



This week, Y6 ended their History topic on World War Two with a special VE Day party.

# VE Day Party

Special guests at the party were Year Six's Reception buddies. Everyone feasted on wartime foods such as eggless cake, bread and butter pudding and Spam sandwiches.



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# VE Day Party







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# Good to be Me

This week in assembly, we read Derrick Barnes' brilliant book, "I am Every Good Thing." Pupils went on to think about all the "good things" that make them special and unique. These qualities included bravery, perseverance, honesty and the ability to bounce back after making a mistake.

Here is Penny, holding a copy of the book. Penny achieved her Chief Scout's Bronze Award this week and she is the first person at 1st Sydenham Scouts to achieve this accolade since they re-opened last October. Penny worked really hard to get the award in only one year, rather than the usual two. Penny can certainly say, "It's good to be me!"





I work hard and I have neat, joined handwriting. I'm very friendly, especially to new children in my class. *(Humna)*

# Good to be Me



I am really good at listening. When I line up, I stand still with my arms by my side and my teacher says, "great!" *(Virat)*

I am funny and have lots of jokes that make people laugh. I am also good at kung-fu and I have a brilliant imagination.



I can face my fears. At the mop I bounced really high on a trampoline even though I was scared. *(Louella)*





# Cosmic Poetry

Year Five have been responding to poetry as part of their Stargazers project

Pupils listened to Grace Nichols read her poem, "Cosmic Disco" and drew what they visualised.



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# Cosmic Poetry

## Space Clash

Bang, bash, boom, clash!

The eternal flow of majestic colours

Spread around the gorgeous galaxy.

The crimson, cherry sun,

With swirling Saturn all around,

The inter-galactic lights,

Formed into dancing constellations

That beautifully clock around

The infinite ocean of the space clash.

**By Joshua (Year Five)**

## The Solar Dance

Space is gleaming with light,

Shining and glowing

Just like getting a party started.

The gorgeous galaxy

Has ruby red Mars and

magnificent Mercury,

The swirls of Saturn sparkle

And shimmer like a disco ball

above Mars,


The spectacular stars move

through the night like little cars.

