



On Our Patch

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- * Y5 Bikeability
- * World Book Day
- * Y6 Parent's Evenings
- * Y5 Let's Dance
- * Y6 Take Shelter Trip

Message from Mr. Sutherland



Well, long time no speak! It has been a couple of months since our last newsletter for a number of reasons, but it's fair to say that despite a lack of editorial contact, school has remained super busy and exciting.

With trips and visits galore, in class learning and rising to challenges both in the classroom and elsewhere, your children and

our colleagues have been making the most of every day.

We remain slightly 'underheated' as a school building, however the outside temperatures have been kind and with luck, the issues will be rectified over half term—fingers crossed we don't have to experience another extended period of time without heating any time soon...

As we get to the half way point in the academic year, I'd like to thank you all for your support of the

school team as well as our superb Friends of the School. There has never been a more challenging time financially facing our nation's schools, so every ounce of support and every penny donated or raised helps support our plans and projects in our amazing school.

We look forward to enjoying many more fundraising events after half term, so keep your eyes out for details.

Have a lovely break!

Mr Sutherland

Staffing News

In the mid-point of the Autumn term we said goodbye to Ms. Dodd, one of our longest serving colleagues—after nearly 30 years she took the opportunity to retire from education to look after her grand children and then last

week we also said goodbye to Mrs Ward-Lee after 10 years as an Individual Needs Assistant who is looking to join the library service in the city.

We wish them well with their new adventures,

thank them for their years of service to the school and we will miss



Indoor Athletics Competition—7th February



On 7th February our team of Year 6 athletes headed to the Sports Hall at BACA to compete in this year's Indoor Athletics Competition, along with 7 other schools from the city—this was one of many events held in the past few weeks involving dozens of Brighton and Hove schools. Events including Speed bounce, Standing Long Jump, Obstacle relays and more were all part of this team event.

Everyone put in so much energy and effort into every event and we were so proud of their teamwork, especially when some races didn't quite go as planned or there were some tumbles!

In the end PJS came 5th out of the 8 schools taking part which was really pleasing.

Well done to everyone that took part!





Monday	19th Feb	All	First day of term
Friday	23rd Feb	4JW	First swimming session
Thursday	29th Feb	Y5	Bikeability starts—see Ping for confirmation of when your child is doing this activity
Thursday	7th Mar	All	World Book Day
		Netball	Stinger 5 Netball at Patcham High School
Monday	11th Mar	Y6	Parent's Evening
Wednesday	13th Mar	Y5/6	Parent's Evening
Monday	18th Mar	Y5	Let's Dance
Tuesday	19th Mar	Y5	Let's Dance
		Y6	Take Shelter Trip
Wednesday	20th Mar	All	Group and leavers photos
Thursday	21st Mar	Y6	Take Shelter Trip
Monday	25th Mar	Y3	Fairy Tale Ball
Tuesday	26th Mar	All	Spring Concert
Thursday	28th Mar	All	Last Day of Term



Library Funding Update

Our library fund raising target of £20,000 has been reached, which is utterly fantastic news! However, since we started planning the work for a new, bespoke library, the financial situation facing all schools has changed dramatically.

Therefore our plans for a new library building have had to be put on ice due to them becoming unachievable, even with the fantastic amount of money raised—however all is not lost or gone to waste as we have made the decision to divert our attention to upgrading and extending into the surrounding space our existing library.

We will be looking to local community (and better still, families already at the school) to work with us to make the necessary adjustments and upgrades to the library as a whole giving us modern, purposeful shelving and storage for the books and an even better library experience for the children.

In the second half of this term we will share with you our initial plans and ask for help from anyone that might like to get involved in the project.



Year 6 football results

After something of a break due to the weather and lack of lasting daylight, the Year 6 football team had to wait until late January and February to complete their league fixture list.

And unfortunately for the team, their first game back was something of a drubbing by Balfour Primary, with the home side beating the Patcham boys 6-0. To be fair on the PJS players, three goals were what we might describe as 'Worldies' that on most other days wouldn't have gone near the net, however their heads never dropped and they kept battling to get a consolation goal that ultimately never came.

The final fixture however was a much more enjoyable affair—played at home against St. Luke's Primary where a cracking brace of goals, including a last minute winner from Freddy after St Luke's appeared to have snatched a deserved point late on, meant the boys in blue ended their league campaign with a 2-1 victory.

Times Table Rock Star Day!

On Friday 5th January, Patcham Junior School once again descended into Melodic Mathematical Mayhem for the day!

On lead vocals for the day was Miss Steele, our very own talented Maths Mastery Primary Specialist teacher who orchestrated brilliantly our whole school 'Rock Star' assembly.

Wannabee Times Table Rock Legends battled it out, head to head in front of an enthusiastic live audience for the chance to be crowned the champion of the day, but only if they could defeat Ms Ross in the final round.

Albert in Year 6 made his way to the final show down and with scenes reminiscent of the very best concerts, a fitting crescendo was left for last as Albert finally defeated Ms. Ross with the final question.

Thank you for supporting the children in continuing to learn their timetables as well as giving some of us the opportunity to get dressed up (again) in some fun outfits!





Oliver rehearsals have begun with a flying start with some fun workshop rehearsals. The children will find out their casting just before half term and tickets will be released after half term. Shows will take place Wed 26th - Fri 28th June with one Friday matinee.

Year 4 Certificates





STOP THE SEWAGE!

PATCHAM EMERGENCY MEETING

FEBRUARY 20TH 2024 | 20:00PM

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**PUBLICLY OWNED
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Meeting



Level 1 & Level 2 CYCLE



TRAINING at Preston Park and Hove Park



**Monday 12 – Thursday 15
February**

10am – 12.30pm each day

Ages 9 – 15

Levels 1 & 2 together is £40 per person.

Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.

Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

Level 1 – Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.

Progression to Level 2 training is depended on meeting all level 1 modules to National Standards Level.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

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