

Farewell Year Six



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We'll Miss You All!



On Tuesday, Y6 enjoyed a leavers' dinner and disco. Pupils were treated to a three course meal, served by staff, and a silent disco. Pupils have also received a free hoodie, autograph book and photograph sticker set as a memento of their time with us.

Y6 Leavers' Dinner





We will really miss our Y6 children and know that they will all go on to be incredibly successful at their secondary schools. Thank you, Y6, for your wonderful leavers' performance and awards' assembly. Farewell and good luck

Class of 2022



We're so proud of you!



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Good luck!



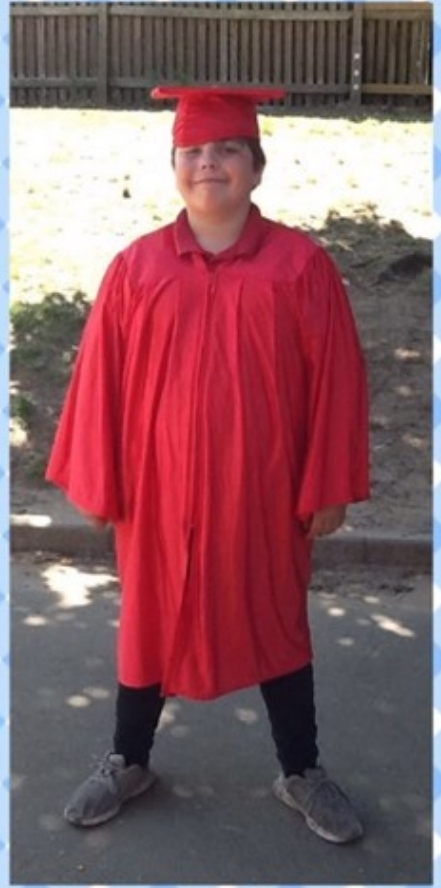
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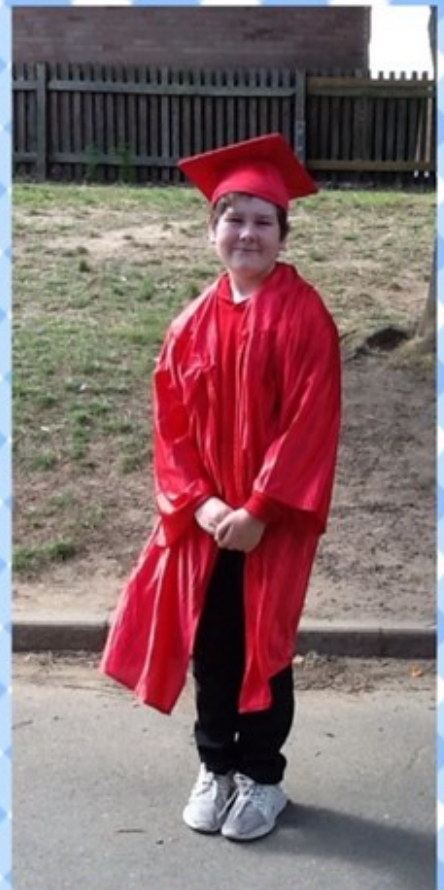
All the best!



Congratulations!



We know you'll do well!



We wish you lots of luck!



You're true Sydenham Superstars!



Thank you for coming to our school!





Changeover Day



On Tuesday, we had an enjoyable but very HOT Changeover Day. Look carefully at the pictures and you will even see the children in Y5 JE cooling their feet in trays of cold water under the table!





Pupils enjoyed activities such as reading, singing and drawing. They spent time getting to know their new teachers and sharing their likes, dislikes and favourite hobbies.





Staff were very impressed with the children in their new classes. Well done, Everyone, for beating the heat and showing your new teachers how wonderful you all



Take one Picture

Y4 SM have been using stop-motion animation techniques to bring their ideas about “A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas” to life. Pupils were drawn to the depiction of the ocean in the painting and experimented with creating chalk pastel images of the sea when calm and then stormy. This work became the backdrop for the children’s animation which was created using software on the iPad.



