

# Allotment Fundraiser



Well done to a group of enterprising pupils in Y6 Moorhens who organised a bake sale today in aid of our allotment.

All the proceeds will go towards buying new raised beds so that we can grow even more flowers, fruit and veg.



Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and savoury treats for the sale.

# Y6 Bake Sale

# Y5/6 Theatre Trip

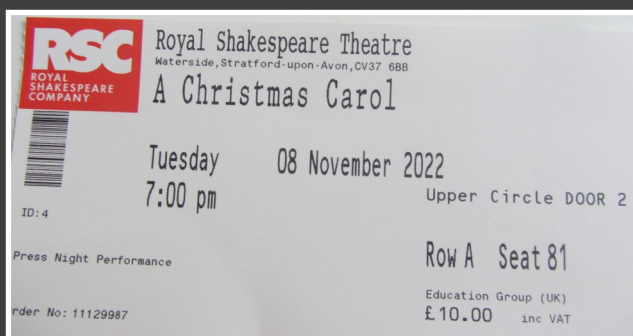


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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture



## "A Christmas Carol"



On Tuesday evening, pupils in Years Five and Six visited The Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford to watch a performance of Charles

Dickens' classic tale, "A Christmas Carol." You can read a review of the show written by Keva and Ovi (two of our Arts' Ambassadors) on the next page.



# Arts' Ambassador Review

This is a funny, surprising, exciting and sometimes scary show about Scrooge, a miserable man who cares only about himself and his business. Can you believe it? He hates Christmas! But all that changes when he meets three spirits who teach him to change his “bah humbug” attitude and become a nicer person.

The show includes incredible acting, especially from Beth Alsbury who plays Mr Hinge and Adrian Edmondson who is Scrooge. We loved that fact that the cast includes actors with disabilities and we enjoyed the wheelchair dancing.

The scenery, costumes and makeup all deserve a mention. The special effects were also brilliant. Smoke, music, lighting and sound effects created a great atmosphere on stage and there was one surprising moment when the Grim Reaper turned into a young child dressed in white and wearing a veil. At this point we all jumped out of our seats!

We think this show is amazing. A masterpiece! It's probably not suitable for younger children but older children and grown-ups will love it

**Keva**



**Ovi**



# Y6 Swans Assembly



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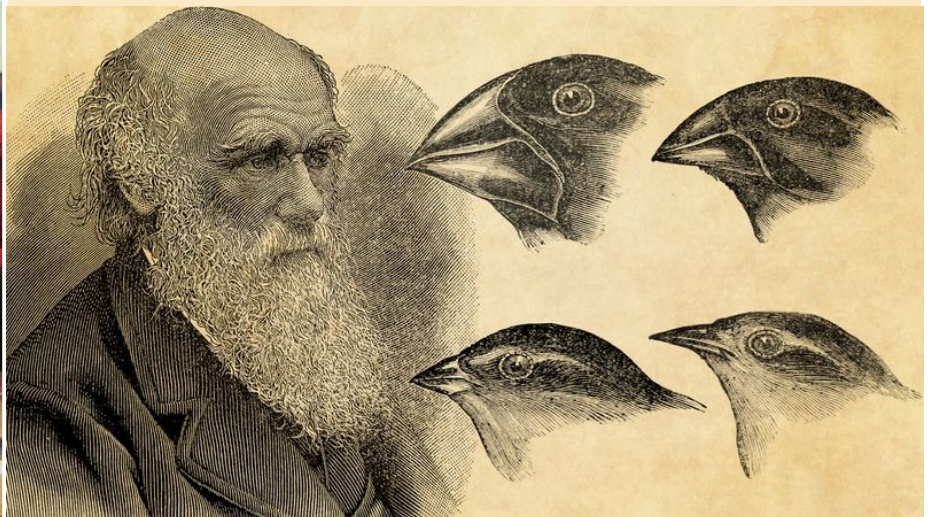
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## Evolution



**Well done to Y6 Swans for sharing their learning on the tricky topic of evolution. Pupils did a fantastic job in their class assembly on Tuesday of explaining the theory of natural selection and the work of scientist, Charles Darwin. They mastered some tricky vocabulary and showed just how much they've learnt. Well done!**



# NO OUT SIDERS

One of the very special things about Sydenham Primary School is its diversity. We recognise and celebrate the fact that everyone is different and unique—we are all made welcome and nobody is left out. As part of our inclusive ethos, we have recently purchased some lovely books from the “No Outsiders” collection.



The books promote community cohesion and help to prepare young people for life as global citizens. They also support equality and teach the idea that people should not be discriminated against because of a protected characteristic such as race, gender, disability or religion.



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Article 2: Non-discrimination

# New Recruits



## Year Five, Your Country Needs You!

As part of their First World War topic, Year Five endured a series of tests this week to see if they were eligible to enlist in the army. Pupils had to measure their chests to make sure they were broad enough – at least 32 inches! They also needed to reach the minimum height of 5ft 3” and pass an eye test to prove that their vision was good enough for the battlefield. The final test was one of physical fitness—press-ups!

