

A Special Message

Hello to all our lovely Sydenham families. We hope you are all well and looking forward to the possibility that school may be able to slowly re-open in the not too distant future.

Our newsletter starts this week with a special surprise, courtesy of Y4 SM. The class secretly organised this collaborative message, working together from home to cheer us all up. As you can see, each child has provided a different word for the message which reads, "We are not in the classroom but we are in each others thoughts and hearts. We are not alone. We are in this together. Take care and stay safe." These are wonderful words!

Thank you so much to Mrs Madahar's class (and Mrs Cook's pet labrador, Albus!)



From Y4 SM



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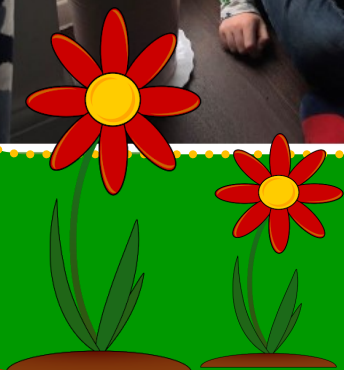
Article 29: Goals of Education



Green Fingers

Lots of you are enjoying gardening at the moment and are feeling how satisfying it can be to nurture a tiny seed into adulthood.

Dexter has been growing sweet peas. Although at the start he wasn't too keen on the pink bucket (!) he has looked after each of his ten seeds really well, photographing them at each stage of their growth. The sweet peas are now beginning to flower and Dexter is rightly proud of "the best plant he ever grew."





Luca and Noah have also been growing plants. Well done boys—it looks like you’ve been busy growing your hair too! We love the new style!



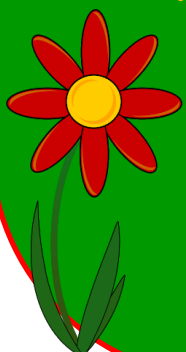
Lewis is growing sunflowers in his back garden and they are nearly as tall as him. Keep up the good work, Lewis.



Defne has been gardening at home and has enjoyed digging, sweeping and planting seeds.

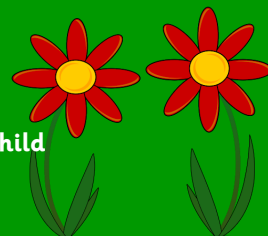


Scarlett J has been growing beans in response to the story, “Jack and the Beanstalk.” I wonder if there’s a friendly giant at the top of your beanstalk, Scarlett?

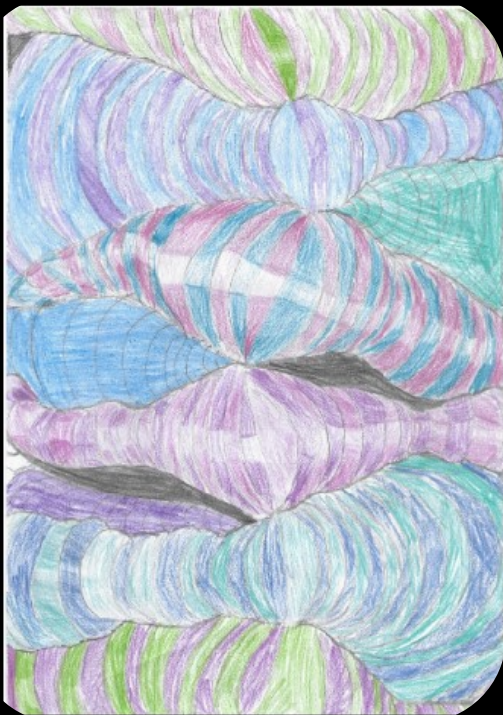


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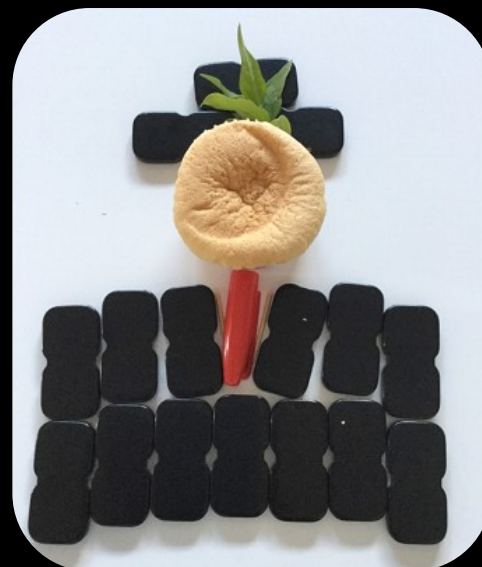


Y6 Modern Art



Year Six have been learning about modern art as part of their topic, "Gallery Rebels." This week they studied the work of optical artist, Bridget Riley and created their own pieces in the same style. You can see two fabulous examples—the first is a joint piece created by Bianca and Alexandra and the second work of art is from Marley.

