

Music at Sydenham

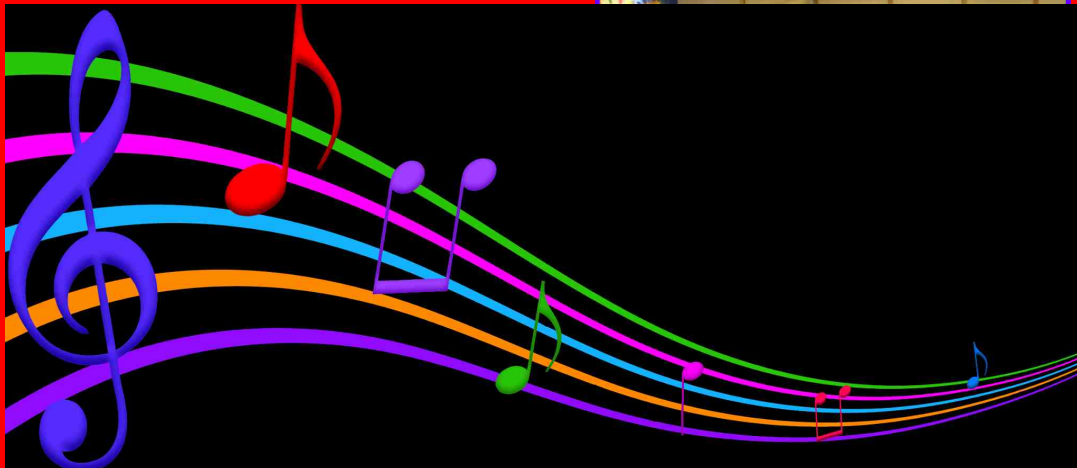


On Monday, we were visited by Ensemble 360 who performed a wonderful concert for children in years two to six. Aashima and Aleksandra, who were both in the audience, have written a fantastic review of the show:

On Monday, Ensemble 360 visited our school to perform live music to us. We learned about the diversity of music around the world. We explored the countries Italy, Austria, UK, Brazil, Peru, Australia, Russia and China and how they celebrate their unique music. The children were intrigued and fascinated by the instruments.

Ensemble 360 are performing a concert at The Royal Spa Centre, Leamington, on March 19th. It would be awesome if you're able to join them!

By Aashima and Aleksandra (Year 6)



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Y2 ES CLASS ASSEMBLY



On Tuesday, we performed a fantastic assembly all about The Great Fire of London.



The fire started in a bakery in Pudding Lane on September 3rd 1666.



The fire lasted 4 days! Diarist Samuel Pepys recorded the whole event in writing.



Many buildings were made from wood and were destroyed by the flames.





People tried to escape in boats down the river.



They threw buckets of water on the flames!



The king ordered that all buildings in future should be built from brick or stone.

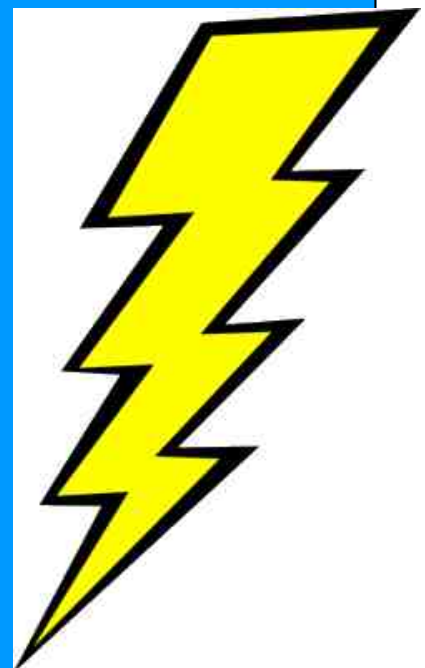


The song, "London's Burning" is all about the events of 1666.

Y4 Science

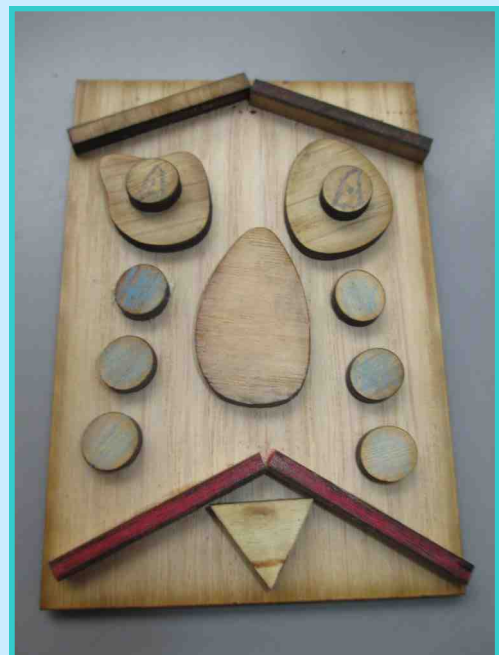


Last week, we had two Miss Jewsburys in school! Our very own Miss Jewsbury (Y4 teacher) invited her sister, who works for an electricity generating company, in to class to help deliver a science session. Pupils enjoyed a carousel of activities which included building and recording circuits and learning all about static electricity. Fantastic learning!



