



Enchanted Woodland



Y1 visit Forest School



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of Education



Year One went to Forest School on Friday. The children took bark rubbings and explored the textures of the different trees. Well done for some great learning.





Year Four began their cello lessons this week by learning about the importance of pulse.

Pupils practised reading notes and clapping in the correct time in preparation for next week when they play the cello for the very first time.



Ballet Club



We are very impressed by Sydenham's beautiful ballerinas.



Here are the children showing off some of the skills they are learning with Miss Whitehead.

Join Young Voices and sing with the world's **BIGGEST** choir!



Mrs Keys is currently looking for children in Years 4/5/6 to perform at the Young Voices concert at Resorts World Arena in Birmingham on January 27th 2023.

Children taking part in Young Voices have the opportunity to perform alongside incredible artists in an evening performance which parents and carers can attend. Rehearsals are every Thursday and are great fun as you can see from the photographs below.

If you would like your child to join Young Voices, please let the office know. Participation is a brilliant way for your child to improve their self-belief, self-motivation, confidence, and ability to communicate as part of a team - all invaluable skills!





The poster features a light blue background with a decorative border of green leaves and yellow flowers. At the top, there are three horizontal wavy bands of watercolor paint in shades of blue, purple, and pink, with small colorful dots scattered around them. In the center, a white box contains the club's name. To the left of this box is a large, detailed watercolor painting of a yellow sunflower. To the right is a smaller abstract watercolor painting with green, blue, and orange tones. Below the central text box is another white box with the meeting details. To the left of this box is a collage of various watercolor flower drawings, including a pink flower and several yellow flowers. To the right is a photograph of a person's hands painting a pink flower on a white sheet of paper. Below the central text box is a third white box with a message about the club's activities. To the left of this box is a photograph of a person painting a sunflower at a table. To the right are two more watercolor flower paintings: one with a pink flower and another with a large pink flower and smaller red flowers.

Watercolour Painting Club

Thursday-
3.20-4.30
Heron
Classroom

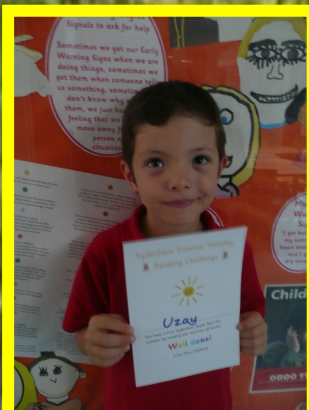
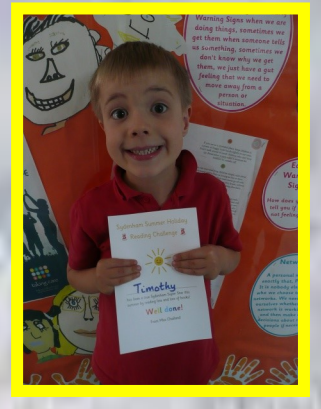
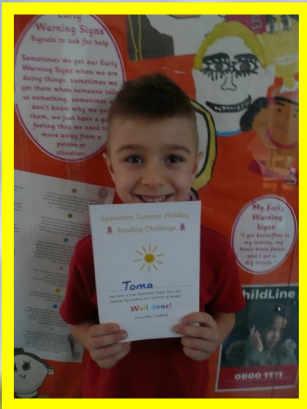
We have created
some beautiful
pieces already
and are
experimenting
with different
techniques
every week.

Celebrating Reading

These children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge, and completed their challenge sheets over the holidays. **What a lot of children we have to be proud of!**



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What an amazing effort, and what a joy to see so many children feeling so proud of their reading achievements.

Well done, everyone!

I have two challenge sheets with no name on, so if your child brought their reading challenge back to school but hasn't received a certificate, please let their class teacher know—Miss Challand.



Farewell Ms Fennelly



We are very sorry to be saying farewell to Ms Fennelly who leaves us at the end of next week to take up an exciting job opportunity working for the Local Authority.

Miss Fennelly has been a very important part of the team at Sydenham for twenty one years and has worn a number of hats including Higher Level Teaching Assistant, Designated Safeguarding Lead and Nurture Practitioner. I know that many of you have found her help and advice invaluable and will miss her enormously.

