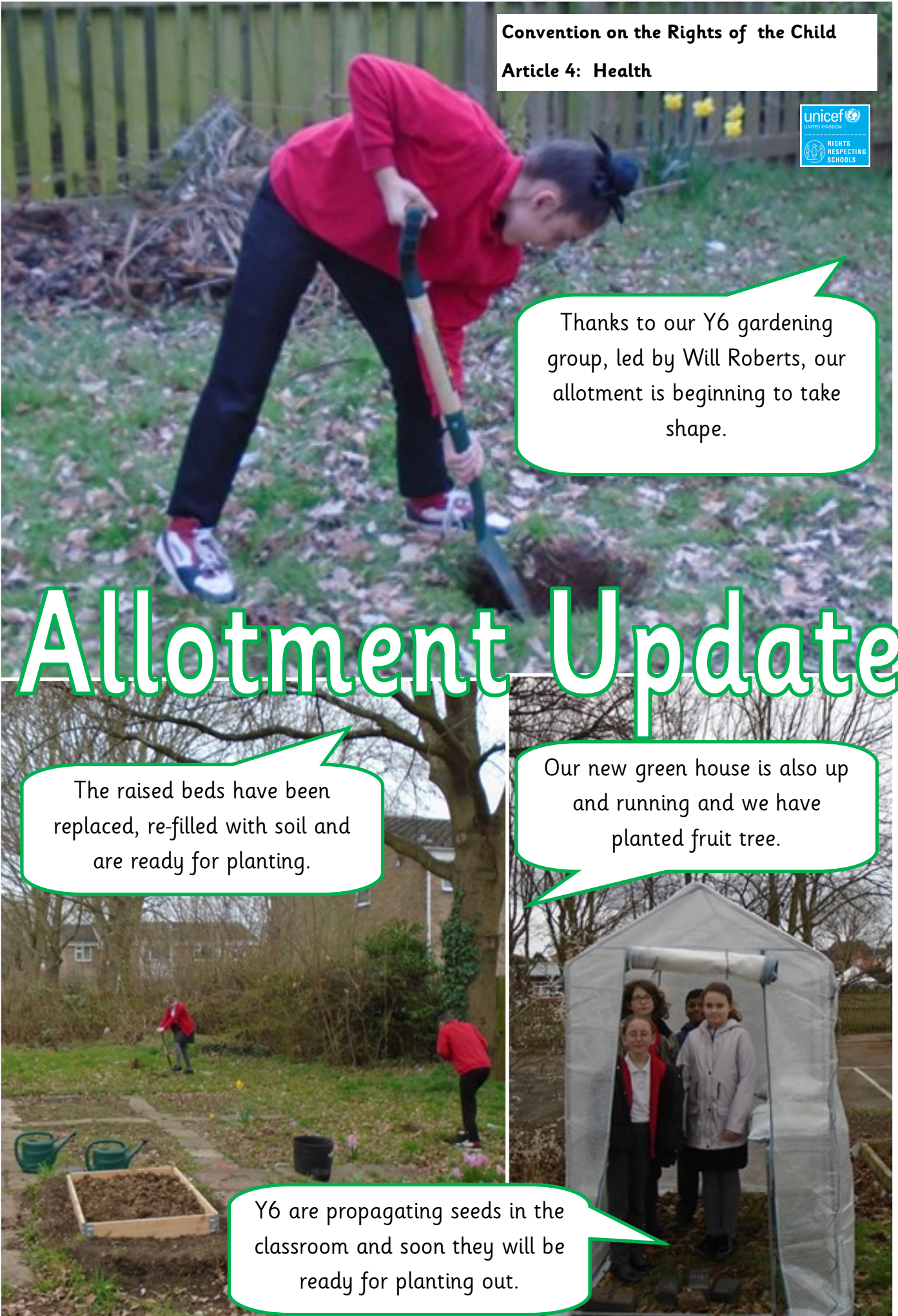
Thanks to our Y6 gardening group, led by Will Roberts, our allotment is beginning to take shape.

# Allotment Update


The raised beds have been replaced, re-filled with soil and are ready for planting.

Our new green house is also up and running and we have planted fruit tree.

Y6 are propagating seeds in the classroom and soon they will be ready for planting out.








As part of our Eco School renewal, we have been working hard to reduce litter and promote recycling.

This week, Y3 and Y6 pupils have been litter picking and we have also installed a clothing recycling bank.

# Eco School



Y6 have also been writing environmental poems as part of a competition run by The Big Green Recycling Machine.