SPLAT! Arts' Festival

Children in Y3 are continuing to work with visual artist, Ben Sadler, as part of the SPLAT! children's arts' festival, produced in collaboration with Warwick Arts' Centre. This week, pupils explored emotions, working with laser cut, wooden pieces to create a collage.



Would you like to train as a teacher?

What our trainees say about us...

“The Gateway Alliance has offered continuous support and advice. In addition, there have been plenty of useful meetings to discuss and support our professional development. I've felt the staff have all gone above and beyond to support me on a personalised basis and have prepared me for the world of teaching.”

Gateway SD Trainee

“Gateway provide such a wealth of relevant CPD opportunities for trainees, which other school direct partnerships just don't offer.”

Gateway SD Trainee

“It has been great to meet regularly with the other Gateway trainees in order to share experiences and undertake specific training.”

Gateway SD Trainee

“The Gateway Alliance School Direct programme provided an excellent support network throughout the training year. It enabled me to build lasting relationships with other trainees and existing teachers within the alliance, something that was invaluable at the time and I'm sure will continue to be so throughout my teaching career.”

Gateway SD Trainee

“The Gateway team are highly responsive and flexible in order to best support our needs as trainees.”

Gateway SD Trainee

“It has been great to train in one of the Gateway Alliance schools as it is such a well respected and strong primary partnership. The Gateway team are specialists in supporting trainees in primary schools and so the quality of training and support has been fantastic.”

Gateway SD Trainee

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Gateway Alliance School Direct Programme

Gateway Alliance School Direct
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The Gateway Alliance has led a school direct partnership since 2012 offering a range of primary initial teacher training places. Our partnership is made up of more than 30 primary and special schools from across the **Warwickshire and Coventry** areas, working alongside leading initial teacher training provider - the **University of Warwick**. Our lead school is Claverdon Primary School and our partnership name is **Gateway Alliance (Midlands)**. We are currently offering both **tuition fee and salaried teacher training places** for academic year 2017-18.

“Working in partnership to recruit and train the next generation of outstanding teachers.”

What is School Direct?

School Direct provides an opportunity for schools to influence the way in which initial teacher training (ITT) is delivered and ensure the very best teachers are recruited to the profession. It gives schools much greater control and influence over teacher training and allows schools to recruit and train teachers, in school, to meet their needs locally. The school direct programme offers trainees a fantastic opportunity to train in school, learning from the best teachers, whilst also being supported academically by university staff.

Benefits

The benefits of training with Gateway...

- ◆ A large partnership which specialises in supporting primary and special school trainees, with a wealth of expertise and experience of supporting training in these settings
- ◆ Access to a wealth of tailored CPD opportunities that will support you to develop your skills throughout the training year and beyond
- ◆ A high quality in-school experience which is underpinned by outstanding academic training and access to industry leading research at the leading initial teacher education provider - The University of Warwick.

THE UNIVERSITY OF
WARWICK

What we are looking for...

We are looking for ambitious trainee teachers who have a passion for education, are positive, enthusiastic, organised, creative, flexible, patient and have a desire to share these skills with young people of all abilities in the primary age range.

School Experience

We would expect all applicants to have experience of British primary mainstream schools. This could be as a volunteer or in paid work. Although there is no set amount of school experience that we require, the experience that you have got should be meaningful, relevant and significant and it should enable you to talk about learning in a range of settings. Please reflect on this experience and explain in your application form what you have learnt from it. It should also have given you an insight into the workload expectations and how highly demanding the role of a teacher is.

Skills & Qualities

We look for candidates with the following strengths:

- ◆ Passion for learning and an interest in/ knowledge of education
- ◆ Excellent communication skills (both written and verbal)
- ◆ Ability to stay calm and deal with stressful situations
- ◆ Self-Motivation, a drive to succeed and resilience in the face of difficulty
- ◆ Experience of working with children with

special educational needs

- ◆ Being part of a team and working collaboratively
- ◆ Managing teams and other adults, holding people to account
- ◆ Sense of fun!
- ◆ Reflective practitioner who responds to feedback
- ◆ Interests outside of education
- ◆ ICT competent & confident
- ◆ Excellent organisational skills
- ◆ Willing to travel/ able to work in a range of locations

Next steps

For more information about training with the Gateway Alliance please visit our website:

www.gatewayalliance.co.uk

Or contact us on:

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All applications should be made via the UCAS teacher training online application portal at

www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training

Click on "Search for courses - Teacher Training" and search for "Gateway Alliance (Midlands)" c/o lead school Claverdon Primary School.



