

Sybil Elgar School

Parent & Carers Newsletter

SUMMER TERM 2020

Havelock Rd

The Primary Departments Sports Day took place on Tuesday 28th July - whether jumping, dancing, imaginative play, or taking part in favourite games, our physical activity programme provided valuable motor sensory fun for our pupils, supporting them in their wider learning and taking account of social distancing as much as possible within the full – sized pitch that Swift Road offers.

Andy our PE teacher organized the competitions - running with a racket and ball and sack races – which as expected made everyone laugh out loud with enjoyment.



Primary Sports' Day provided our children with great motivation to achieve a goal and showed great determination and perseverance in the challenges set. Everyone was a winner!



This summer term we have understandably been exploring COVID 19 through pictures and social stories to support our children's understanding of the situation.

We have been practising tracing and copying our names and engaging in phonics tasks by searching objects with specific initial sounds with visual and adult support.

Focusing on the development of numeracy skills, pupils in Year 1 enjoyed engaging in sorting colour and/or shapes activities, but also naming them when it was requested. We have been practising counting up to 5 with the use of rhymes but also completing adapted visual number charts.

Pupils thrived on the outdoor play activities in the Primary front garden and also in our playground where we gained new equipment such as our sand- picnic table, water fountain and rockers. We made best use of the lovely weather taking lessons outside including Art - enjoying finger-painting, messy play.

The children have expressed their happiness and engagement in a wide range of activities and workshops, especially during special events. Favourite games during the maths week were 2D and 3D puzzles as well as colourful magnetic blocks. The most popular was the telescope and measuring cups with colourful substances which the pupils loved mixing during the science week.



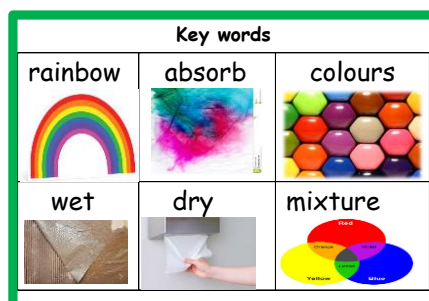
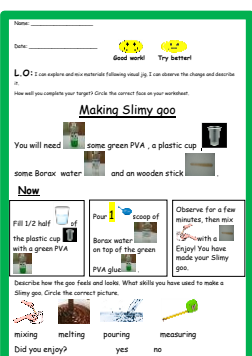
It has been a wonderful term for the creative arts. Our school has been part of the **Artsmark** community for many years, and we have just been awarded our Artsmark Silver Status, which we are delighted about. Also this term we been instrumental in A New Direction's **I Am Festival**. Due to Covid-19, this year has been online. A big thank you to all our young people who contributed, whether at school or at home. Winning entries can be seen on - <https://www.instagram.com/p/CCLIAkJHanm/>

Beata Chryszczanowicz, Art and Design Teacher



This term, our fantastic team have delivered another inspiring Science week, full of exciting and fun - learning opportunities for our pupils.

We designed hands on workshops and we prepared visuals to enhance literacy and numeracy teaching.



We created outdoor exploration spaces and libraries. We also had fun and learnt new skills



Ani Angelova, Science Teacher

Woodlands - Sybil Elgar School 16-22 Campus



A note from Richard Manager of our 16-22 Woodlands Campus

This term, Woodlands has been able to focus on key projects throughout the school, from our fantastic greenhouse project to our tremendous art and design competition as well as the Woodlanders performance. This as you know was in celebration of our leavers in an unprecedented virtual ceremony in which students, staff, parents, carers and most honourably, the mayor attended. It exemplified the great community we have at Sybil Elgar and showed what we can achieve even amongst lockdown and the challenges which this has brought.



Teachers have had the opportunity to work on future projects and we have further developed our curriculum and the way we are going to plan, assess and deliver learning, and development opportunities, which we will share with you in the coming months. We have set our sights on a winter performance before we break up in December which will further show the amazing talent we have at Sybil Elgar School.

Our Art Work

During the lockdown, we have been supporting students both at home and school in completing their art courses.

Please see some of those projects below:



At school, we designed signage which helps to follow the government guidelines regarding safety.



In May, for the first time, we announced our Summer Art Competition as part of home schooling. Thank you to our Lead Judge for selecting the winners

From 29 June to 03 July 2020 we opened the virtual doors to "I Am At Home" Festival and at school we created this amazing collection of human faces. It was an opportunity to have our students' pictures displayed on the online Festival's gallery.