**By Freddie (Y5)**

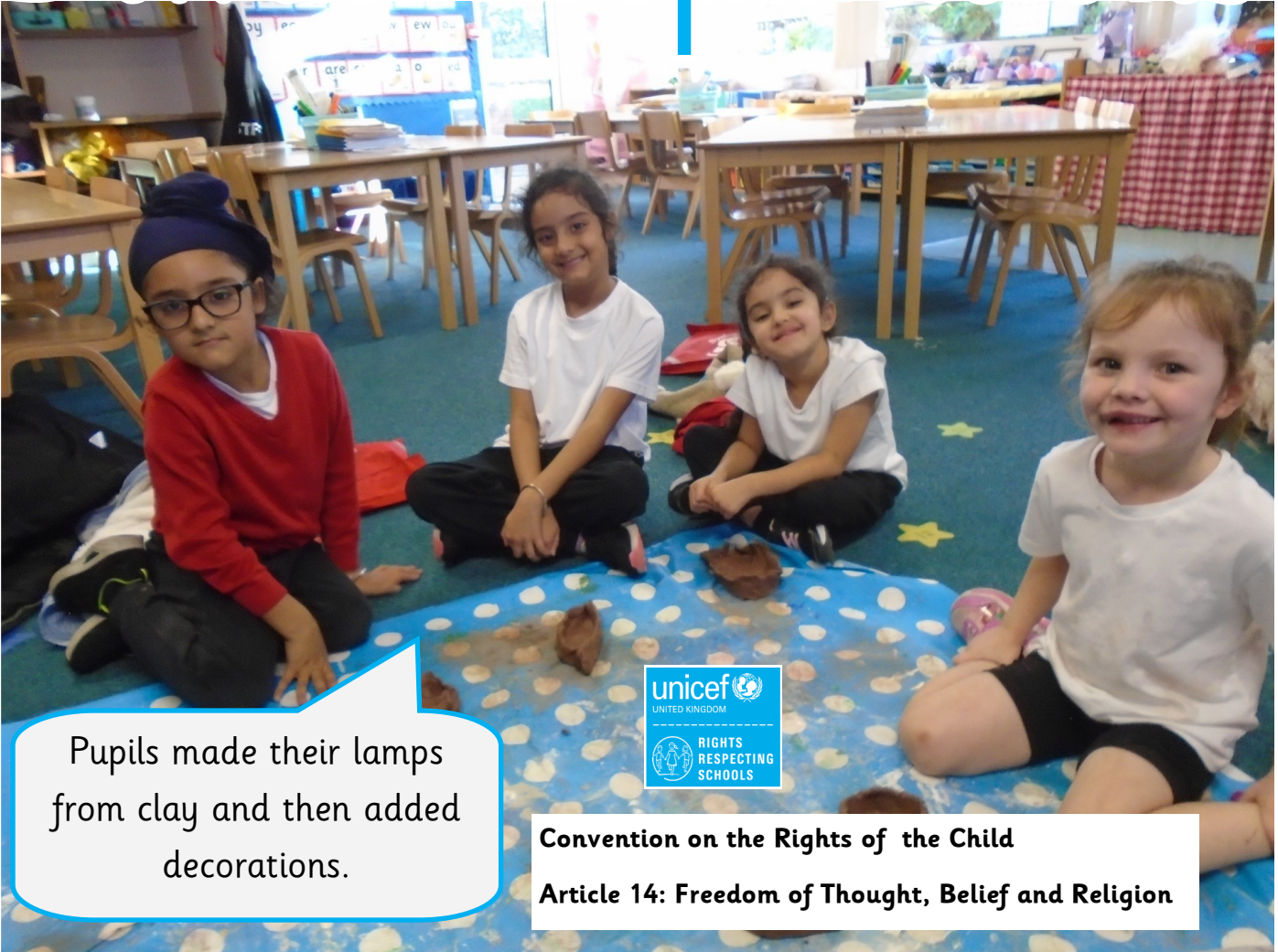






In RE club, children have been making diva lamps in reparation for Diwali.

# Diwali Preparations



Pupils made their lamps from clay and then added decorations.



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PIC · COLLAGE

On Thursday, Year Four visited the Gurdwara Sahib as part of their RE learning. During the visit, children heard stories about all the Gurus, had a tour of the Gurdwara and heard about the history of the building

# Gurdwara Visit



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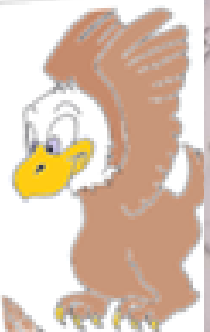


# Concentration

Concentration is a key skill children need to master in order to be successful at school.

At Sydenham, pupils use the Concentrating Eagle Learning Character to help them stay focused.

Pupils are introduced to the Learning Characters in Reception and are encouraged to use them at home. Here is a brilliant example—Zsomber concentrating on his phonics.







# Concentration



Here are more of our Reception learning heroes using their Concentrating Eagle learning character to help them build the skills they need to be successful at school. Well done to Dotty, Levi, Sol and Leo.



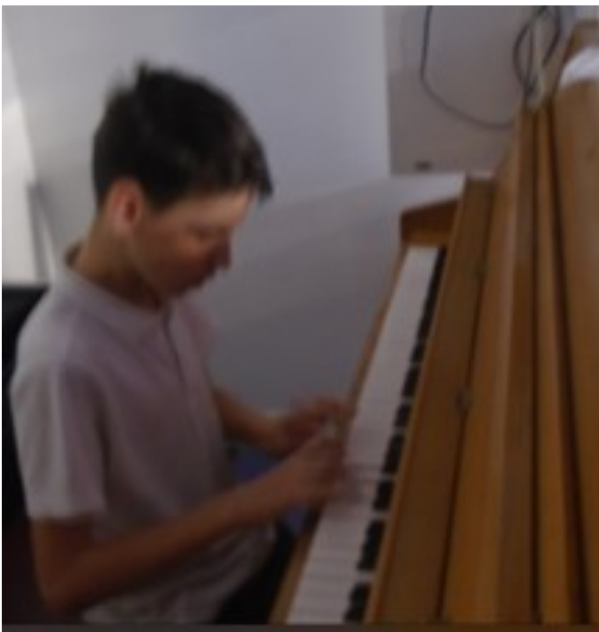
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# Y6 Poetry Slam