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Picture of the Week



Well done to Katelyn and McKenzie who played so nicely together with the Lego at lunch time.



Litter



We are very lucky to have such a wonderful setting for our school and take great pride in keeping our outdoor environment as attractive as possible. However, presently, we are having a problem with litter which is spoiling the school grounds. Despite our caretaker litter picking on a regular basis, we are finding large amounts of rubbish in the borders and hedges and politely request that all litter is placed in the playground bins. We are collecting lots of confectionery wrappers and would also like to remind you that children are not allowed sweets in school. If your child is given a sweet treat because a pupil in their class is celebrating a birthday, please make sure they put the wrapper in the bin. Many thanks in anticipation of your cooperation.

You are invited...

International LANGUAGE AFTERNOON

⊗ Thursday April 6th
⊗ 3:20 pm - 5:00 pm

There will be lots of activities in a variety of languages!

- GAMES
- QUIZZES
- DANCING

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Welcome
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Dobře došli
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fáilte
Foi/foi
benvenuto
bem vinda
bienvenue

Mufti Day

Our next Mufti Day, when children can wear non-school uniform, is **Friday 24th March**. Mufti is a fund raising event so we do ask you to provide your child with a **donation of 50p for school fund**. Despite government cuts to our school budget, we try to keep costs to parents to an absolute minimum and use school fund to purchase “extras” such as games and resources which make pupils’ learning even more exciting. Please remember to make your donation of 50p per child. Thank you!

Safeguarding

Please note that, for safeguarding reasons, parents/carers are not allowed access to the classrooms during the school day. If you are dropping a child off at Breakfast Club, please do not visit the classrooms unless you are accompanied by a badge wearing member of staff. This is to protect the safety of our pupils. Thank you for your understanding in this important matter.

Spring has sprung in YR!



Everything is coming up roses this week in EYFS! The children have created a wonderful vegetable patch by clearing away shrubs, digging the soil and planting potatoes, carrots and lettuce. They are carefully tending the patch and were very excited yesterday to see that the lettuce had started to grow! Pupils have also made fabulous miniature gardens as part of their home learning



Sydenham Super Stars!



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Diary Dates

Diary dates do sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. If any date changes, we will always notify you via text or letter. However, the following dates are correct at the point of going to press!!

Monday 20th March	“Kwik Cricket” session for Y4
Tuesday 21st March 2017	Y1 JL class assembly at 9.15 am.
Thursday 23rd March 2017	PTA cake raffle.
Thursday 23rd March 2017	Y2 ES visit Leamington Art Gallery
Thursday 23rd March 2017	Y5 Kip on a Ship residential, London.
Friday 24th March 2017	Y5 return from Kip on a Ship trip.
Friday 24th March 2017	Mufti Day (bring 50p for School Fund.)
Monday 27th March 2017	“Kwik Cricket” session for Y4.
Mon 27th—Fri 31st March 2017	Grandparent Gardening Week
Tuesday 28th March 2017	Y1 MB class assembly at 9.15 am.
Tuesday 2th March 2017	Y5, RSC workshop, 9.30—11.30am.
Wednesday 29th March 2017	Skip 2B Fit workshops for Y1—6
Thursday 30th March 2017	Big Dig on the allotment from 3.30—4.30pm
Friday 31st March 2017	Big Dig on the allotment from 3.30—4.30pm
Monday 3rd April 2017	Level 2 Bikeability course for Y5/6, 10.00am—12.00pm.
Tuesday 4th April 2017	Level 2 Bikeability course for Y5/6, 9.30am 0 12.00pm.
Tuesday 4th April 2017	Level 1 Bikeability Course for Y3/4, 1.00—3.00pm.
Wednesday 5th April 2017	Level 2 Bikeability course for Y5/6, 9.30am—12.00pm.
Wednesday 5th April 2017	PTA Easter bingo, 5.30pm—7.00pm.
Thursday 6th April 2017	International language activities at 3.20pm
Friday 7th April 2017	Break up for Easter holiday.
Monday 24th April 2017	Return to school for the Summer term.

Have a great weekend!



**Best wishes from Miss Glenny
(Associate Head Teacher)**