

RSC Ambassador



Training

As you know, Sydenham works closely with The Royal Shakespeare Company and is one of its Lead Schools. On Thursday, we hosted training for RSC Pupil Ambassadors. Local primary, secondary and special schools sent Ambassadors to learn more about the “37 Plays” project and how they can get involved. The training was delivered by an RSC Director-Mentor and it was an inspirational morning. You can learn more on the next two pages.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture





PROUD TO BE A LEAD ASSOCIATE SCHOOL



SYDENHAM
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“37 Plays” is a new, national playwriting project led by the RSC. The company are seeking the stories of our times: the comedies, the tragedies and the untold histories and are inviting school children to write a play over the next 12 months. The chosen 37 plays will be performed across the UK and online in Autumn 2023.



It's Your Time...



Each class will be participating in “37 Plays” at Sydenham. Our RSC Ambassadors will support pupils and help them to generate plots, settings and characters. The finished plays will be sent to the RSC and, if we’re really lucky, one of them might get performed!

Tell Your Story

Watch Out!

Learning Detectives



We're on the hunt
for excellent
learning...

and we're coming
to your classroom
SOON!

So make sure you're
using your Learning
Characters.

on the Case

We'd like you to meet our wonderful Learning Detectives—pupils who are trained to spot good learning in the classroom. Our Detectives were chosen by their classmates for the role because they themselves display a positive attitude to their learning. They are trained to accompany senior school leaders into the classroom during lesson observations and are on the lookout for children using their Learning Characters to help them make progress. Over the next few weeks, our Detectives will be visiting classrooms and Willow and Tayyaba have already visited Year One.



On Wednesday, Tayyaba and Willow visited a Y1 Kingfishers' RE lesson. The children were learning about special places of worship and our Learning Detectives were impressed to see pupils listening, concentrating and asking thought provoking questions.

Y1 Kingfishers RE Lesson



We thought the children were really enjoying their learning. They all had a go and wanted to share their ideas. **(Tayyaba and Willow)**



Learning Characters



Our Learning Characters remind us what we need to do to be good learners.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 29: Goals of Education




Circle of Hope

Artist, Libby Essler, worked with Y6 on Friday as part of Warwick District Council's project, "Circle of Reflection and Hope." The children created their own flags made from white, recycled t-shirts. The flags reflected how they felt about their time during the covid-19 pandemic and their hopes for the future. The flags were inspired by the four themes that are central to Tibetan prayer flags: compassion, peace, strength and wisdom.




UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 24: Health



On the day we broke up for our half-term holiday, the amazing Magic Russ visited Sydenham.

Magic Show



Russ amazed us with some incredible tricks and made us laugh with his jokes. We really enjoyed meeting his very naughty monkey—thank goodness it was only a puppet.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the show!



Key Stage One pupils are really enjoying Mrs Summerell's Dancing Around the World, lunch time club. At the club, pupils learn different, international dance styles such as salsa, flamenco and even Cossack dancing! The children have shown brilliant rhythm, a love of music and lots of enthusiasm. Keep on dancing, children!



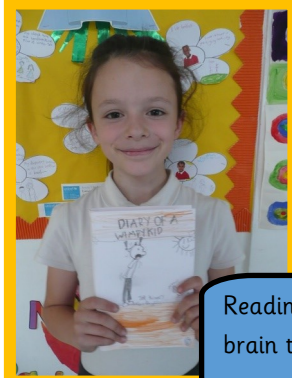
UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 30: Minority or Indigenous Groups

Reading Assembly

This week, the children attended an assembly dedicated to reading. I showed them some of the pictures below as a snapshot of what happens throughout the year at school, and asked the children 'Why might assembly be about reading today?' and 'How do you know that we are a school that loves reading?' The responses were so lovely to hear!



We read special books in our classrooms.



Reading helps your brain to grow.



If you can read, then you can do anything!



Look at our amazing classroom doors.



Learning to read is not just about reading. It helps you to be a brilliant writer too.



What fantastic costumes!



There are book shelves everywhere!



Handy Reading Strategies

We hope that your child enjoys reading at home too!