This week, Year Six performed poems they had written inspired by their learning about the World Wars. Pupils shared their writing accompanied by music and drums which created a wonderful atmosphere. Well done to all our Y6 poets.



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# Halloween



On Halloween night we go up and down the street,  
Knocking on the door saying “trick or treat,”  
As there awaits your scrumptious treat.

On Halloween night everyone gets dressed in costumes so frightening,  
Whilst people decorate their houses with fake effects of lightening.

On Halloween night, darker and darker gets the  
night,  
As not a single beam of light is in your sight.

Here you are dressed up for the night,  
You knock and knock waiting to fright,  
Yelling “BOO!” on Halloween night.

By Jeevath and Hargunjot (Y6)



There was more poetry from Y6 in the form of this lovely Halloween poem written by Jeevath and Hargunjot in their own time.



# Reading is my

# SUPER POWER!

## October Half Term Reading Challenge

Pupils from our Reading For Pleasure club want to encourage as many children as possible to take part in half term's reading challenge! Please remember to get reading, get the sheet signed; and make a wonderful cape to show off in assembly on Monday 6th November!



I've made my cape already! It's based on *Dork Diaries* because it is my favourite series of books. Kayla

Every child who takes part will have their name entered into a prize draw to take home an especially designed 'Reading Is My Super Power' t-shirt!



