

Newsletter - 17th November 2023



Our Learning



This week in Brambles Class, the children have been learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated. The children have made Diya lamps, Rangoli patterns, tried paneer cheese, lanterns, created their own mehndi patterns, looked at traditional dress and had a go at Bollywood dancing! During Welly Walk, they also made Rangoli patterns with bird seed!

In Oak Class, the children have begun practising for their Nativity. They have also been studying maps of the local area using our online system digimaps!

The Year 4 children in Willow Class have been thoroughly enjoying Forest School on a Friday afternoon (although we aren't sure that the parents are when they see the washing that comes home!)

Elm Class had the opportunity to take part in a Cross Country run at RGS this week too. This was a great opportunity to put into practise the fitness they have been working on in PE lessons.

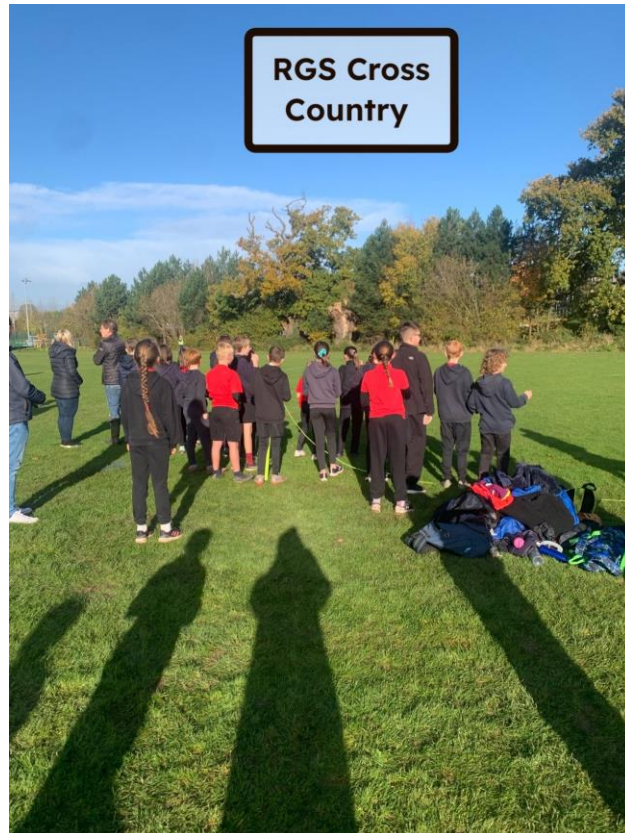












Anti Bullying Week



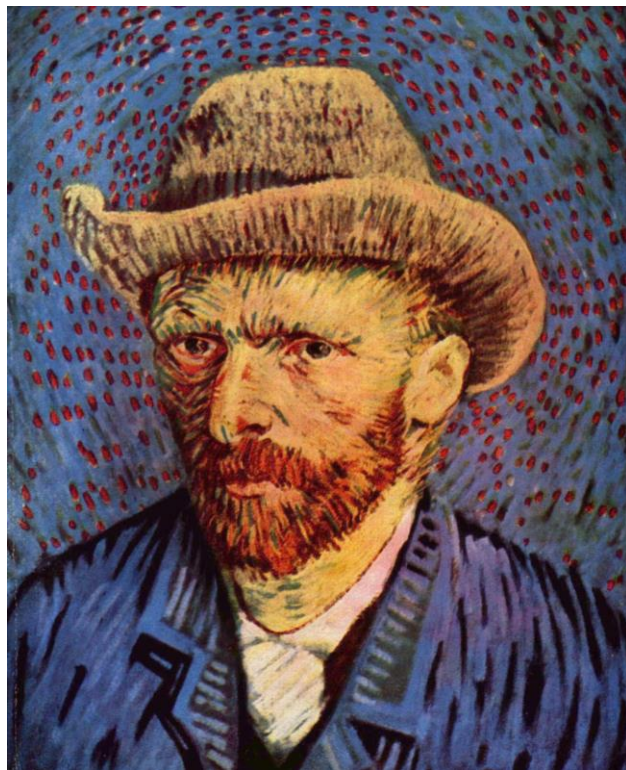
We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Hothi for organising daily events this week to highlight the importance of some of our core values (kindness and respect) in helping to prevent bullying. The children all looked fabulous in their odd socks on Monday, and they have been able to take buy positivity bracelets, make key rings and have made a 'positivitree!' In Assembly on Monday, Mrs Richards also discussed the importance of tolerance and respect for others when they are different by reading the story 'Something Else.'