Ms Fennelly is well loved for her calm, kind and empathetic manner. She has worked tirelessly supporting pupils, especially those with additional needs, and has been a pillar of support for many families experiencing challenging circumstances.

Miss Fennelly will be using her Special Needs expertise in her new job as Assistant Education Health Care Plan Coordinator. We hope to remain in touch with her through this role.

Staff will miss Ms Fennelly hugely on a personal and professional level but we all wish her well with this exciting new adventure. Good luck, Ms Fennelly, and thank you for your years of hard work and service at Sydenham.

Sydenham Superstar



RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST) Tips For Wellness:

Be You!

We are all different. We all have different personalities, different abilities and we all look different too. You should always remember that it is OK to be yourself. If everyone was the same, the world would be a boring place!

Find out who you are! We all have our own likes and dislikes. We don't have to like what others like, and you don't have to copy what other people do if it's something that's not for you. Find out who you are; What do you enjoy doing? What is important to you? What makes you feel good?

Be yourself! There's no point in pretending to be someone you aren't because the best person you can be is... YOU!

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken" – Oscar Wilde

Try one, or all, of these activities:

- Think about what makes you different or unique. This could include things about your personality, abilities or activities which are important to you.
- Ask a friend "what makes you unique?" Remember to listen and respect their answer - It is likely to be different to yours - because we are all unique!
- Spend time doing things which are important to you or make you happy (art, games, sport etc.)

Key dates:

19th - Youth Mental Health Day

19 -25th International Week of Happiness At Work

19 -25th Jeans for Genes day

#ThanksKids recognises the super efforts and kindness of young people and thanks them via personalised #NHSStars certificates and pin badges. Please spread this message amongst your school community, all you need to do is let us know by nominating the young person using this email address: cwp-tr.thankskids@nhs.net and we'll do the rest!!

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.

Christmas Theatre Visit Year 3 and Year 4

Jack AND THE Beanstalk



This year's legendary Belgrade pantomime is the enchanting tale of Jack and the Beanstalk.

The children will be travelling to the village of Prickly Bottom where the evil giant Blunderbore is causing havoc! What the village needs is a hero brave enough to climb up to the giant's castle and send him packing. Will Jack and his mysterious beanstalk prove to be the heroes we are looking for? There's only one way to find out!

Jack and the Beanstalk will feature spectacular scenery, stupendous costumes, magical mayhem and a show stopping giant that make a trip to the Belgrade panto an unmissable Christmas treat.

Funny, festive and extremely feel-good, don't miss out on this absolute GIANT of a show.

On Thursday 24th November at 10.15am

The children will travel by coach to The Belgrade Theatre. School pick-up time will be at 3.20pm, as usual.

The cost of this visit will be confirmed soon, when we have received quotes from coach companies.

Please note that school will be subsidising the cost of the trip and meeting the costs for all adults. When costs have been confirmed, parents and carers will be able to pay in instalments via Parent Pay.

Christmas Theatre Visit Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We are very excited to have booked tickets for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to visit Warwick Arts Centre On Thursday 8th December at 10.30am to see *Stick Man*. The children will travel by coach to Warwick Arts Centre. They will eat lunch when they are back in school, and school pick-up time will be at 3.20pm, as usual.

The cost of this visit will be confirmed soon, when we have received quotes from coach companies.

Please note that school will be subsidising the cost of the trip and meeting the costs for all adults. When costs have been confirmed, parents and carers will be able to pay in instalments via Parent Pay.

JULIA DONALDSON AXEL SCHEFFLER



What starts off as a morning jog becomes quite the misadventure for *Stick Man*: a dog wants to play fetch with him, a swan builds a nest with him, and he even ends up on a fire! How will *Stick Man* ever get back to the family tree?

This award-winning production, from the team behind *Zog*, *Tiddler and other Terrific Tales*, and *Tabby McTat* features a trio of top actors and is packed full of puppetry, songs, live music and funky moves.