We explored opposites in the painting.

Our ideas were represented as mind maps.

We collaborated to create large, chalk pastel pictures.

Y4 SM Animation



Calm before the
Storm

We blended the chalk to create a natural looking sunset.

We wanted to show the different layers of the ocean.

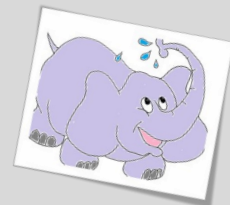
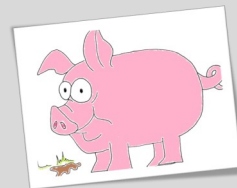
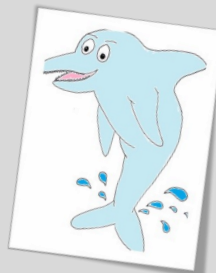




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YR Growth Mindset

Reception pupils put their growth mindset to the test when they visited Y1 on Tuesday and were challenged to make a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows. The children all needed to use their learning characters—especially the “have a go” pig and “never give up” elephant. Well done to everyone for doing such a great job.



Take One Picture

Y3 have also been looking at Vernet's painting, "A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas."

The children discussed their ideas jointly and decided to write letters to imaginary loved ones and characters from the painting and post them into glass bottles.

Year Three

Pupils also decided they wanted to build 2D and 3D sculptures in the forest school for their project - using tea-stained paper to act as sails in the storm.



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Here is the finished work!

Take One Picture



Summer Holiday Reading Challenge

A reminder that children from Reception to Year 5 will be bringing home a summer holiday reading challenge sheet today, or at the beginning of next week. The aim of the challenge is to help to support you to maintain your child's enthusiasm for reading during the long break, and hopefully for them to keep building on the skills that they have worked so hard on this academic year.

Sydenham Summer Holiday Reading Challenge

How bright can you make your Sydenham sunshine? For every day you read in each of the named weeks, please add a ray of sunshine to your sun! I have drawn one line in the first week as an example (there could be a maximum of 7 lines in each box for the 7 days of the week). Please return this sheet by Friday 16th September so that you receive a special certificate, and maybe even a prize!

Name: _____ Class: _____

For every day that your child reads at home, they can add a line of colour to the sun's rays on the sheet. The aim is to make their sun as bright as they can before the end of the holidays. Any reading can count towards the challenge - a book, comic, recipe, road signs, song lyrics, postcards, letters etc.

Every child who returns their sheet by Friday 16th September will receive a special certificate, and I will choose three sheets at random to receive a prize!

Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand



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SPREAD THE WORD!

You could help us to win £1000 of books! Nominate our school, and if your entry is picked, you will win £100 of National Book Tokens too. The closing date is 29th July, so very soon! To make a nomination, please visit:

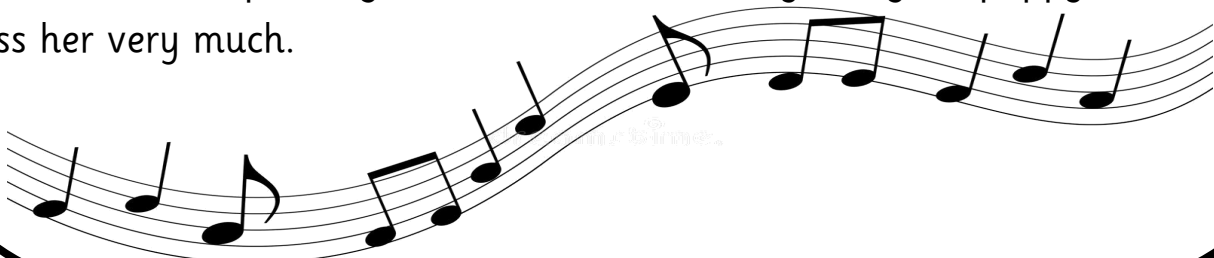
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Goodbye Mrs Godwin!



On Wednesday we said farewell to Mrs Godwin, who has been teaching music to the Infants at Sydenham for the past 16 years. The children sang to her and presented her with some beautiful cards to show their appreciation for all of her hard work and kindness. Mrs Godwin is looking forward to her retirement, and spending time with her new, very energetic puppy! We will miss her very much.