Artist Focus

Vincent van Gogh – Artist Focus

This week Mrs Oliver introduced Vincent van Gogh to the children in assembly. The children thought 'The Starry Night' was especially appropriate for this time of year. The children are invited to use his style to create their own landscapes or portraits. Any contributions are gratefully received up until the end of term.



Remembrance



Thank you so much to Benj and Felicity for representing our school at the Doverdale Remembrance Service last weekend. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and received many lovely comments about what lovely children we have at our school!







Governor Vacancies



Are you enthusiastic about Education?

Do you have some time to spare?

If so, then you may be just the person we need!

At Sytchampton Endowed Primary School we are looking for a co-opted governor to join our governing body. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school.

School governors have three main roles.

Governors ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

The governing body helps to set long-term plans for the school, decide where improvements need to be made and how to make them.

Governors hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.

The governing body looks at the quality of education being offered and ensures the head is doing everything possible to improve results.

Governors oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

Governors examine budgets and spending proposals to monitor whether the school is getting value for money and ensure the money is spent in the right areas.

This role may be particularly of interest if you have skills in finance/accounting, human resources, data or education but we invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online.

We are looking for someone who can attend approximately three full governing body meetings per year and around three to six committee meetings per year (dependant on committee). Full governing body meetings are held in school, usually on Thursday evenings and committee meetings are held online on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings (dependant on committee) from around 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Governors also spend time in school during the day (around two visits per term).

You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. If you would like to find out more please email:

seps-govclerk@sytechampton.worcs.sch.uk for further information

Or contact the school office on: 01905 620 418

Barnabee Tea



- Brambles

Millie – for always trying her best and having wonderful manners.

- Oak

Year 1: Mason for his excellent determination to improve his letter formation. Your writing looks lovely!! Well done!

Year 1: (Additional!) Toby Evans for fantastic ideas and suggestions when planning sentences for stories!

Year 2: Jimmy-Dean for his excellent report writing in English! Well done!

- Willow Class

Year 3 - Bella for believing in her self particularly in maths.

Year 4 - Alanna for being determined to improve in every lesson.

- Elm Class

Year 5. Holly for her self belief in Maths this week and show casing her factor and multiple knowledge!

Year 6. Macie for her complete determination to complete all Barvember challenges!

PE Home Challenges

Miss Field (our PE Lead) is keen to encourage lots of physical activity both in school and at home! She has asked us to share these home challenges with you all as suggestions for things to keep active:

Home challenges

September – How many star jumps can you do in a minute?

October – How long can you do a wall sit for?

November – How many times can you throw and catch a ball with a partner without dropping it?

December – How many times can you step up and down a step in one minute?

January – How many slalom runs can you complete in a minute? Layout three objects three steps apart. You must run in and out of the objects and back to the start to complete one slalom run.

February – How many times can you throw a ball against a wall and catch it in 60 seconds without dropping it?

March – How long can you hold a plank for?

April – How many times can you throw a ball up, clap once and catch it in a minute?

May – How many squat jumps can you do in a minute?

June – How many times can you pass the ball around your waist in a minute?

July - How many times can you tuck your legs up to your chest and then extend them out in 60 seconds?

And here are some great links for additional ideas!

Joe Wicks – Mission to get more school children active and feeling the benefits of physical activity through HITT workouts –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TGEdzRzSbw>

Cosmic Kids Yoga - This popular YouTube channel engages kids with yoga themed adventures.

<https://www.youtube.com/@CosmicKidsYoga>

Go Noodle – Move with purpose – hundreds of videos that activate kids bodies and brains for short bursts – <https://www.gonoodle.com>

This Girl Can Disney workouts – Dance along activity and routines to song from Disney movies – <https://www.thisgirlcan.co.uk/activities/disney-workouts/>

Disney 10 minutes Shake Up – Partnership with Disney, different activities assigned to Disney characters to challenge and get children moving –

<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>

BBC Boogie Beebies- A range of video clips available online to get kids moving and active - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mvsc/clips>

BBC Super Movers –Fun curriculum linked videos to get moving while learning - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/supermovers>

Portacabin Rebuild Project



The new classrooms are really starting to take shape! We are meeting with the site manager and project manager on Monday afternoon next week, to discuss dates for our KS2 classes to move in! As we explained in our previous newsletter, due to an issue with the National Grid (which is no fault of the school or the build team), the heat pump will not be likely to be connected until the new year. Some of the external tarmac may well not be completed until after Christmas either. But we are hoping to move our KS2 classes into the building in the second week of December and will use plug in heating in the interim period.