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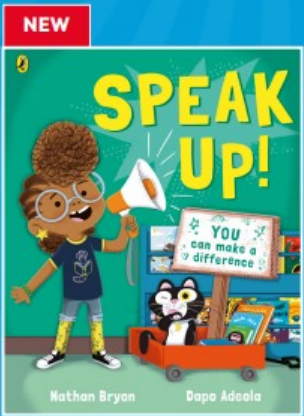
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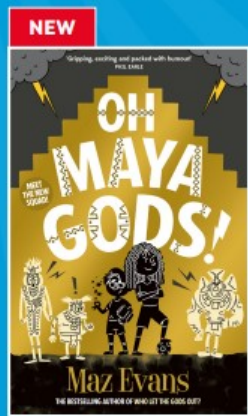
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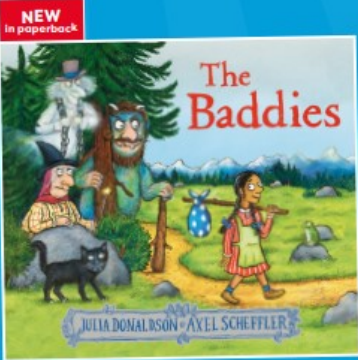
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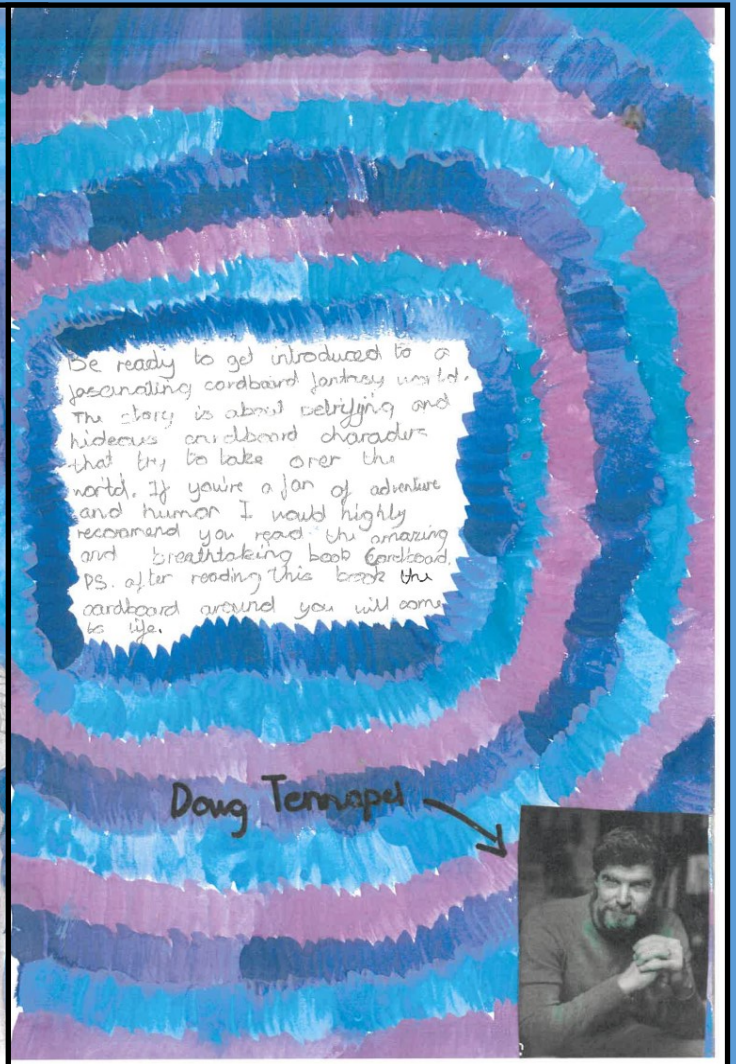
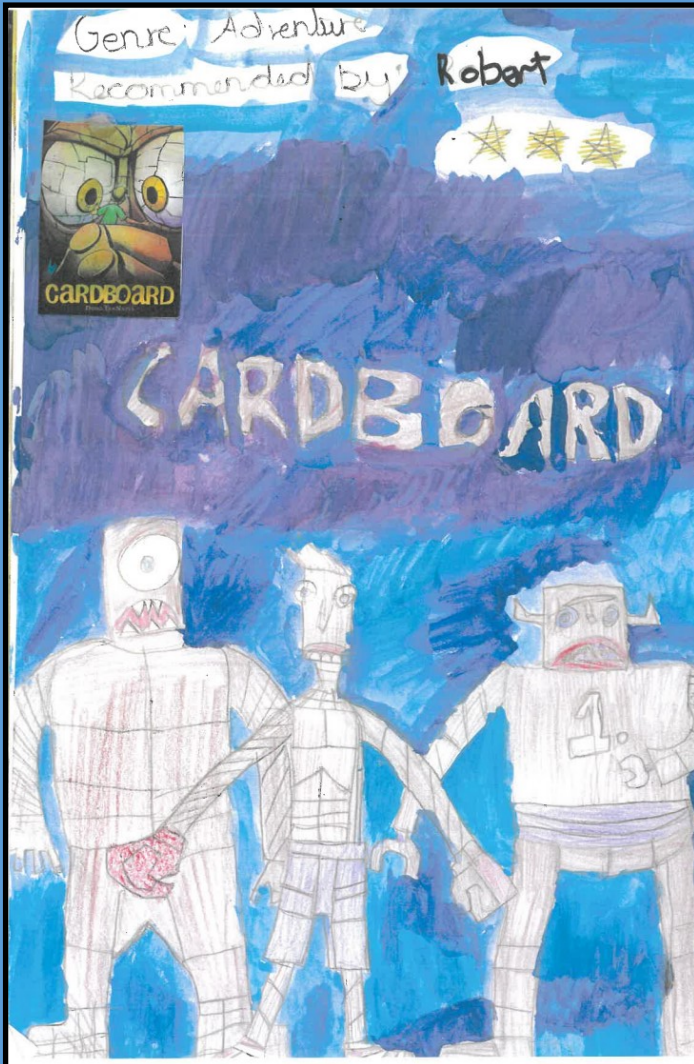
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We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair on Monday 27th - Thursday 30th November in the main hall from 3.20-4pm, so please pop in and have a browse.