High quality books

We will ensure that your child has a reading book which is suitably pitched to build both confidence as a reader and fluency. We will also provide your child with a free-choice library book for enjoyment. Allowing children free choice helps them to develop their identities as a reader as they learn which books/ authors they like and which they do not. For highly competent readers we will support their exploration of books through our new Rainbow Readers texts, which start from Year 1.

The importance of reading

The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. Reading for pleasure can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health. Engaging with books allows us to be transported to other places and worlds. We can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters or learn more about the world around us.

Reading is a key life skill. It is placed at the heart of our curriculum: we have carefully selected texts which will ignite children's imagination, inspire their curiosity and provide a window to the world.

It is commonly said that a child's future academic success and job prospects are directly related to their reading proficiency.

Parents/carers in partnership

It is crucial for both school and parents to actively teach our children to read. We need you to create a home environment where reading is encouraged and seen as a pleasurable experience.

Spending just 10-15 minutes reading with your child every day will be invaluable in developing their ability and desire to read and learn.



Reading is the key to success...

School routines

- Your child's reading book will be changed every week in the Infant classes, and changed by the Juniors once they have finished their current book.
- Reading records are checked regularly and children take part in guided reading opportunities throughout the week.

Supporting your child

- Read at least 4 times a week with your child.
- Log your child's reading in their reading diary so that they can access school rewards.
- Make reading time pleasurable by finding a quiet, comfortable space and giving your child your full attention.
- Spend time reading as a family - it doesn't go unnoticed by children if you are a book worm too!
- Ask your child simple questions as they read to check their understanding. Support for types of questions can be found in their reading diary.
- Read to your child as part of your evening routine. This builds vocabulary, feeds imagination and can even improve sleep patterns.

Allotment Fundraiser

Lily, Freya, Destiny and Gabby (Y6 Moorhens) are holding a cake sale on **Friday 11th November** to raise money to replace the wooden, vegetable beds in the allotment. They are currently in a bad state of repair and desperately need to be replaced.



If you'd like to help them raise money, **bring 50p or £1.00** to school on 7th November and you can buy a cake. A trolley of goodies will be wheeled around the classes and, for those of you who are health conscious, savoury baked goods will be available too.

All donations of cakes and baked savouries would be very welcome. Please bring them to school on Thursday 10th November Thank you.



SYDENHAM PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18TH, 5PM
MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**All parents and carers of Sydenham students are
welcome!!**

**The AGM is your chance to hear how the funds we have
raised have been used for the benefit of
the children at our school.**

**An email will be sent with further information and details
of how to request your invitation.**





We are delighted to inform you that Educaterers will be offering a Christmas dinner for our children on 12 December 2022.

We will be purchasing Christmas crackers for all children and there will be a festive atmosphere in the school hall.

If you would like to book a Christmas dinner for your child please log in to ParentPay to book your meal under the payment item Christmas Dinner 12/12/22 .

You must book your request by Friday November 18th as our kitchen will need time to place their order.

Although all children in KS1 receive a Universal Free School Meal, we would be really grateful if you could still log in to make the booking to assist us with giving numbers to Educaterers . Similarly, if your child is in receipt of a free school meal, please also still log in to ParentPay to make the booking for your child .

The cost of the Christmas Dinner is £2.30 and payment should be made prior to December 12th 2022 to secure the meal.

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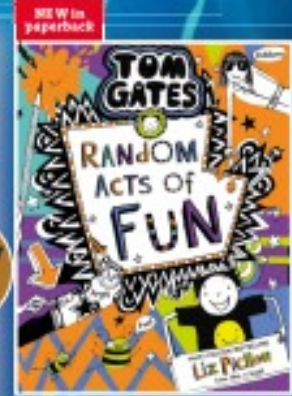
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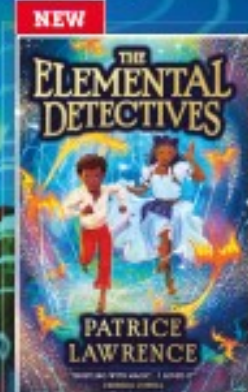
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We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair on Monday 28th - Wednesday 30th November in the main hall from 3.20-4pm, so please pop in and have a browse!

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 is £14.0 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 is £14.00

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.



