

Year 5 Pizza Chefs

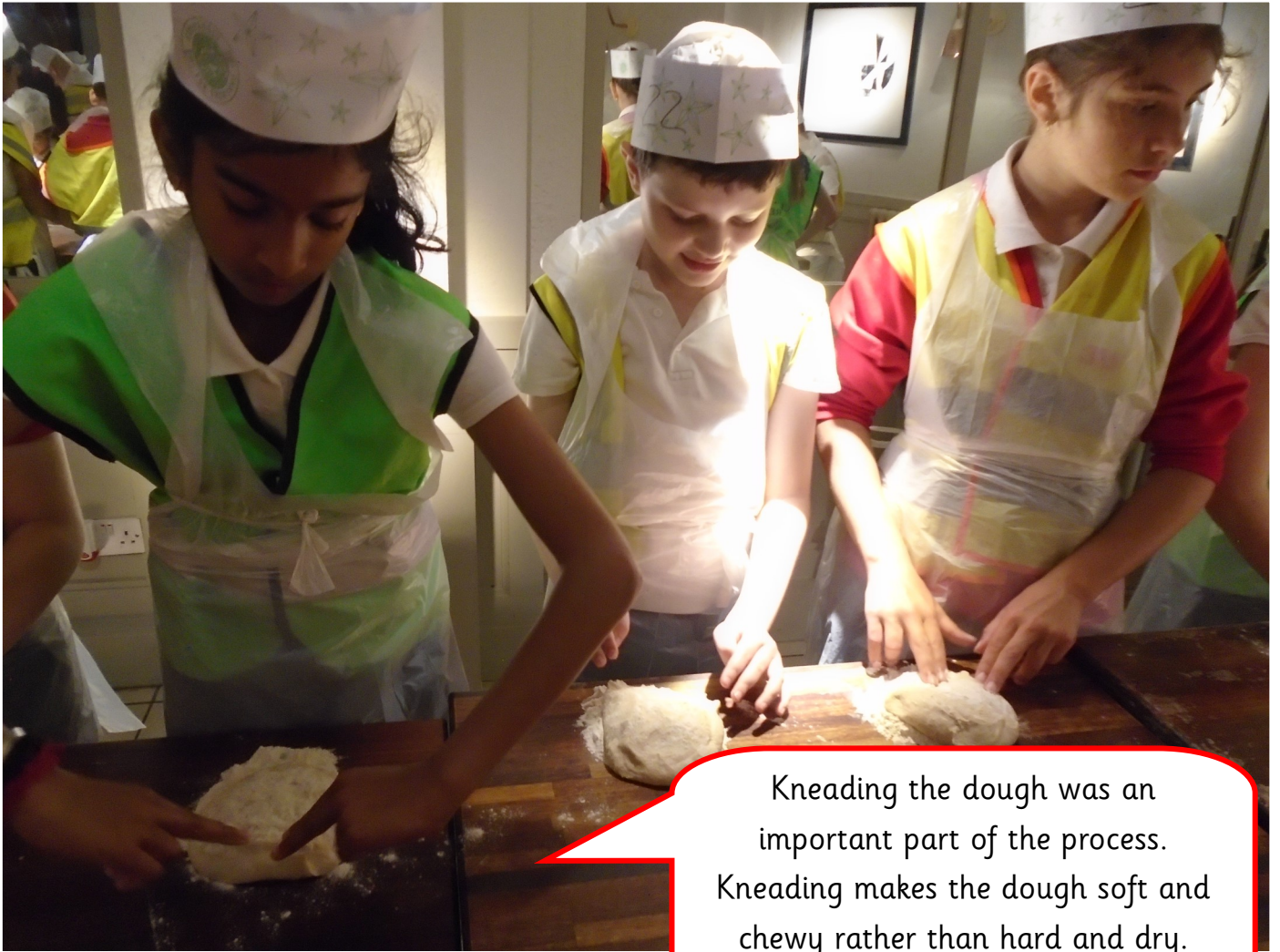
This week, Year Five visited Pizza Express to learn the art of professional pizza making. Pupils had expert tuition in making and shaping the dough before adding passata and their own choice of delicious and healthy toppings.



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Kneading the dough was an important part of the process. Kneading makes the dough soft and chewy rather than hard and dry.





Tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese made a perfect topping.