We also love Demi's take on Magritte's surrealist classic "Son of Man":



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Use Your Imagination



It's wonderful to see so many of you using your time to be creative. Here are some fabulous examples of creative home learning.

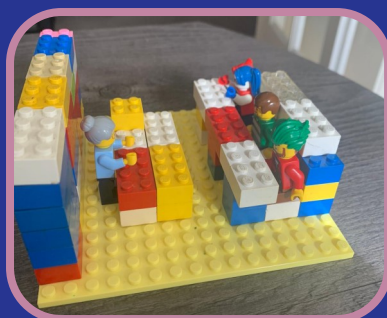
Y2 children have made puppets, models and masks based on the poem "The Owl and the Pussycat."



Shivani has been working hard as an artist. She has also been inspired by our "keep on improving frog" to develop her skills.



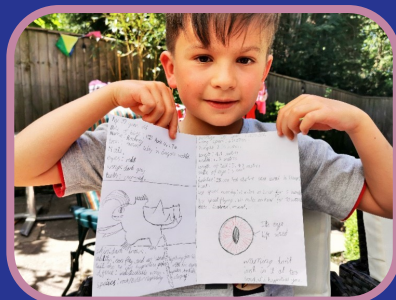
We love Lola's beautiful rainbow and are impressed that she is filling her sketch book with works of art.



Molly has created her own model classroom out of Lego. It features a teacher and pupils. We love it, Molly!



We are so impressed with Charlie's oh-so-cute owl and pussycat models. Well done, Charlie!



Isaac has put his creative thinking cap on to produce a wonderful dragon's passport, linked to his English topic.



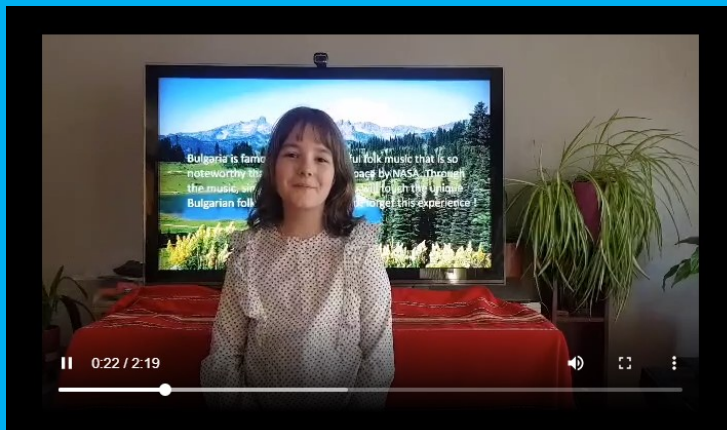
Arni has made butterflies from painted stones, inspired by the work of artist Tony Cragg.



Saanvi has designed and made fashion outfits from recycled materials. She wisely says, "I believe that any every day object can be turned into an artwork; we just we need to imagine and visualise it."

Magic Moments

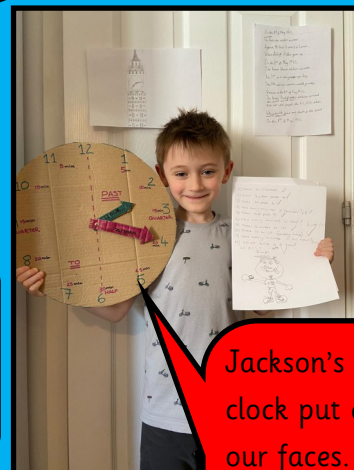
Here are some special moments that made us smile this week when they dropped into our email in-boxes:



We really enjoyed watching Plamena's video about Bulgarian music. She made an excellent presenter—very professional!



We couldn't believe that Joel caught this whopper on one of his first ever fishing expeditions!



Jackson's home-made clock put a smile on our faces. We can see how hard he has been practising with it.

This picture of Anvay riding his bike really cheered us up. We loved the look of happiness on his face as he hit the open road.



It was wonderful to see Lily, her brother and her lovely, fluffy pet dog all exercising together outdoors.





As part of their Maths problem solving work, Reception have been investigating spiders webs. Children made their own webs in a all sorts of ingenious ways, both indoors and outdoors. Well done, everyone.