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

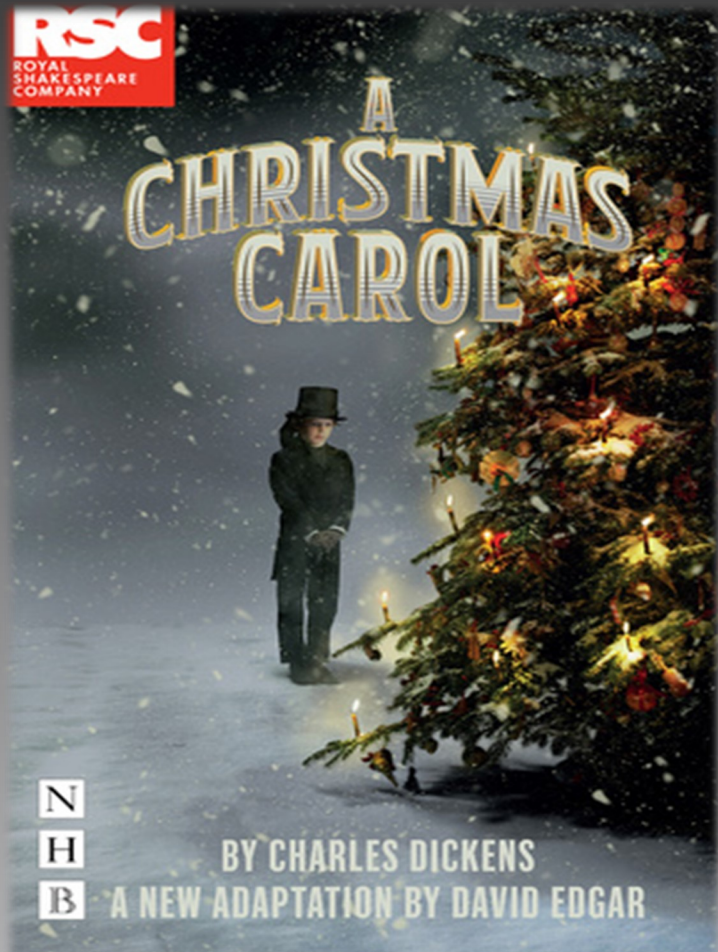
Charles Dickens' festive tale of redemption and compassion. One of the most loved short stories ever written.

On Tuesday 8th November at 7pm.

The children will travel by coach to The RSC.

This trip costs £14.00

Please note that school will be subsidising the cost of the trip and 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.



BRUNSWICK HUB @ CROWN ROUTES

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Monday

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Tea & Toast

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Diary Dates

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| 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. |
| Thursday 17th November | Maths workshop for YR parents/carers, 4.30—5.15pm |
| Friday 11th November | Allotment Fundraiser—cake sale organised by Y6 CB. |
| Wednesday 16th November | Family Learning Winter Craft Workshop, 1.45—3.00pm. |
| Thursday 17th November | Maths workshop for YR parents/carers, 9.30—10.15am. |
| 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. |

**Please note that school is closed on Monday 21st/
Tuesday 22nd/Wednesday 23rd November for INSET
(staff training.)**

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| Thursday 24th November | Y3/4 theatre visit to The Belgrade Theatre to see “Jack and the Beanstalk.” 10.15am performance. |
| Monday 28th—Wednesday 30th November | Scholastic Book Fair. 3.20– 4.00pm |
| Wednesday 30th November | YR Robins and Goldfinches Nativity performance—Receptions parents/carers are warmly invited to attend. |
| Thursday 1st December | Pop-up planetarium for Y1. |
| Wednesday 7th December | Y6 trip to The Royal Opera House to see “The Nutcracker.” |
| Wednesday 7th December | Y1/2 carol concert at 2.15pm —parents/carers are warmly invited to attend. |
| Thursday 8th December | Y3/4 carol concert at 2.15pm —parents/carers are warmly invited to attend. |
| Thursday 8th December | Recorder players performing in the local community. |
| Thursday 8th December | YR/1/2 theatre visit to see “The Stick Man” at Warwick Arts’ Centre. 10.30am performance. |
| Friday 9th December | Y5/6 carol concert at 2.15pm —parents/carers are warmly invited to attend. |
| Friday 9th December | Christmas jumper day! Wear a festive outfit to school. |

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

Best wishes from
Miss Glenny



Key Stage Two