The children stopped at the park by the band stand to enjoy their handiwork. Everybody gave their pizza full marks for taste.



We loved making pizza!
Thank you to all the staff at
Pizza Express for helping us.

RE Gold Award



Sydenham Primary School

Has been awarded...

RE QUALITY MARK GOLD

For embedding excellent, creative and innovative RE practice throughout the school and for recognition as outstanding in the wider community.

Sarah Lane Cawte

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Chair of the Religious Education Council of England and Wales

We are thrilled to announce that Sydenham Primary School has been recognised by The Religious Council of England and Wales for its excellence in RE teaching. The Council has given us its highest award and shared the following feedback after meeting with Mrs Lee, RE Subject Leader. (Please see the next page for the feedback.)



RE Gold Award Feedback

This is a school where religious diversity is taken very seriously, and pupils are encouraged to share their beliefs and practices with their classmates. Tolerance and respect are key values. The curriculum is structured around Big Questions and places an emphasis on what it is like to live as a religious, or a non-religious person in the world of today. The subject is kept relevant and engaging and pupils are encouraged to question and debate. Relationships with local faith communities and places of worship are being established post-covid with a view towards a vibrant programme of visiting and welcoming visitors to the school. The teachers and pupils share an enthusiasm for the subject which is immediately evident.

This is a community school which is a gold award holder for UNICEF. This makes it very different to the faith schools, which are often the ones to seek accreditation with REQM, and it was a real pleasure to see how the UNICEF principles are applied in the teaching of religion. The school has used the award as a way of assessing current practice and planning for future developments.

As a UNICEF Rights Respecting Gold school, the whole school ethos of this richly diverse school creates a safe environment of respect for all. RE leads the way, with big questions taking pupils on a journey, supporting the needs of all. The passionate RE subject leader is very well supported with a strong senior leadership team, committed to serving and learning from others. RE is brought to life through first hand memorable experiences underpinned by a vibrant programme of visits and visitors. Here, RE has a high profile and is celebrated with parents, affirming to the whole community. Pupils are proud of their achievements and are integral to continually and consistently improving the quality of RE. Well established Year 5 and 6 Learning Detectives help observe lessons, providing feedback to their peers on engagement in learning, an important aspect of pupil voice.



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Article 14: Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion





On Wednesday and Thursday, our Arts Ambassadors worked with screen printer, Jim Duncan, to make their own unique pieces of artwork.