We're thrilled that Isaac, Keva and Lily's poems impressed the judges so much that they will be published in a book.



# Iranian New Year

This week, Aeris and Eva shared a celebration with their class that is very special to them—Adenoreuz or Iranian New Year.

The girls shared items, all beginning with “s,” that are symbolic at this time of year in their culture. They include sabse for rebirth; surzane for sweetness; sehged for love; ceer for beauty; somarg for sunrise; serke for age; cell for prosperity and sombole for Spring. You can see some of the items on the tray that Aeris is holding.

Thank you, girls, for sharing this wonderful part of your culture.



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# Celebrating Reading

Here are two of our Reception children who have been enjoying reading at home. Christopher has been enjoying *Tiddler* by Julia Donaldson, and Lena took the class reading bear, Sorrell, home for the weekend. Luckily for Sorrell, this coincided with a special performance that Lena was taking part in!



Sorrell helped Lena prepare for her 'Little Red Riding Hood' lines at drama school. Lena played the grandma and helped Mum to read the Little Red Riding Hood story at the weekend.

Children in the Infant classes really look forward to spending the weekend with one of the reading bears. For your child to have a chance to take a class teddy home, they need to read on at least 4 occasions in a week. This is monitored by teachers looking at your child's reading diary, so please fill it in every time your child reads!



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# Children who read...



**Are more likely to overcome disadvantage caused by inequalities**



**Are more likely to be happier, healthier and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem**



**Are more likely to do better at school and make more progress across the curriculum**

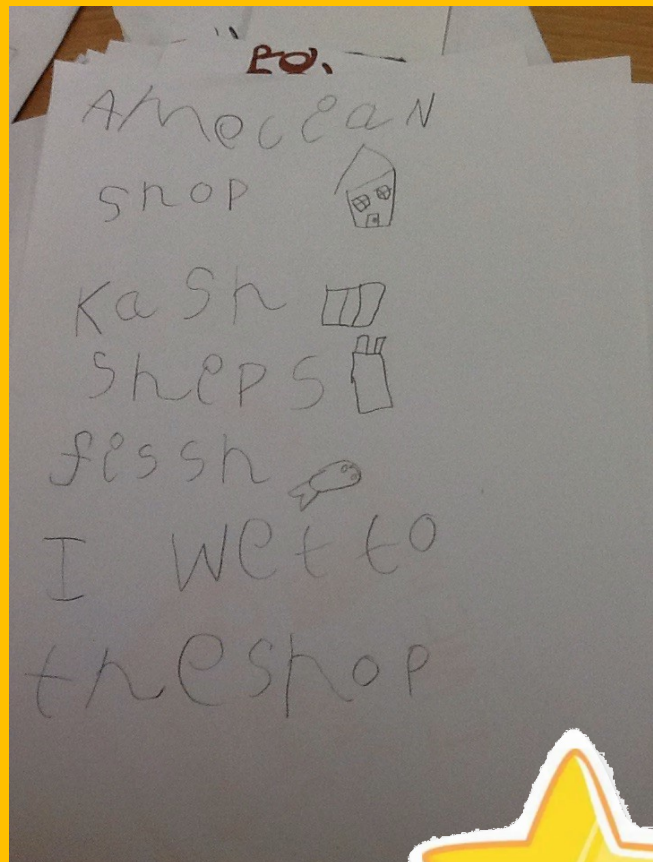
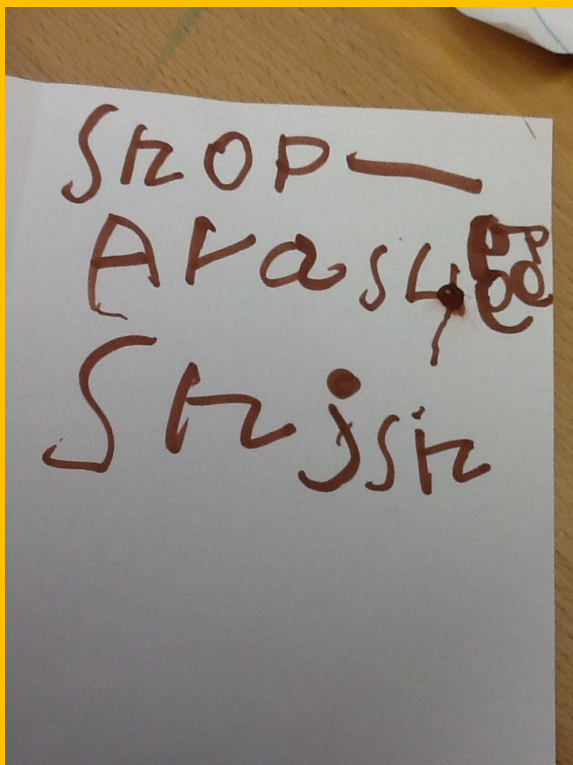
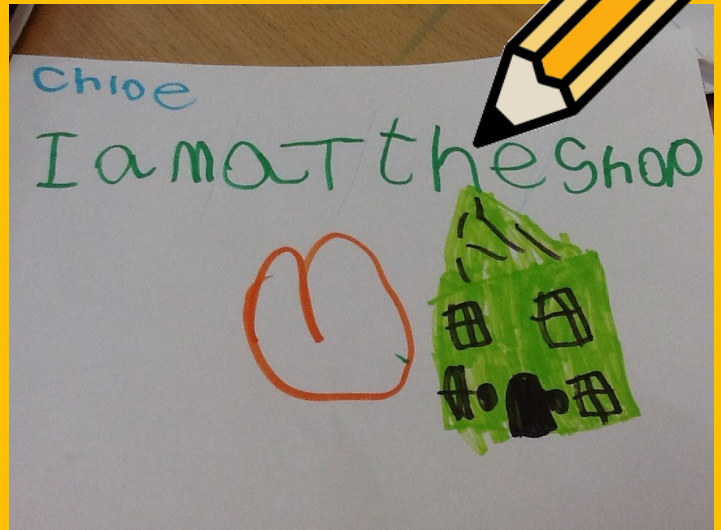
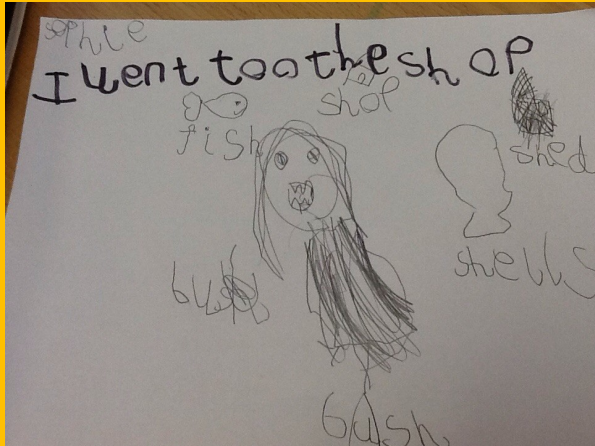