Look out for an up-coming competition where 5 children will win a £5 voucher to spend at the fair!



# Book Recommendations



Robert in Year 5 created this amazing book recommendation for *Cardboard* by Doug Tennapel using Woodpeckers' Reading Scrapbook. I am absolutely delighted that Robert took such care over this task - it has certainly inspired me to want to read the book, and I am sure that his classmates will feel the same!

Reading scrapbooks go home with children in our Junior classes every week, and encourage children to read voluntarily; helping them to become confident and skilled readers.



I cannot wait to see which books are recommended next...

Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand



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# Theatre Trips

# Cinderella

This wonderful rags-to-riches tale is guaranteed to delight all the family and bring a touch of magic and make-believe to your festive celebrations.

Join Cinderella on her quest to win the heart of the dashing Prince Charming, with a little help from her best friend Buttons and the enchanting Fairy Godmother. But with her evil Ugly Sisters determined to ruin her chances and the clock about to strike midnight, will Cinders manage to win the Prince's love before the spell runs out?

This year's panto will feature the spectacular sets, lavish costumes and sing-along-songs that make a trip to the Belgrade a truly unmissable Christmas treat for thousands of families every year. What's more, with not one but two dastardly dames in the shape of the Ugly Sisters, this year's show is set to be double the fun (and mayhem)!

So pick up a pumpkin, grab your glass slippers and join us for some sparkling festive fun at the Belgrade Theatre, where Coventry celebrates Christmas.

Hurry now, the clock is ticking...

**If your child is in Years 3 or 4, book now on ParentPay for our Christmas theatre trip to see Cinderella at The Belgrade on Thursday November 23rd 2023. The cost of the trip is £17.66.**

**Pupils will return to school at 1.30pm for a late packed lunch.**



# Theatre Trips



# Box of Delights

A magically festive production for all the family in the Royal Shakespeare Theatre this winter. Orphaned schoolboy Kay Harker is caught up in a battle between two powerful magicians. Can he save Christmas?

***There are tricks...and then there's magic!***

After a seemingly chance encounter on a train, orphaned schoolboy Kay Harker finds himself the guardian of a small wooden box with powers beyond his wildest dreams. Caught up in a battle between two powerful magicians, Kay fights to save not just the people he loves but also the future of Christmas itself. **Can Kay Harker save Christmas now that the wolves are running?**

**If your child is in Years 5 or 6, book now on ParentPay for our Christmas theatre trip to see “The Box of Delights” at The Royal Shakespeare Theatre on Thursday November 16th 2023. The cost of the trip is £16.58. Pupils will be back in school at 4.30pm.**



# Theatre Trips

## THE GRUFFALO



A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood... Join Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in Tall Stories' magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Searching for hazelnuts, Mouse meets the cunning Fox, the eccentric old Owl and the high-spirited Snake.

Will the story of the terrifying Gruffalo save Mouse from ending up as dinner for these hungry woodland creatures?

After all, there's no such thing as a Gruffalo—is there?

Songs, laughs and monstrous fun for children aged 3 and up and their grown-ups, in the much-loved show that's toured Britain and the world!



