

My First Day

Welcome back to school! We hope you all like reading our first newsletter of the academic year and enjoy meeting our wonderful, new Reception children.



At School



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of Education



We have been astonished by how well all of our Reception children have settled into school this week. They have really made a flying start!



My First Day at School





We have been so impressed by the children's lovely manners, kindness and good behaviour.

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The children have been busy making friends and learning classroom routines. They have eaten lunch together and even attended assembly.





All of our new pupils are a real credit to their families and our school. We're so happy to have them with us!



My First Day at School

Miss Glenny really enjoyed seeing so many of our families at Art in the Park over the summer holiday.

Lots of you came along to our pop-up gallery to view art work created in school with visiting artists, to join in with free arty workshops and to spend time with staff from the charity, Young People First.



SPLAT! is a collaboration between pupils and staff from two local primary schools: St Patrick's and Sydenham, enabling the children to work with professional artists in school to create some exciting pieces of work.

The schools are committed to improving access to high quality arts for children and secured funding from local charities to make this wonderful collaboration with professional artists possible.

Please show your support, pop inside and take a look at our fabulous SPLAT! pop-up art gallery.

Come in and have a go at screen printing yourself with local artist Jim Duncan. It's FREE!

Art in the Park



On display were photographs that pupils took with artist, Lynne Gugeon. Our textile banner, made with artist Emma O'Brien, was also on show.

Art in the Park





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Some of you joined in free screen printing workshops with artist, Jim Duncan or enjoyed mindful colouring activities. It was a fantastic, artistic weekend!



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

**Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 31: Leisure, Arts and Culture.**



Our School Rules

As you know, we are very proud to be a Unicef Gold Right's Respecting school. This week, we have been thinking about our school rules —how they keep us safe, make things fair and ensure that everyone gets their rights.

In assembly, Miss Glenny read the book “Mixed” by Aree Chung. Children thought about the importance of being friendly and welcoming and recognised the fact that everybody is unique. They reflected on the fact that diversity is a wonderful thing because different skills and experience make our school community stronger.

You can see some photographs of our lovely pupils following the school rules and respecting the rights of others on the next few pages.



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Article 3: Best Interests of the Child



We are polite and respectful.
We are helpful to others.

We are calm and sensible.



Our School Rules

We are gentle and kind to others.
We are honest and truthful.



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Article 29: Goals of Education

We are listen well to adults and other children.

Our School Rules

We look after school resources and property.

Our rules make school safe, happy and fair.

Please support us in helping your child to follow the rules.



Y6 met their Reception buddies for the first time today! These relationships are very special and mutually beneficial. Well done everyone for getting along so well.



Y6 Buddies

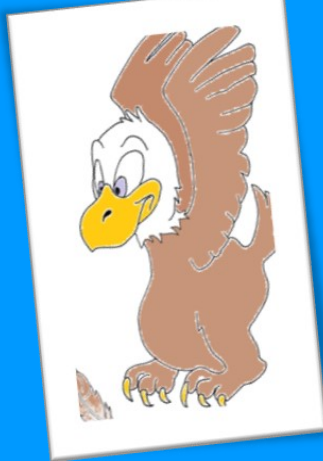


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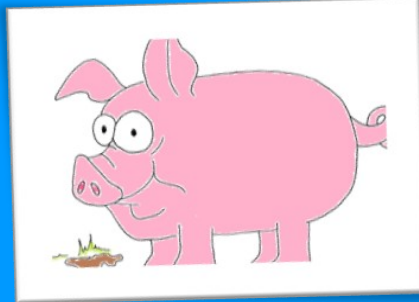
Learning Characters

These are the characters we use at school to help us develop a good attitude to our learning and **GROW** our brains!

Concentrate.



Have a go.



Cooperate.

Be curious.



Never give up.



In class this week we have been thinking about having a positive attitude to learning so that we can keep on trying even if things are hard.

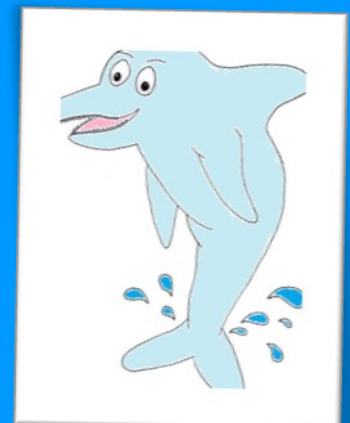
When we think like our characters, we become learning superheroes!

Keep on improving.



Enjoy learning.

Use your imagination.



Reading Diaries

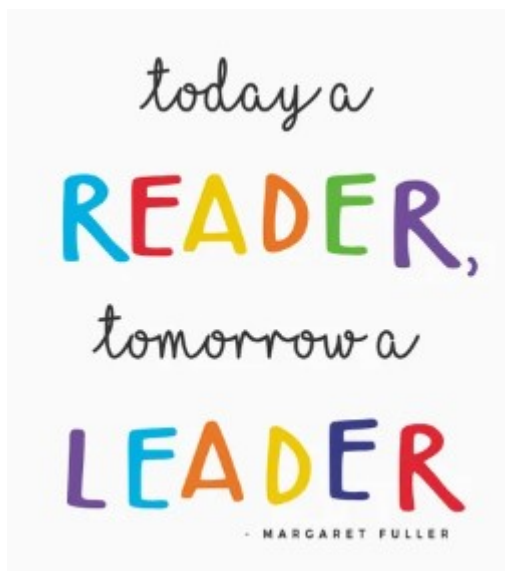
At Sydenham we value and love reading.