The ceilings are all in now, with all of the lighting and electrics wired up. We even have doors on the classrooms now too! As soon as we have a firm date, we will let you know. We had always anticipated that the build would be complete in November/December so we are well and truly on track.











Christmas Is Coming - Key Dates



Sytchampton Endowed Primary School



14th November 2023 Dear Parents,

Christmas Events

Celebrations will start on Friday 1st December with our PTA Christmas Fayre which will be held from 1.30pm – 4pm at Sytchampton Village Hall. Parents will be invited to school to sign out their children to take them to the fayre. For those parents who are unable to attend, small groups of children will be supervised by our staff (your consent for this is covered by our general consent form which includes the option “to go for short accompanied walks along Cow Lane”).

Another lovely local Christmas event is the Worcester Cathedral Christmas Tree festival which we are taking part in this year with all pupils helping to create a decoration for our tree. This will be on from Dec 7th – Jan 14th and more details can be found here:

<https://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/christmas-tree-festival-2023>

On Tuesday 12th December we hope (subject to the building project completing at end Nov) to have two performances of our Reception/KS1 Nativity Play (further details to follow).

We will have a whole school trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk at The Swan Theatre in Worcester on Wednesday 13th December so please ensure you have paid and given consent for this via School Money.

Christmas party day is on Friday 22nd December.

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of the NSPCC, with Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 20th December. All children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper along with home clothes and bring a donation for this worthwhile charity. Our caterers will be providing the traditional turkey dinner (vegetarian option will be available). This will be provided for our Reception and KS1 children as usual, and all our KS2 children are welcome to book Christmas Lunch in the usual way via School Money.

Christmas party day is on Friday 22nd December. Our caterers are providing a buffet style party lunch for our Reception and KS1 children and all other children will require a packed lunch (as classes usually also ask for contributions of party food). If you had booked a hot dinner in advance this will show as a credit for next term.

The Autumn term will end with our annual Carol Concert at 1.30pm with school closing for the holidays at 2.30pm (no WAC available).

Many thanks

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Jenny Bishop

School Business Manager

Diary Dates



Please see below some of the key diary dates for this term as it stands right now. Please be aware that these are subject to change, but that we will notify you if this is the case. We will also keep the school website up to date:

www.sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk

Whilst the new build is still underway, we will not be in a position to invite parents in for Celebration Assemblies and will be conducting these in school with the children via remote links. As soon as we are able to use the hall again, we will let you know and invite parents back in. We are hopeful that the new build will be complete before Christmas and that we will be able to stage our Key Stage 1/Early Years Nativity and our Key Stage 2 Carol Service, so we have pencilled in dates for these.

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th Sept/Tuesday 5th Sept	TED Days (School Closed to pupils)
Wednesday 6th Sept	School Open to All Pupils EYFS (Brambles) in school until 11.30am
Monday 11th Sept	EYFS (Brambles) in school until 12.45pm
Wednesday 13th Sept	New IPM Targets set and shared with SEND families (Provision Map)
Wednesday 13th Sept	Elm Class Black Country Museum Trip
Thursday 14th Sept	EYFS (Brambles) in school full time
Friday 15th Sept	Celebration Assembly (No parents)
w/c Monday 18th Sept	School Council/Wellbeing Champions Elections
Friday 22nd Sept	Barnabee Tea Parent Newsletter 9.00am SEND Parent Forum
Monday 25th Sept	Commando Joes Activity Day
Wednesday 27th Sept	Swimming Lessons Start (Willow Class)
Friday 29th Sept	Celebration Assembly (No parents)
Monday 2nd Oct	Harvest Donations Week
Wednesday 4th Oct	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Friday 6th Oct	Barnabee Tea Parent Newsletter
Tuesday 10th Oct	World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 11th Oct	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
Friday 13th Oct	Harvest Assembly/Celebration Assembly (Arrangements tbc)
Monday 16th Oct	Parent Survey
Tuesday 17th Oct	Lloyds Educational Foundation 300 Year Celebration (Dress Up)
Wednesday 18th Oct	09.00-10.30am Prospective EYFS Parents Open Morning
Tuesday 24th Oct	18.30 PTA AGM (Spice Fusion)
Thursday 26th Oct	17.45 – 19.45 PTA Monster's Ball (Community Hall)
Thursday 26th Oct	18.30 Full Governing Board
Friday 27th Oct	09.00 – 10.00 SEND Parents Coffee Morning
Friday 20th Oct	Barnabee Tea Parent Newsletter
Monday 30th Oct – Friday 3rd Nov	HALF TERM
	New Building Opening Ceremony (Dates tba)
Thursday 9th Nov	14.00 Parent Voice Meeting 09.45 – 11.45 KS2 Cross Country
Friday 10th Nov	14.45 Celebration/Remembrance Assembly (Arrangements tbc)
w/c Monday 11th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17th Nov	Barnabee Tea Parent Newsletter 09.00 SEND Parent Coffee Morning Children In Need
Wednesday 22nd Nov	15.00-18.00 Parent Consultations (Face To Face) All Year Groups
Thursday 23rd Nov	15.00 – 17.00 Parent Consultation (Face To Face) All Year Groups
Friday 24th Nov	14.45 Celebration Assembly (Arrangements tbc)
Tuesday 28th Nov	09.00 – 10.30am Prospective EYFS Parents Open Morning
Wednesday 29th Nov	New IPM Targets set and shared with SEND families (Provision Map)
Friday 1st Dec	Barnabee Tea Parent Newsletter
w/c 4th Dec	Assessment Week