**If your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two, book now on ParentPay for our Christmas theatre trip to see “The Gruffalo” at Warwick Arts’ Centre on Tuesday 12th December 2023. The cost of the trip is £16.75. Pupils will be back in school at 12.20pm.**



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# Christmas Lunch

We will be serving a traditional Christmas lunch on Monday 18th December. Alongside crackers and festive music, the menu will be:

**Turkey or Quorn fillet**

**Yorkshire pudding**

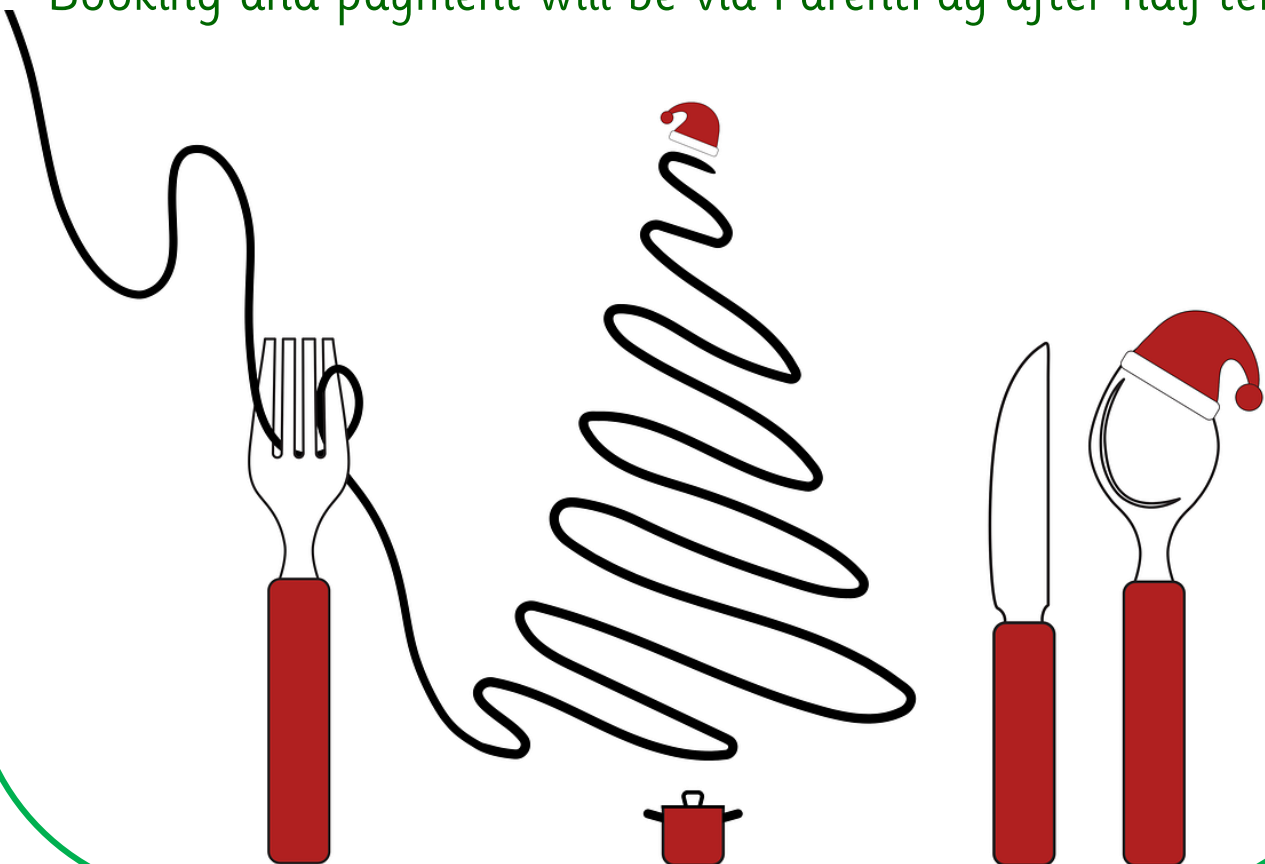
**Pigs-in-blankets**

**Seasonal vegetables**

**Gravy**

**Christmas Shortbread biscuit**

Booking and payment will be via ParentPay after half-term.







# RISE MHST

## Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

### Tips For Wellness:

## PERSISTENCE

Persistence allows you to overcome obstacles that you may face and helps you to stick with something challenging until you achieve your goals. Persistence is about having a growth mindset and believing that you can learn, grow and improve with effort and practise.