**Are more likely to develop empathy and creativity**



# Showcasing Writing

Reception children have also been working really hard on developing their writing skills. This week, the focus has been on reading and writing the **sh** phoneme.



Haven't they done amazingly at sounding out the words that they want to write!



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# EASTER FUN DAY

Family fun this Easter Holiday!

DATE

**WEDS** 5th  
APRIL

1:30-4:00PM

FREE ENTRY!

Kids Crafts & Activities |  
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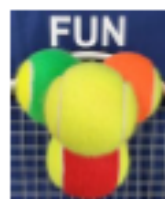


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# RISE MHST

## Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

### Tips For Wellness:

## POSITIVITY

It can be easy to focus on the things that have gone wrong in our day, which may lead to feeling overwhelmed, stressed, worried or sad. By thinking in a positive way and engaging in positive behaviours, we can feel more positive about life too.

Positivity is great for our happiness and wellbeing, and should be practiced every day, not only when we are finding things difficult! You might find it tricky at first but the more you think positively, the easier it becomes.

#### Our tips for increasing positivity:

1- At the end of the day, list 3 things that went well for you (no matter how big or small!) Sharing positive moments with others can also increase our happiness, so why not do this activity with a friend or family member?

2- Ask yourself, "what am I good at?" Think about what strengths and skills you have that help to make you good at this. Share these with a partner and celebrate your successes!

3- Our mood can be influenced by many things, e.g., music, images and words. Choose your favourite uplifting songs and create a 'positivity playlist'!

You might also want to create a poster of positive quotes, song lyrics or photos that make you feel happy (remember to store this somewhere you can access easily).



Scan to learn about optimism and creating balanced thoughts!  
(This 3 part video is suitable for younger ages)

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!

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MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



# Diary Dates

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.
<p>Monday 3rd—Friday 14th April, school closed for the Easter holidays</p> <p>Pupils return to school on Monday 17th April</p>	

**Don't forget that the cost of a school deal increases on Monday (27th March) to £2.45 per meal.**





# Sydenham Superstars



## YR and Key Stage One

Have a super weekend.

Best wishes,

From Miss Glenny

(Associate Headteacher)



## Key Stage Two