Screen Printing Fun

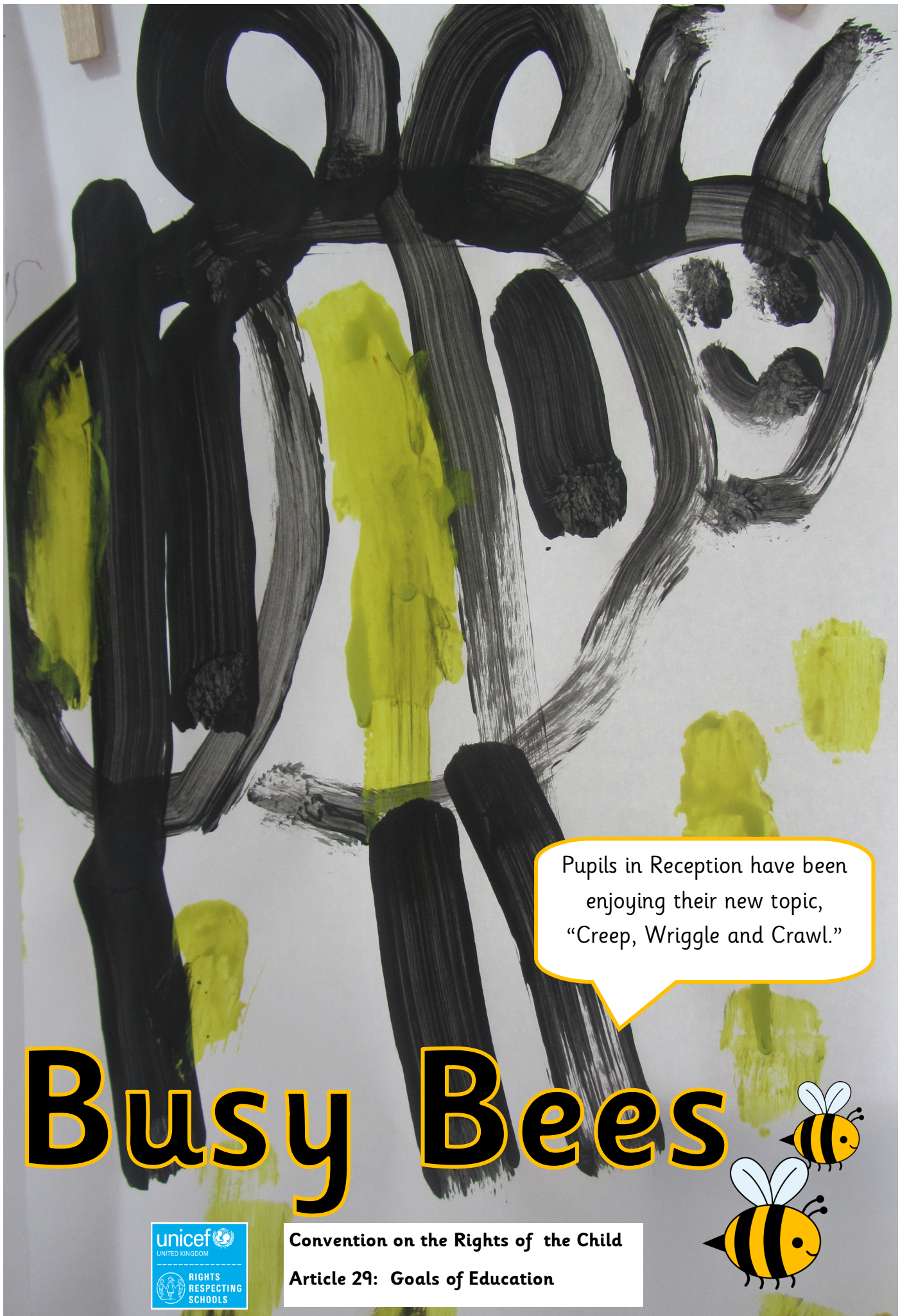
The children used stencils and vibrant, acrylic paints to create images on the theme of "present." Pupils were inspired by endangered species of animals.



Pupils' work can be seen in our pop-up gallery at Art in the Park on August 5th and 6th. If you come along, you can also try your hand at screen printing free of charge with Jim.



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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture



Pupils in Reception have been enjoying their new topic, "Creep, Wiggle and Crawl."

Busy Bees



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As part of the topic, pupils were visited by Jo from "Friends of the Honey Bee" on Thursday.