Goodbye Mr Sidgwick



We are incredibly sad to be saying goodbye to one of our much-loved teaching assistants, Mr Sidgwick, who is leaving us to pursue an exciting new adventure. Mr Sidgwick has been working at Sydenham for six years and has been the most incredible support to our pupils, especially those with additional needs. Mr Sidgwick is taking up a new job as sports' coach and mentor to young people on apprenticeship courses– a role we all know he will flourish in. Staff and pupils will really miss Mr Sidgwick for the wonderful care and kindness he displays on a daily basis.

Good luck, Mr Sidgwick!

Volunteer Stories

Sydenham & Radford Semele Scout Groups



Debbie Will

Beaver Scout Leader

"Having been around the scouting movement one way or another for many years - including being a venture scout myself, I have experienced the benefits of being involved with such an important part of the community. Both of my children have been through the scouting programme from Beavers and are still very much involved in scouting now - one as an explorer and the other as a leader and a role at district level. During my time with 1st Sydenham I have made some amazing friends, learnt some invaluable skills, watched many children achieve success and generally had an absolute ball doing it. The magical bit for me has been all the skills and experience I have been able to gain from other leaders and helpers. All very different, but that's what makes it so amazing. My greatest unplanned successes in scouting so far include - sleeping under the stars on an empty island, whizzing down a zip line and managing to keep one eye open, cooking for over 60 people and not burning a thing and finally driving a minibus full of singing scouts home from camp and knowing most of the words! All new to me at the time, all learnt from others and their tricks and tips. I've now got my own skills to share and plenty more to learn - I can't wait to see what happens next on my scouting adventures."

"I enrolled my 3 children into the Scout group so they could enjoy all the amazing activities and experiences. A little while later I volunteered a short amount of time at a camp, I could see there was a great team of leaders working and having fun together to make the wonderful weekend for the children possible. This inspired me to get more involved and become a leader within the team. I had skills and ideas to bring to the group and have gained a great many more along the way. While being a leader has its own set of challenges, there's really fantastic support and helpful training available. I've found volunteering and making a difference to the children, help them learn new things and form lasting memories enormously rewarding, plus we get to enjoy the fun activities too!"



Dave Alcock

Scout Leader



Naomi Northey

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader

"As a parent, having seen my eldest son completing his Gold Scouting Award and how much he got out of the experiences he had whilst being a Cub, then a Scout, I then enrolled my youngest in Beavers. It was at the AGM I realised what a struggle it can be keeping such a fantastic group going so I decided to put myself forward for the position of Assistant Leader. I now help with Beavers and Rachael, the Beaver Section Leader, is the main lead on everything so I assist with all the meetings and activities including hikes! Lockdown was a challenge however we came through it as a team. My main input has been helping to plan and support lots of fun activities. Radford Semele, like Sydenham, is an amazing group and I would hate to see either of them struggle due to lack of volunteers."

We're re-starting 1st Sydenham Scout Group. If you would like to help, or get involved the please contact [John Godbert](mailto:John.Godbert@Leamingtonscouts.org.uk) at GSL.RadfordSemele@Leamingtonscouts.org.uk



See You in September

As the academic year draws to a close, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy holiday on behalf of all the staff at Sydenham Primary School. As always, your amazing children have continued to work hard at their learning, showing enormous good humour, resilience and perseverance. They are an absolute credit to you and the school and we're so proud of them all.

We thank you for your continued support and appreciate everything you do to maintain the ongoing emotional wellbeing and academic progress of your children. It's a privilege to work with such wonderful families—you make our school a very special place.

To those of you who are leaving, we wish you the very best of luck and hope that you have many happy memories of your time at Sydenham Primary School. We won't forget you!

I hope you have a restful summer break and manage to spend time with your friends and loved ones. We'll see you back in school on Tuesday 6th September refreshed and ready to learn.

**Kind regards from Miss Glenny on behalf of the
Sydenham Primary School team.**



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