Once the recruitment process was complete, pupils had their documentation signed off by their attesting officers. Year Five are now all ready to serve their King and country!



# Run, Run, as Fast as You Can




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As you will know, many children at school are lucky enough to speak more than one language. This week, pupils in Reception have been using English **and** their mother tongue to make gingerbread biscuits with Mrs Summerell. The children have followed instructions really well and used lots of words to describe the process of baking. Well done, Everyone!

# The Gingerbread Man



We have been thinking about remembrance this week. Pupils in Y5 created this stunning piece of artwork in memory of those killed or injured in armed conflict.

Today, at 11.00am, we stopped our learning and joined in a minute's silence to mark Armistice Day.

# Remembrance



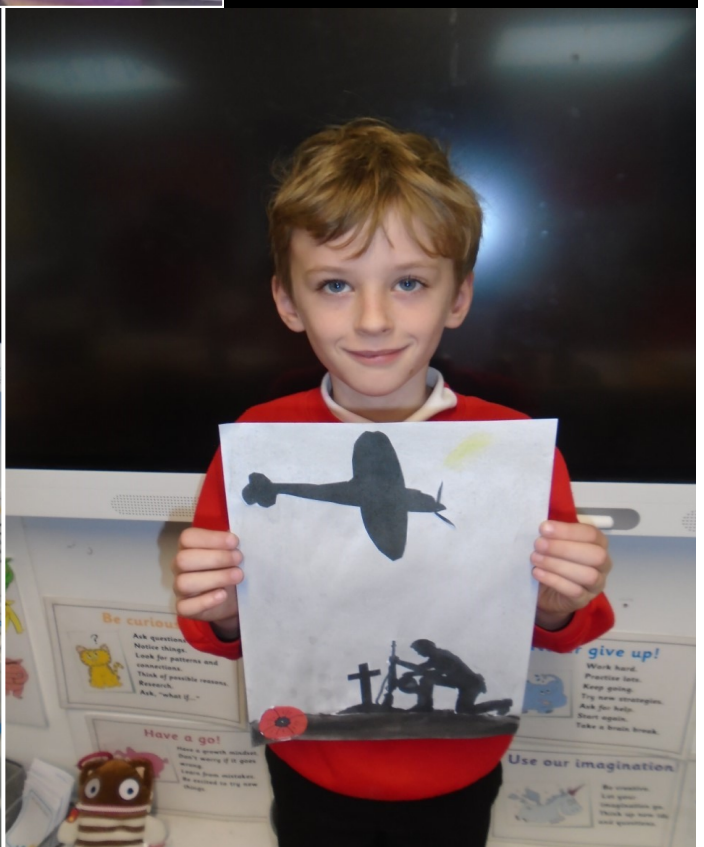
# Remembrance

Y2 Poppies



Y4 Wagtails have created these lovely pieces of artwork in response to the topic of Remembrance.

# Y4 Remembrance





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# Watch Out, Watch Out!

Two of our Learning Detectives, George and Thando, were out and about this week on the hunt for great learning. They visited a Y3 Science lesson and were impressed by the enthusiasm and curiosity of pupils who were learning all about light. Our Learning Detectives enjoyed hearing the children ask questions and noticed that lots of them were learning from their marvellous mistakes.

Well done, Y3, for using your Learning Characters to make progress!



# Learning Detectives About.

# RSC Film in School



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On Thursday, we hosted RSC training for teachers from a range of local schools. The RSC film crew were also in attendance to film the training and interview the teachers who took part.

The aim of the session was to teach rehearsal room pedagogies that teachers can use in the classroom to facilitate reading comprehension and writing.

Excerpts of “Macbeth” were used and the attendees (including our very own Mrs Keys) explored innovative ways to introduce vocabulary and characters to pupils. They also learnt how children can engage with the social and historical contexts of Shakespeare’s plays.



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# Construction Club

Here are some of the things we have been creating at Construction Club!



It's a throne!  
There's a window looking  
at the road.

It is a sand city.

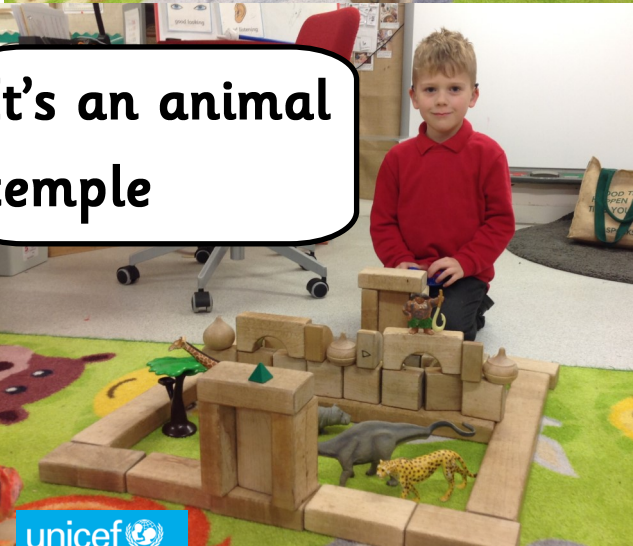


Rapunzel's tower.