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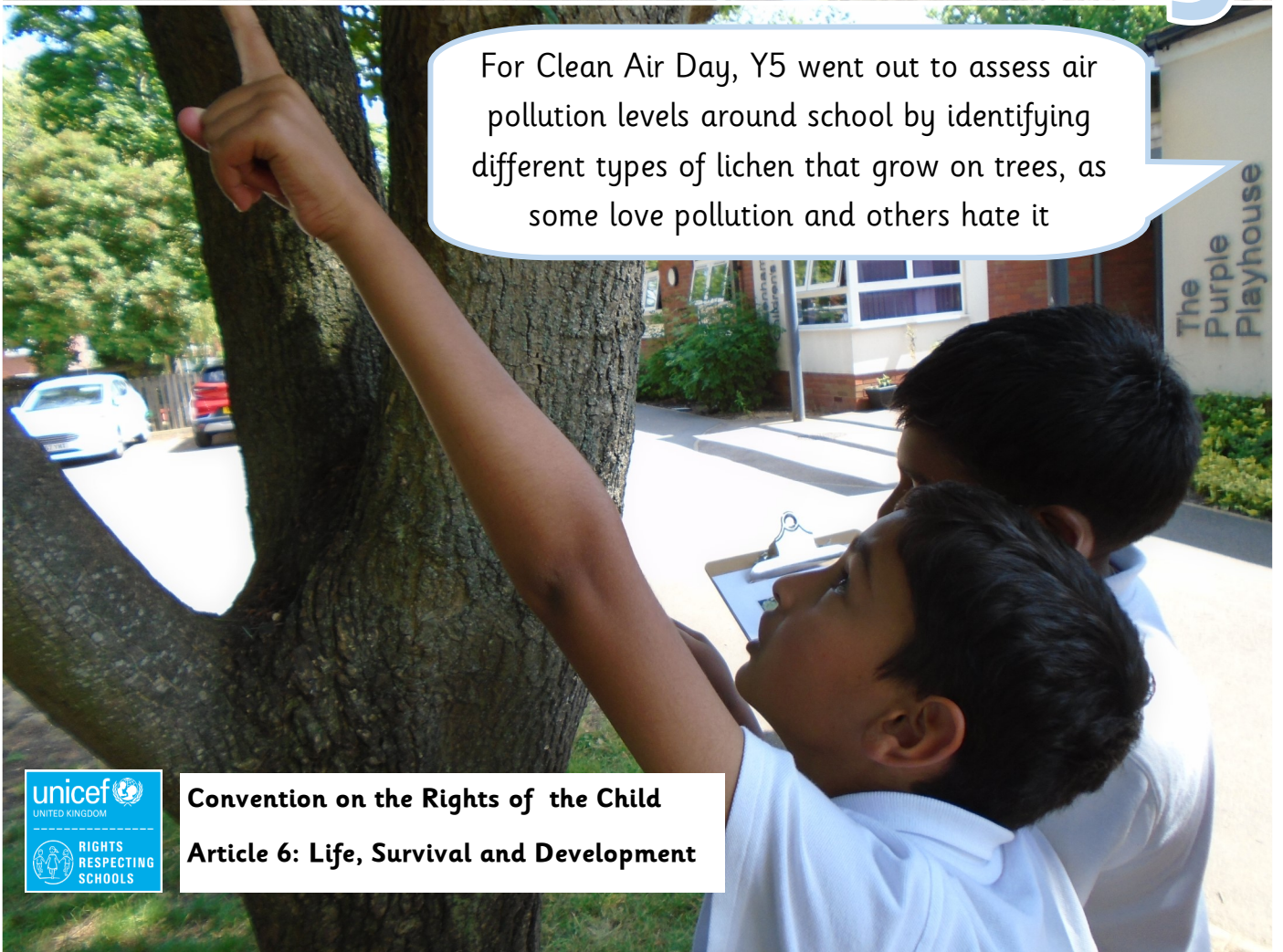


Jo talked to the children about how bees help our environment. Pupils then played a game which taught them about pollination.



Clean Air Day

For Clean Air Day, Y5 went out to assess air pollution levels around school by identifying different types of lichen that grow on trees, as some love pollution and others hate it



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Article 6: Life, Survival and Development



Pupils discovered that the higher air pollution levels were around the car park, whereas the air wasn't as polluted further into forest school or up the field



Well done to the thirty children in Key Stage Two who represented our school at the district athletics competition on Thursday after school.

Pupils competed against children from seven other local schools in a range of field and track events. They behaved impeccably and really tried their best.

A big thank you to Mr Lee who organised the event and to Mrs Madahar and Mrs Rastall for helping to look after the children.

District Athletics





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Macbeth in Y1

Year One have begun work inspired by William Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

Today, they looked at the scene involving the witches and had fun role playing events from the play.



Y6 Traffic Survey

Year Six have been out and about in Leamington town centre carrying out Geography fieldwork. Their task was to survey the traffic passing through town.



The children also interviewed pedestrians, asking them for their views on traffic. They will be analysing their data and representing it in graph form.



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Play Leaders



Play leaders help to make decisions about how we use the outside space.



We help children to think of games to play.



We teach children new playground games.



We look out for children who have no-one to play with.



Play leaders remind other children to follow the Golden Rules.



Play leaders enjoy sports and being active.



Play Leaders are kind and helpful.

Our super Year 2 and Year 4 play leaders are going to be leading assembly on Monday to share some very exciting news with the rest of the school. **Watch this space!**

Job Opportunities

We currently have the following vacancies at our school for September 2023.

Please visit

<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/>

for further details.

- Midday Supervisor - Two days per week (Thursday and Friday) 12 noon to 1.30 pm.
- Midday Supervisor - Monday to Friday 12.00 noon to 1.30 pm.
- Teaching Assistant - Monday to Friday 8.50 am to 3.20 pm with one hour for lunch.

