

# Sudbourne School News!

From Miss Henderson and Staff at Sudbourne

## Sudbourne School Believes ...

This term the children at Sudbourne have been really working hard to think about others and find ways to help other people, and generally be kind! We've done lots of little things that have brought big smiles to people's lives. We're proud of how we care for others. We truly believe that 'kindness counts'!

And that's why we've turned into **Kindness Penguins, Kindness Elves, and Kindness Ninjas** this term, even the teachers! We've found little ways to make someone else have a happier day. It might be as simple as a smile, or as powerful as asking someone to play with them. Kindness counts at Sudbourne!



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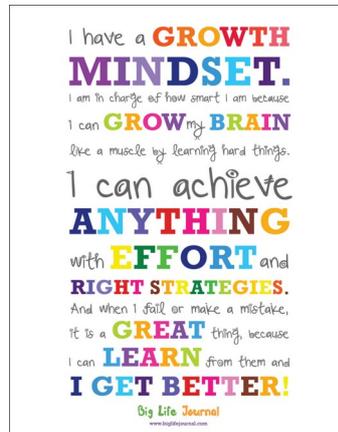
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## Can we do it? Yes we can!

As part of Sudbourne School's Emotional Health and Wellbeing school development plan priority, next term we will be focusing on helping children develop a positive growth mind-set.

We will learn about the 'power of yet'- not being defeated by challenges, but realising that we can achieve, if we persevere and are resilient. That hard-work and effort mean much more than 'talent'. And that mistakes mean we are learning and growing. It's powerful stuff!



## Singing Support & Celebration

A group of kind juniors sang some festive songs at the Carers Christmas Party in Brixton earlier this month. At Sudbourne, we recognise that being a young carer can be very tricky and we wanted to be able to show that we care for people, young and old, who care for others, so it was a great honour to be asked to perform at their party.



## Festive Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who donated to Food Bank this Festive Season. It really will make a great difference for people in need this Winter.

If you are struggling this Winter, please let us know. You might be eligible for Food Bank vouchers. See overleaf.



## Christmas Cards for our Older Neighbours

Our children made fabulous Christmas Cards for the elderly neighbours who attended the South London Cares Winter Party last week. South London Cares is community network of young professionals and older neighbours hanging out and helping one another in our rapidly changing city. We think this is really important; we want to support events and organisations that help with mixing communities, making friends and bringing people together and making sure everyone feels included and not alone.

## Sudbourne Expansion

Staff and governors are delighted to have heard that on 22 November, the decision to expand Sudbourne Primary School from a 1.5 form entry school to a 3 form entry school on two sites (Hayter Road and Mandrell Road) was approved by the Cabinet Member for Children and Schools, Councillor Jane Edbrooke. This is very exciting news as we have been looking to expand Sudbourne since 2013!

A community consultation will take place in January 2018 once more detailed plans for both sites are available. We hope as many of you can participate in the consultation as your views, opinions, and questions matter to us. We will let you know the times and dates once we hear from the local authority.



## Reading Rocks

Our programme of volunteer parent/carer readers for children has got off to a fine start this term. Our fabulous volunteers come to school just before home-time and read with our lucky children.

We know our children love this - they've told us! One of our year 4 children is so keen that he asks us every day if it is his turn for Reading Rocks, he loves it so much!

We'd love for more children to feel like this... If you can spare 15 minutes once or twice a week, from 3.00-3.15, then please get in touch. We want as many children as possible at Sudbourne to enjoy and benefit from the simple gift of story time.

## School Council News

Our School Councillors have been busy this term, finding out from the juniors about the issues that matters to them. We took part in the Citizenship Foundation's "The Big Vote" and this is the result of our ballot:

1. Endangered animals
2. Cancer
3. Animal welfare
4. The environment
5. Anti Social behaviour
6. Road Safety
7. Children's wellbeing
8. Supporting the Elderly
9. Homelessness



As a result, next term School Council will be drawing up a plan of action on how to support endangered animals. We'd love your ideas.

## Anti-Idling Campaign

We are proud to be included in Lambeth's anti-idling campaign in Spring 2018. It will be a chance for us to learn more about air quality and pollution, and about the national campaign to try to stop drivers idling, in particular parents waiting for their children outside school. There will be a short training session in school to train all interested community volunteers, concerned parents, governors etc. about idling and the harm it does, and also how to talk to people about idling, followed up with a game of giant air quality snakes & ladders in the playground. And a team of volunteers will go out in pairs into the neighbourhood to talk to pedestrians and drivers about engine idling.



## Poetry and Music Celebration

We have lots of talented children who are passionate about music and poetry and we love for children to get the chance to perform. Here are some of our Sudbourne children who are sharing their passions for poetry & music with us during Family Assemblies: Harry, Flora, Marcie, Talia, Agnes, Stassio, Emily, Marcy, Kiya, Cora, Daniella, Tate, Arthur, Raid, Shira, Beatrice, Demi, Anne-Marie, Stephanie. We're proud of you all!

## Playtime Plea!

Do you have any board (not bored!) games that you no longer play with at home? If so, we'd love to make good use of them! We are really keen for our children to be able to play a variety of games during playtime, lunchtime, and also at breakfast club. Any games suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years would be welcomed!



## Here to Help

We understand that in these times of 'austerity measures', many families are under immense financial pressure. To support families in need/crisis, we are partnering with Norwood and Brixton Food Bank, and are now one of many referral points in the local community for food bank vouchers. If you want to speak to someone about this, please contact Anne in the office, or any member of the Senior Leadership Team. We are here to help!

## Secondary School Singing Success!

Some fantastic year 5 and 6s were invited to perform at Lambeth Academy's Winter Music Concert in December. And it appears they made quite the impression! This is part of a letter from their Creative Arts Lead:

"Please may I take this opportunity to say an absolutely massive thank you from Lambeth Academy for bringing your students to perform in our annual Winter music concert. Your students were so hard working and represented your school amazingly. They definitely went over and above. They are so talented, confident and enthusiastic. It takes confidence and trust to perform in front of strangers and in a new venue, they did so well. They are definitely stars in the making!"



## LOVE LAMBETH AIR

It's been one month since we put up our "Pollution Diffusion Test Tubes" as part of our role in the 'Love Lambeth Air' project. These diffusion tubes are used to measure the nitrogen dioxide in our environment; we have quite a few months to go before we find out the results of this testing. How polluted is our school environment?