Insy, Winsy Spider



Eden Red Vouchers

Despite a few problems at the start of the Edenred voucher scheme for our families who are eligible for free school meals, we believe the system is working far more smoothly now with all families receiving their e vouchers in the week in which they are due. We recognise that the vouchers are not being received on the same day each week and this may be inconvenient to you when planning your weekly shop but unfortunately we have no control over when your voucher is delivered to you .

We have been notified by the Department for Education that the voucher scheme will not run over the May half term (week commencing 25 May 2020.)

Please contact Sarah Beck on beck.s@welearn365.com if you have any queries regarding your vouchers or the scheme.

Best wishes,

Sarah Beck

(School Business Manager)

School Re-opening

You should have received communication this week explaining our plans to possibly re-open school from June 3rd for pupils in Year Six; from June 4th for pupils in Year One and from June 8th for pupils in Reception. As explained in the email sent to you, these plans are not definite and rest upon the government "five tests" being met.

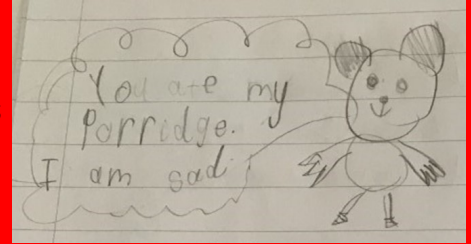
We realise that you may be wondering and worrying about whether or not to choose to send your child/ren back to school. Please be assured that we will support you in whatever decision you make in the best interests of your child/ren.

Please rest assured that emergency education provision for key worker and "vulnerable" children will continue.

Sydenham Superstars

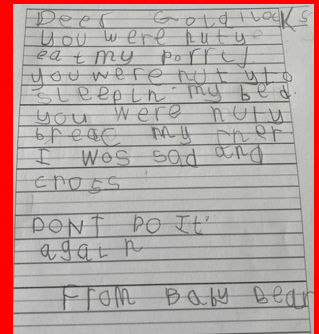
YR LS

Mrs Scholes has three superstars this week—**Defne, Harry** and **Athena**. Defne has been chosen for her super outdoor learning; planting seeds and exploring the great outdoors with her family. You can see her picture on page three of the newsletter. Harry and Athena have been chosen because Mrs Scholes is so impressed with their writing. They have both concentrated, worked hard on capital letters and never given up. Well done to all the YR LS superstars.



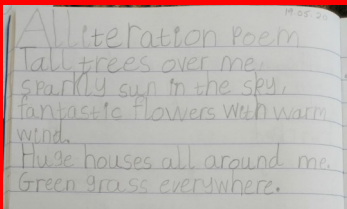
YR RK

Miss Knight's superstar this week has to be **Jack** and his family for their re-telling of Jack and the Beanstalk video, complete with props and Poppy backstage! It made Miss Knight well up because it was so brilliant!



Y1 EL

This week Mrs Lee has chosen **Manreet** to be her Sydenham Superstar. Manreet has been working exceptionally hard over the last 7 weeks and her work is always beautifully presented. She is consistently remembering to use her capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. She has also been busy reading lots of wonderful books since we left school. This week she wrote a lovely poem about nature, as you can see her handwriting is wonderful. Keep up the fantastic work Manreet!



Y1 CD

Miss Daly's superstar this week is **Inana**. Miss Daly has been super impressed with her efforts with all her learning since the school closure started. She has been particularly impressed with her improvements in her writing. Inana has made lovely progress with her handwriting and ensured that she has used capital letters, full stops and finger spaces making her writing legible. Inana has remained enthusiastic throughout her phonics sessions and when speaking to Inana's Dad last week he shared how she had been so engaged with her learning and had been doing lots of extra work to the timetable. Well done Inana! Keep up the hard work, Miss Daly is very proud of you.

Y2 CP

This week, Miss Peters has chosen **Karishma**. Karishma has been engaging extremely well in the Microsoft Teams lessons and is always eager to join in and answer questions. She has been growing many plants at home and has wowed us all with her purple cacti and chilli plant. This week she has been continuing to practice our poem at home and is becoming very confident with the actions and words. Well Done Karishma!

Here is your virtual sticker to print and wear with pride!



Y2 AP



Miss Parsons has two superstars this week. The first is **George** for his fabulous model pig. Well done, George. It is fantastic to see you engaging with your learning so well. The second superstar is **Arlandria**. She has really impressed Miss Parsons with her brilliant attitude towards her home learning since school closure. She has worked consistently hard and her work is always completed to a high standard. Arlandria



presents all of her work beautifully especially her colourful drawing for International Nurses Day and her cute Owl this week to finish the Owl and the Pussy-cat topic. Miss Parsons is very proud of you Arlandria—keep up the hard work!