#### Our tips for persistence:

**1- Practise positive self-talk.** Often when faced with a challenge, we can be unkind to ourselves and talk negatively. We might tell ourselves we are "rubbish" or "hopeless". Try to remind yourself about what you would tell a friend, if they told you they were finding something difficult. Practise giving the same advice to yourself:

*"I'm not good at this YET but I can get better"*

*"This is hard but if I keep trying I will get there eventually"*

**2- Try a new hobby or sport.** When we begin a new hobby, we may need to learn our craft and improve our skills. This is a great way to improve our persistence skills in a way that is also FUN!

**3- Practise mindfulness.** A good way to improve our mental wellbeing is by practising mindfulness. This involves us paying more attention to the present moment and the world around us; thinking about sounds and smells around us, what we can see, and how they make us feel. By being more aware, this can improve our mental wellbeing and enable us to improve skills such as being persistent.

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars 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](mailto: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.





# Strings Project Pre-Instrumental Musicianship



## Starting November 2023

Suitable for Children of reception age (typically 4-5 years old)

We have another 5 sessions next half term:  
11th, 18th and 25th November, 2nd and 9th December



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### WHAT IS LANGAR?

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SORT CODE: 40-18-57  
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# Diary Dates

**Monday 30th October—Friday 3rd November school closed.**

Monday 6th November	Pupils return to school after the half-term holiday.
Monday 6th November	Reception “Big Brush” at ASDA
Tuesday 7th November	Black Hole Planetarium visiting Year One.
Tuesday 7th November	Y6 JvS Swans class assembly at 9.15am— CANCELLED (parents/carers, please attend the poetry slam instead.)
Tuesday 7th November	YR Diwali party from 2.00pm—parents/carers are invited.
Wednesday November 8th	Parents’ Evening, 3.30—5.30pm. Please book using the link which has been emailed to you.
Wednesday November 8th	Watercolour artist, Claire Robinson, in school.
Thursday November 9th	Parents’ Evening, 3.30—7.00pm. Please book using the link which has been emailed to you.
Thursday 9th November	Y2 visit Warwick Castle.
Friday 10th November	Second City Brass Ensemble visiting school.
Friday 10th November	Y2 Bikeability session.
Monday 13th November	Reception “Big Brush” at ASDA.
Tuesday 14th November	Y2 LM Swallows class assembly at 9.15am.
Thursday 16th November	Y5 and Y6 visit The Royal Shakespeare Theatre to watch “The Box of Delights.”



# Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st November	Y1 EL Kingfishers class assembly at 10.15am.
Wednesday 22nd November	YR Maths workshop for parents/carers at 2.30pm.
Thursday 23rd November	Y3 and Y4 visit The Belgrade theatre to watch "Cinderella."
Thursday 23rd November	Y6 visit to Everyman cinema in Stratford to see "Puss in Boots."
Friday 24th November	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—bring 50p if your child wears their own choice of clothes to school.
Friday 24th November	Bake sale organised by Y6 in aid of Young People First.
Monday 27th—Thursday 30th November	Scholastic book fair, 3.30—4.00pm.
Tuesday 28th November	Y5 JE Kittiwakes class assembly at 9.15am.
Wednesday 29th November	Winter hoop decorations go up in the hall.
<b>Monday 4th December</b>	<b>School closed for staff training.</b>
Wednesday 6th December	Reception Nativity at 9.30am.
Monday 11th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 visit Warwick Arts' Centre to watch "The Gruffalo."
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas crafts for Y1 and Y2 families.
Wednesday 13th December	Y1 and Y2 carol concert at 9.30am.
Thursday 14th December	Y3 and Y4 carol concert at 2.15pm.
Friday 15th December	Y5 and Y6 carol concert at 2.15pm.
Monday 18th December	School Christmas lunch.



# Sydenham Superstars



## YR and Key Stage One

Have a great half-term.  
Best wishes from Miss  
Glenny



## Key Stage Two