I made a tiger  
trail.

It's an animal  
temple



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# Present Wrap Room

**13th, 14th & 15th of December**



During school hours your child will be taken to choose their grown up a surprise gift which they will wrap and decorate!



**£2 per gift - max 2 gifts per child**

Available on Parent Pay from Monday



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

If you are able to help with either a morning or afternoon slot

9:00-12:30 or 1:00-3:20

**please let us know**

[sydenhampta@welearn365.com](mailto:sydenhampta@welearn365.com)

# Job Opportunity

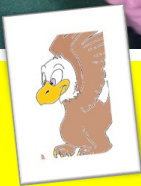
We have a vacancy in school for a Cleaner. The post is for 9 hours per week (Monday to Thursday 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm and Friday 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm) term time only. There is a requirement to work an additional 18 hours per year during the school holidays.

Please email **admin2622@welearn365.com** for further information and an application form.



More lovely poppies,  
this time from Y3  
Hérons.

We feel really proud of our Year 6 buddies who are supporting the Reception children with their reading; helping them to become more confident, and talking to the children about how our learning characters can help. **Well done, everyone!**



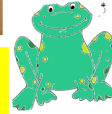
Concentrate



Have a go!



Never give up



Keep improving



Enjoy learning



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# Half term reading challenge!

Well done to all of the children who have so far been awarded their certificate for the half term reading challenge. I look forward to sharing the photos of the children on next week's newsletter!

Miss Challand



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# GO GO Makers

# OH WHAT FUN! CRIMBO CAMP



Looking for something fun & exciting to do during the Christmas break for your child?



**CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES!!!**

THE TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES CAN VARY AT ANYTIME



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL THEATRE



BISCUIT DECORATING



ARTS & CRAFTS



CAROL SINGING



DANCE



XMAS SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS



XMAS GAMES



REINDEER FOOD



XMAS MOVIES & POPCORN



# FROM MONDAY 19th - FRIDAY 23rd DECEMBER

(BRIAR HILL CLOSED  
23RD DECEMBER)

Our GO GO Makers Elfs have so much joy up their sleeves, a sack full of fun, soooo big even Santa is envious! We'll have your little angels beaming by the time you pick them up!

## PRICE & TIMES

9AM - 3.30PM \ £25.95 PER CHILD

**UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE NOT OFFERING OUR USUAL EXTENDED TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS CAMP**

**ALL CHILDREN TO BRING OWN PACK LUNCH**

(Please provide one snack & a drink)

## VENUES

**NEW!**

### BRIAR HILL INFANT SCHOOL

Coppice Road, Whitnash, CV31 2JF  
CLOSED FRIDAY 23rd DECEMBER

Only Year 1-Year 6 children can attend at Briar Hill, Reception children can at all other venues.

### HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vickers Way, Warwick, CV34 7AP  
Reception - Year 6 children can attend

### KINGSLEY PREP SCHOOL

Beauchamp Avenue, L/Spa, CV32 5RD  
Reception - Year 6 children can attend

### PRIORS FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Clinton Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 1BA  
Reception - Year 6 children can attend



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# Nativity Service



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am**

**St Mary's Church, Leamington, CV31**

A Nativity "Escape Room" Christmas Service for all ages...

Will the story end well? Does Jesus make it? Find out!

*Why not come dressed as your favourite Nativity character?*

# Christingle Service

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**10.00am and 6.00pm**

**St Mary's Church, CV31 1JW**

A Christmas Celebration for all ages.

Create, sing, wonder, celebrate together.

Info: [lizzy@stmarysleamington.com](mailto:lizzy@stmarysleamington.com) 01926 778505



# Diary Dates

Thursday 17th November	Maths workshop for YR parents/carers, 4.30—5.15pm
Thursday 17th November	Y2 trip to Warwick Castle.
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.
<b>Monday 21st November</b>	<b>School closed</b> for INSET (teacher training) - rehearsal room pedagogies, led by The Royal Shakespeare Company.
<b>Tuesday 22nd November</b>	<b>School closed</b> for INSET (teacher training) - Emotion Coaching, led by Dr Louise Gilbert.
<b>Wednesday 23rd November</b>	<b>School closed</b> 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.)**

## **Sweets in School**

We have noticed that lots of children are bringing sweets into school. Please avoid giving your child sweets for lunch or as a break time snack. If you're providing birthday sweets or treats as a celebration of a religious festival, please limit the amount—perhaps just one or two sweets rather than a whole packet. Thank you in anticipation of your support. Your actions will help to support your child's dental and medical health. Thank you.

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 at 9.45am—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