Christmas Theatre Visit Year 5 and Year 6

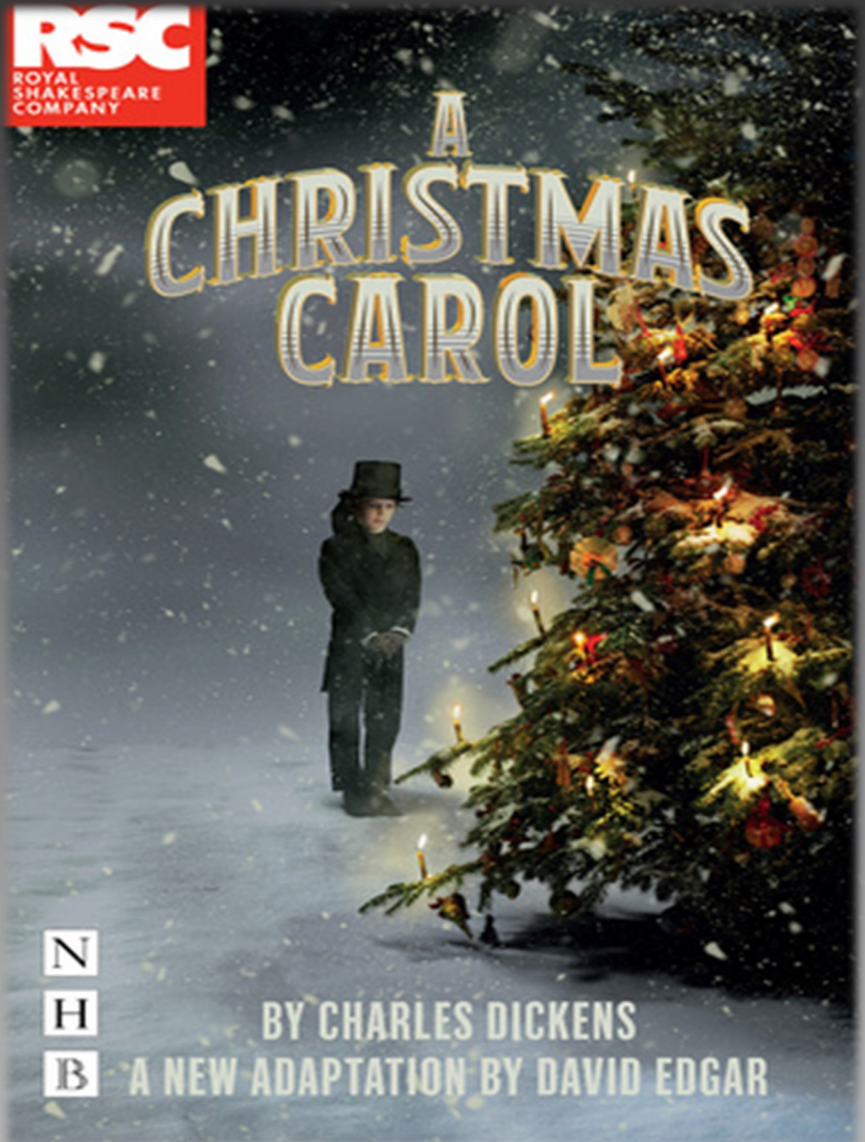
Charles Dickens' festive tale of redemption and compassion. One of the most loved short stories ever written.

On Tuesday 8th November at 7pm.

The children will travel by coach to The RSC.

The cost of this visit will be confirmed soon, when we have received quotes from coach companies.

Please note that school will be subsidising the cost of the trip and meeting the costs for all adults. When costs have been confirmed, parents and carers will be able to pay in instalments via Parent Pay.



The smash hit of Christmas past returns to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre by popular demand following sell-out success in 2017 and 2018.

Adrian Edmondson will play Ebenezer Scrooge in David Edgar's critically acclaimed adaptation of Charles Dickens' much-loved classic, A Christmas Carol.

In 1843, Charles Dickens decided to write a political manifesto, exposing and condemning the abject misery of the Victorian poor. Instead, he wrote one of the most enduring popular short stories ever written. In one ghostly Christmas night, miserly businessman Ebenezer Scrooge discovers the limitations of his life and beliefs. He learns to pity himself and to love his neighbour – but is that enough?