In July we designed and created a poster for the Summer Performance 2020 "The Greatest Sybil Elgar School Show" based on the musical and film 'the Greatest Showman'. Richard got permissions from Disney who part -own the show - to use the images.



The Summer Art Competition 2020 (home work project).



24th July 2020 competition's judges: Lead Judge Samire, student from post 16 unit, Chloe, Principal of Sybil Elgar School and Adam, Art Teacher from Woodlands 16-22 Campus, announced the winners from all entries.

The winners of the Summer Art Competition 2020 are:



A) The Mysterious World.

Nathan's picture "One Race Human Race"

Melanie's picture "We are all equal"



B) Draw a picture of what you see when you open the door

Adrian's picture "When I open my door"



C) 'My Breakfast'

Dacian's picture "Breakfast"



Thank you for all entries for the competition and congratulations to the winners

Adam Szefer

Art Specialist – Teacher (based at our Woodlands Campus 16-22)

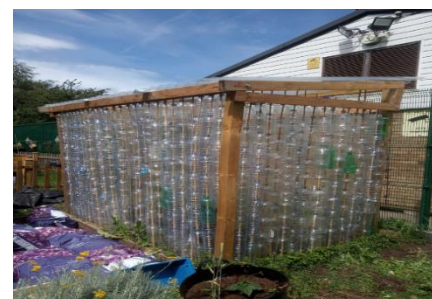


This term we finally finished our Green House project. The Green House is made of recycling plastic bottles, donated wood planks and bamboo canes. All of our students and staff members have been participating in this project in many different ways - such as washing the empty bottles and cutting them, building the structure or designing the Green House. But not only students and staff member, parents have also helped by collecting the bottles and sending them to the school.



We would like to thank students, parents and staff members for the incredible support, and for helping us to make this amazing project happen.

Abraham Buitrago Arenas. Business Enterprise Teacher.



COVID 19 September 2020-21

In line with government guidelines for schools we will endeavour to receive all of our pupils and students back to school for the new Academic Year. We will do this in stages in order to ensure that all children are given an opportunity to transition positively.

The first stage will be welcoming back our pupils and students **who have been on rota and already returned this term on Thursday 3rd September**. This will allow over half the school children to settle.

The second stage will be welcoming back all other pupils and students **on Monday 7th September** which will give a clear beginning of the week start - after the long Summer Holiday and hopefully feel like the normal routine for all.

Jon will contact you to confirm and clarify.

The third stage will be for our pupils and students who have additional health care needs and those through the risk assessments will require further considerations with specialist support and adjustments required. **Thea and Richard/SMT team will contact you to discuss the best way forward in these cases.**

The fourth and final stage as always to the new academic year, will be our new starters who will be filtering in to school the end of September and through October.

The risk assessments will be sent out to you, education, social services and medical personnel as appropriate, to be signed and returned as soon as possible in order that we can confirm attendance for the new term.

Please **DO be advised that due to COVID 19 we may need to change the plans. DO be prepared for last minute changes** – which will be for reasons such as government directives, a significant number of staff needing to self-isolate for 10 days or quarantine, local authority lockdown.

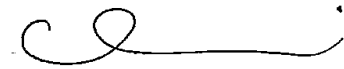
Laura and Monica from our Psychology Team will be in touch with families of children with additional needs during the holiday and Anne our Family Liaison Manger will do so the last two weeks of August. They can be contacted on 020 8752 9617 or via sybil.elgarschool@nas.org.uk

I would like to thank you for **your magnificent support** throughout this unusual time and the Sybil Elgar Governors, leaders and teams, who have worked relentlessly and with such energy and passion in their ambition to help our pupils, students and families – **OUTSTANDING. What a refreshing and amazing school community.**

I wish you a happy summer and very much look forward to hearing from you in the new term.

Please keep safe and look after each other

Kindest Wishes,



Chloe Phillips,
PRINCIPAL

Dates for your Diary

Please note that some dates are subject to change. We will always confirm dates of school events in good time. Please also check the school website for any updates. You will also find our term dates for 2020-2021 on the website.

www.autism.org.uk/sybilelgar

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Return to school

Friday 16th October 2020

Break up for half term

Monday 2nd November 2020

Return to school

Tuesday 22nd December

Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Return to school

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Academic Year 2020 - 2021

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Inset Day

School Closed Bank/Public Holidays

School Closed