Autumn Term 2023

	Rags To Riches Textile Collection
Weds 6th Dec	Willow Last Swimming Lesson
Friday 8th Dec	14.45 Celebration Assembly (Arrangements tbc)
Monday 11th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to School (tbc)
Tuesday 12th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Nativity to Families (tbc)
Wednesday 13th Dec	Whole School Pantomime Trip (Jack and The Beanstalk)
Friday 15th Dec	Barnabee Tea Parent Newsletter
Wednesday 20th Dec	Christmas Lunches Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 22nd Dec	Christmas Parties and Special Visitor 13.30 – 14.30 KS2 Carol Concert (tbc) 14.30 School Closes for Christmas (No WAC)

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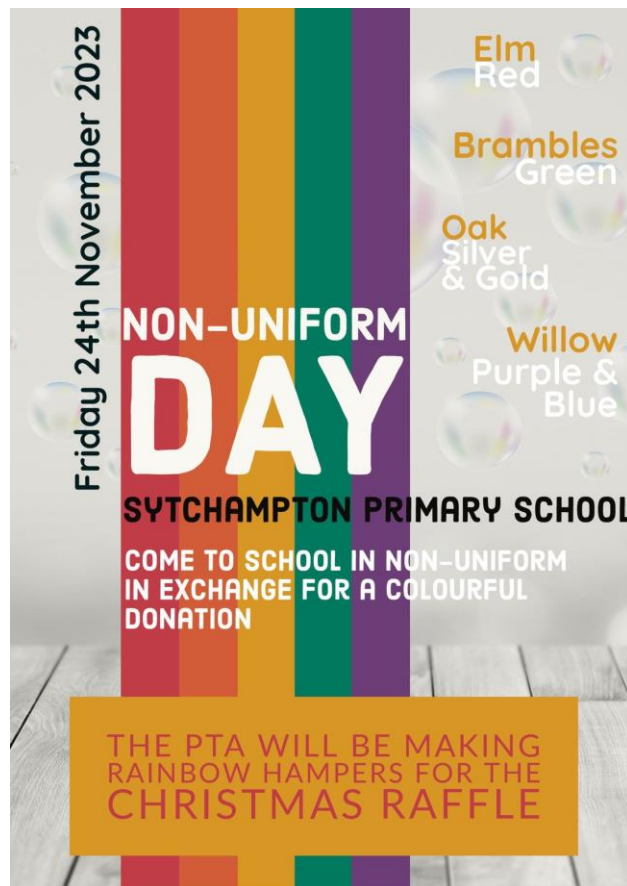


Non-Uniform Day Friday 24th November

The PTA have asked us to hold a non-uniform day in return for donations on Friday 24th November.

The PTA are hoping to make up Christmas hampers for a Christmas Online Raffle! If the children could bring in hamper donations in exchange for a coloured gift to fill the hampers that would be amazing!

The PTA would like them on display for the 1st Dec with the draw being on 22nd Dec at midday.



The 'Big Ambition' Survey



The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/

Attendance



Thank you so much to everyone for making a big effort to be in school. We really want to make the most of every opportunity to help your child reach their full potential, so by ensuring that they are in school, you will be supporting us in achieving this. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on our school website.

Attendance Breakdown Between 04/09/2022 and 17/11/2022

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