A Christmas Carol is the perfect accompaniment to the festive season for ages seven to 107.

We are looking for After School Instructors and Teaching Assistants to join our team

Initial hours are 3:45pm to 5pm Monday, Wednesday
and Friday with further after school clubs available
Hours are term time only with additional holiday
hours available with workshops, camps and ad hoc
sessions during school holidays



The role involves:

- Introducing the learning topic to children
- Giving demonstrations of Lego models
- Explaining technical concepts in a simple, age appropriate way
- Meeting & greeting parents and children on arrival to class
- Passionate about Lego and STEM
- Assisting children in building Lego models if needed
- Encouraging and motivating the children and praising where applicable
- Candidates must be energetic, outgoing, confident, articulate, and able to build relationships with parents and children
- Experience of working with children is desirable
- Full training will be provided
- Candidates must be willing and able to carry equipment to and from schools and therefore must have access to suitable transport
- Willing to carry out safeguarding and paediatric first aid training

**£10 - £15 per hour for teaching assistants and
£15 - £20 per hour for Instructors dependent on experience**

**Contact 07454877709 or warwick@youngengineers.org
for further details or to submit your CV**

Diary Dates

Tuesday 27th September, 10.15—10.30.	Y2 CP Wrens class assembly in the main hall — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 27th September	Y4 Starlings and Wagtails—trip to The Sealife Centre.
Wednesday 28th September, 9.00 – 9.15am	EYFS road safety awareness assembly.
Thursday 29th September	YR Robins and Goldfinches—trip to Compton Verney.
Tuesday 4th October	Y1 EL Kingfishers, Reading River at 9.15am. Parents and carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 5th October	Y1 EG Puffins, Reading River at 9.15am. Parents and carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 11th October, 9.15—9.45	Y6 JvS Swana Spoken Word event—Parents and carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 12th October, 9.15—9.45	Y6 CB Moorhens Spoken Word event—Parents and carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 18th October, 10.15—10.30.	Y2 LM class assembly in the main hall — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 18th October	Y5 Kittiwakes and Moorhens—trip to The National Space Centre.
Tuesday 18th October	Peer mediation training for Y6 JvS Swans.
Thursday 20th October	Peer mediation training for Y6 CB Moorhens.
Friday 21st October	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring a 50p donation to School Fund if your child wears their own choice of clothes to school.

Friday 21st October—break up for Half-Term.

Monday 24th—Friday 28th October school closed for Half-Term holiday.

Pupils return to school on Monday 31st October.

Tuesday 8th November	Y5/6 theatre visit to see The Royal Shakespeare Company's production of "A Christmas Carol." 7pm performance.
Tuesday 8th November, 9.00—9.15.	Y6 JvS Swans class assembly in the main hall — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 21st November	School closed for INSET (teacher training) - rehearsal room pedagogies, led by The Royal Shakespeare Company.
Tuesday 22nd November	School closed for INSET (teacher training) - Emotion Coaching, led by Dr Louise Gilbert.
Wednesday 23rd November	School closed for INSET (teacher training) - Attachment theory and PACE, led by The Educational Psychology Service.
Thursday 24th November	Y3/4 theatre visit to The Belgrade Theatre to see "Jack and the Beanstalk." 10.15am performance.
Wednesday 30th November	YR Robins and Goldfinches Nativity performance—Receptions parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 7th December	Y1/2 carol concert—parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 8th December	Y3/4 carol concert—parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 8th December	Recorder players performing in the local community.
Friday 9th December	Y5/6 carol concert—parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 9th December	Christmas jumper day! Wear a festive outfit to school.
Thursday 8th December	YR/1/2 theatre visit to see "The Stick Man" at Warwick Arts' Centre. 10.30am performance.

Friday 16th December—break up for the Christmas holiday.

Monday 19th—Friday 30th December school closed for Christmas holiday.

Monday 2nd January—school closed for bank holiday

Tuesday 3rd January—school closed for INSET—Inclusion training, led by The Education Psychology Service.

Pupils return to school for the Spring Term on Wednesday 4th January



Sydenham Superstars



EYFS & Key Stage One



Key Stage Two