Sydenham Primary PTA Summer Fayre



Friday 14th July

3.20 - 5.20pm

Raising money for our BIG PLAY PROJECT

~ making our playground as fun and
inclusive as possible ~



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

AS WITH PREVIOUS EVENTS WE CANNOT RUN WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT.

Please email us if you can help
sydenhampta@welearn365.com

RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

12th June - Men's Health
Week & Loneliness Week

CARING

There are lots of different ways to be caring and show that you care. This can be offering help to another person, being curious about others and their lives, showing genuine concern for others and being there to listen.

One small act can have a bigger impact than we realise, it could inspire others to do the same and contribute to making the world a better place.

Taking the time to be compassionate and show that you care will not only positively impact others but will internally boost your own self-esteem and wellbeing. This can bring us closer to each other and provide us with a sense of belonging, purpose and trust in others.

'Sometimes it only takes one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life' - Jackie Chan

Our tips for caring:

1- Caring Chain

Pupils each to write down an act of caring they can do for another person or for themselves on a strip of paper. Create a paper chain with each of these strips by folding and linking them together. This can then be displayed in the classroom and pupils can be encouraged to give a new act of caring a go each week.



2- Try to identify 3 ways you have been caring towards yourself and 3 ways you have been caring towards others. Then set a goal for another caring act you can carry out over the following week.

#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!

thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

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.



Could you be our next champion swimmer?

Leamington Swimming Club is running an assessment session for swimmers to join our highly successful Achievers Scheme, which is the introduction to competitive swimming.

Sunday 09 July 2023 at Newbold Comyn

1.30pm to 2.30pm

For children in Year 3 who can swim 50m front crawl and backstroke and 25m breaststroke

2.30pm to 3.30pm

For children in Year 2 who can swim 25m front crawl and backstroke.

Please e-mail treasurer@swimleamington.org to reserve a place or with any queries

Diary Dates

Monday 19th June	Y4 river walk.
Tuesday 20th June	YR trip to Stratford and The Mad Museum.
Tuesday 20th—Wednesday 21st June	Y6 residential to Blists Hill Victorian Town.
Thursday 22nd June, 9.30am.	Tour of the school for Reception parents/carers 2023/24.
Monday 26th June	Y1 trip to West Midlands Safari ark.
Thursday 29th June	Y3 online lesson delivered by Lapworth Geology Museum .
Friday 30th June	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring 50p if your child comes to school in their own choice of clothes.
Tuesday 4th/Wednesday 5th July	New playground marking being installed.
Tuesday 4th July	Extra induction day for Y6 pupils transitioning to Campion.
Wednesday 5th July	Changeover Day—pupils spend the day with their new teacher. (Y5 SD will still go swimming.)
Wednesday 5th July	Y6 visit spend the day at their secondary schools.

Sport's Days—see Miss Glenny's email for more information.

Wednesday 28th June, 10.00—11.30am—Years Three and Four

Friday 30th June, 10.00—11.30am—Reception

Friday 30th June, 1.30—3.00pm—Years Five and Six

Tuesday 4th July, 10.00—11.30am—Years One and Two

Diary Dates

Friday 7th July	Instrumental concert at 2.00pm. Parents of pupils learning an instrument at school are
Monday 10th—Tuesday 11th July	RSC National Playmaking Festival, Stratford.
Tuesday 11th July	Y5 JE visit to Pizza Express.
Tuesday 11th July, 9.30—11.15am	Stay and Play sessions for Reception pupils 2023/24.
Thursday 13th July	Y6 leavers' trip to Harry Potter World.
Friday 14th July	PTA Summer Fayre, 3.20—5.30pm.
Monday 17th July	Rocksteady Concert at 2.30pm.
Wednesday 19th—Thursday 20th July	Y5 residential to Kip in a Ship, HMS Belfast, London.
Friday 21st July	Y6 JvS leavers' performance and certificates, 9.30—10.45am
Friday 21st July	Y6 CB leavers' performance and certificate, 1.45 –3.00pm
Tuesday 25th July	Break up for the Summer holiday.

Pupils return to school on Monday 4th September 2023

INSET DAYS 2023/24

School will be closed for in-service (teacher) training on the following dates during the next academic year

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 2nd October 2023

Monday 4th December 2023

Monday 8th January 2023

Monday 3rd June 2024



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes from Miss Glenny
(Associate Headteacher)



Key Stage Two