Your child should have received a reading diary which they must bring home every day before returning it to school the next. Each page has a week-to-view, with a space for you to sign for every day that you hear your child read over the course of the week. Teaching staff will not complete this section of the reading diary as we keep reading records in school; but there is space at the bottom of each page for teaching staff to make any particular notes.

One diary should last all year, so please encourage your child to take care of it as they are a valuable record of your child's progress with this key skill.

We really do love reading at our school, and hope that your child will enjoy taking part in all of the different reading activities throughout the year.

Regular reading is rewarded, so please do help us to know that your child is reading at home by signing their diary!



Sydenham Primary School Reading Diary 2024—25 Reception Name: _____ Class: _____
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School Information

Curriculum Meetings on Microsoft Teams

Parents/carers are invited to join a live meeting with their child's class teacher on Tuesday 10th September from 4.00—4.30pm. The meeting is an opportunity to hear more about your child's curriculum and to ask questions about teaching and learning. The meetings will be recorded and sent out the following day so don't worry if you have more than one child at Sydenham! Links to the meetings will be sent out soon.

Kitchen Update



Contractors were hard at work refurbishing the kitchen over the summer holiday. As you can see, there's still quite a lot of work to do but things are going to schedule and we hope that hot dinners will be back for the start of October. Fingers crossed!

Equipment

Please label all equipment—uniform, water bottles and lunch bags. Please remember to send equipment with your child rather than bring it in late to the office. Thank you.

School Photographs

Brush up your smiles! The photographer will be taking individual portraits of children on Thursday 19th September. These will be available to buy.

Free Support & Advice

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Drop in to the
Crown Routes
Community

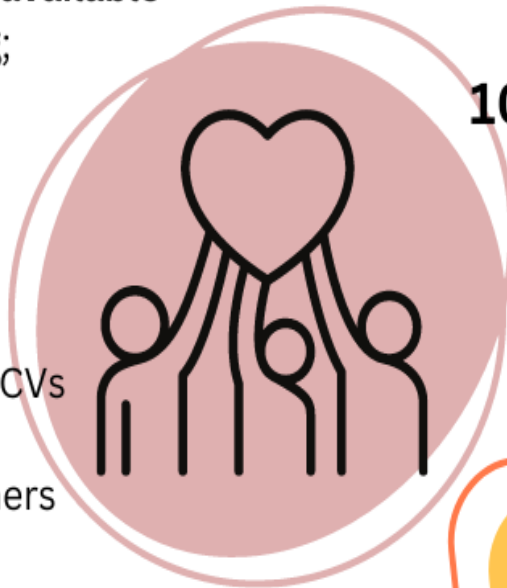
Café

Drop In session
Mondays
10am-2pm

from 4th September
holding weekly
Drop In session
@Lillington Health Hub

Support & advice available
including;

- Debts & Money management
- Housing
- Benefits
- Employment
- Job searching & CVs
- Mental Health
- Foodbank vouchers
- SEN Support
- and much more...



Wednesday
10am-12:30pm



Drop in or call for an
appointment
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Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th September, 4.00—4.30pm	Curriculum meetings with class teachers, live on Microsoft Teams. (Recordings of each meeting will be available on Wednesday 11th September.)
Tuesday 17th September	Olivia Williams from The Wildlife Trust working with YR and Y2 to plant wildflowers.
Thursday 19th September	School photographer visiting to take individual portraits.
Monday 23rd September	Cycle to School Week.
Wednesday 2nd October	Y6 Swans assembly at 9.05am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 9th October	Y1 Puffins assembly at 10.30am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 16th October	Y6 Moorhens assembly at 9.05am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 23rd October	Parent's Evening, 3.30—7.00pm.
Wednesday 23rd October	Y2 Swallows class assembly at 9.05am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 24th October	Parent's Evening, 3.30—5.00pm.
Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November, school closed for the half-term holiday. Children return to school on Monday 4th November.	
Wednesday 6th November	Y5 Kittiwakes assembly at 9.05am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 11th November	Road Safety Week and Y5/6 Bikeability.
Wednesday 20th November	Y5 Woodpeckers assembly at 9.05am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th November	YR and Y6 height and weight checks.
Wednesday 27th November	Y3 and Y4 visit the Belgrade Theatre to watch the pantomime, "Dick Whittington."
Thursday 28th November	Christmas decorations go up in the hall.
Monday 2nd December	School closed for INSET (In-Service training.) Children back at school on Tuesday 3rd December.
Wednesday 4th December	Reception Nativity at 9.30am. Families are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 9th December	Y1 and Y2 visit Warwick Arts' Centre to watch "The Smeds and The Smoos."
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Christmas concert at 9.30am.
Thursday 12th December	KS2 Christmas concert at 2.15pm.
Monday 16th December	Rock Steady concert at 2.15pm.

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January, school closed for the Christmas holiday.

Monday January 6th 2025, School closed for INSET (In Service Training.)

Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One

Have a super weekend.
Best wishes from Miss
Glenny



Key Stage Two