Y3 JL

Mr Lee's superstar this week is **Destiny**. It has been really encouraging to hear how Destiny has taken this time to learn lots of new skills. She has learnt how to use PowerPoint and is showcasing lots of her work using this. Destiny always presents her work beautifully and to a high standard, including this project on Bob Marley. Well done Destiny!

Y3 J ML

Mrs Lloyd has chosen **Mahad** as her superstar this week for his wonderful learning in Maths. Mahad has worked hard to complete his Maths activities and gave a really well-explained answer in our online lesson on Thursday! It is great to see he is continuing to work hard and enjoy his learning. Well done Mahad!

Y4 AH

Neha is the Y4 AH superstar. She has been working extremely hard over the last few weeks. Not only has she been focusing incredibly hard on improving her maths and English skills, she has used her time at home to develop new skills too. Neha has learned how to ride her bike (in only six days), has demonstrated her talents with origami and has been baking some delicious look treats, such as "far-fat" which you can see in the photograph. Mr Hawes has thoroughly enjoyed hearing about all the things that Neha has been doing at home. Well done Neha.



Sydenham Superstars

Y4 SM

This week Mrs Madahar would like to nominate **Saishri** to be her class superstar. Saishri has been showing a fantastic attitude to all her home learning activities and using all the learning characters whilst at home. She takes pride in the presentation of her work which is always presented beautifully. Keep up the great work Saishri!

Y5 RA

Miss Arundel's superstar this week is **Isaac**. Miss Arundel has been blown away by the amazing pieces of learning Isaac's produced this week. Isaac conducted a science experiment into friction as well as inventing his own dragon and making them a dragon passport. He also showed Miss Arundel the 'Missing' poster he made when his dragon disappeared! Miss Arundel has been so impressed by the detail, imagination, thought and effort that Isaac has been putting into his learning all week. Isaac has been putting lots of enthusiasm and dedication into his learning and it's been lots of fun for Miss Arundel to get to see what he's done. Keep it up, Isaac!

Y5 CB

Miss Ball would like to nominate **Rueben** as superstar for working really hard on all tasks during lockdown learning. He has also shown lots of enthusiasm during the online lessons and has kept his handwriting looking neat and tidy. Great work, Reuben!

Y6 KG

Miss Gillespie has nominated **Demi** as superstar this week. She has been so pro-active with her learning, trying hard in online lessons and sharing her ideas. She is a superstar everyday and is doing her utmost to continue learning. I was particularly impressed by her creativity and enthusiasm to create her art project on Magritte, and she has researched and enjoyed Reggae music as part of her music project. She has worked really hard and I am so very proud of her. Well done Demi!

Y6 JvS

Kiran has been chosen by Mrs Van der Sterren as superstar this week. She has tried really hard to complete her online learning and has created a really interesting music project for Mrs Murphy. What a fantastic attitude to her learning!

SUSTAINABILITY



SUSTAINABILITY,
IT IS ALL OUR RESPONSIBILITY
TO RECYCLE, REUSE AND REDUCE,
AND STOP PLASTIC USE.

Saanvi has written this
fantastic poem on the
topic of sustainability.
We love your wise
words, Saanvi.

IN THE OCEAN, EIGHT MILLION TONNES OF WASTE.
THINK OF THE TROUBLES THE SEALIFE HAS FACED.
THEY CONSUME RUBBISH, NOT KNOWING IT'S BAD,
THEY GET CAUGHT IN PLASTIC, IT'S SO SAD.



MOST PLASTICS AREN'T BIODEGRADABLE,
WHICH IS WHY WE ALL NEED TO BE SUSTAINABLE,
THIS WASTE CAN HANG AROUND
FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN BOTH WATER AND ON GROUND.

STOP PLASTIC AND THE DANGERS IT BRINGS,
BY BEFRIENDING ECO FRIENDLY THINGS.
USE RECYCLABLE MATERIAL
LIKE PAPER, GLASS, WOOD, CARDBOARD AND STEEL.



LET'S WORK TOGETHER
AND MAKE THE WORLD BETTER.
LET'S CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT,
FOR OUR FUTURE'S BETTERMENT.

Take care everyone. We
miss you.
Lots of love from Miss
Glenny and the Sydenham
team.

HELP TO PRESERVE OUR NATURE
HELP ALL HUMANS, ANIMALS AND OTHER CREATURES.
SAVE ENERGY, SAVE WATER, INCREASE PLANTATION.
SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT, STOP DEFORESTATION.
IF WE RESPONSIBLY PLAY OUR ROLES,
WE SHALL REACH ALL OF OUR GOALS.

