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Message from Mr. Sutherland



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little while...well, a week or so anyway!

The last three weeks however, have been so full of events and activities, both during and after the school day, that I can tell that the children and the adults in equal measure could do with a few days to catch their breath!

I hope you can all make the most of the half term week. Please remember

that Monday 1st November is an INSET day and school is closed to all pupils.

Thank you to all parents and carers that visited the school (some of you for the very first time) for the meetings with class teachers last week.

It was great to speak to so many of you and to hear how positively the start to the academic year has been. My colleagues told me how enjoyable it was for them to meet you all in person and how supportive of their efforts you all were, so thank you!

We have had to say a fond farewell to Mrs Austin this week, after nearly 16 years as a teaching assistant at the school. Mrs Austin will however still be in school in the afternoons to deliver her popular after school drama club.

This term we have also welcomed new recruits Miss Martinoli, Mr Connolly and Miss Mcpherson to the support team.

Have a great break!

Mr Sutherland

Additional Closure Day – Queen's Jubilee

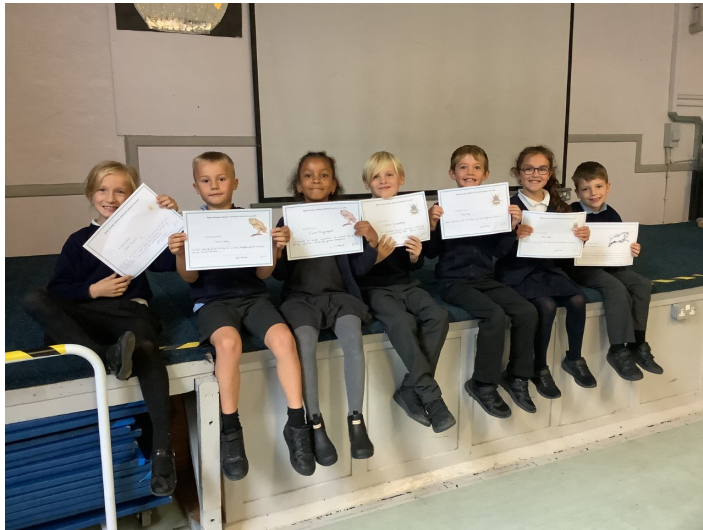
As an additional Bank Holiday has been added to the May half term 2022, Brighton and Hove schools have now moved the last day of summer term to Thursday 22 July.

This will be a final INSET day for Patcham Junior School and the last day of summer term that children will attend school will now be **Wednesday 20th July 2022**

A revised calendar is now available on our website:
<https://www.patchamjun.org.uk/term-dates>



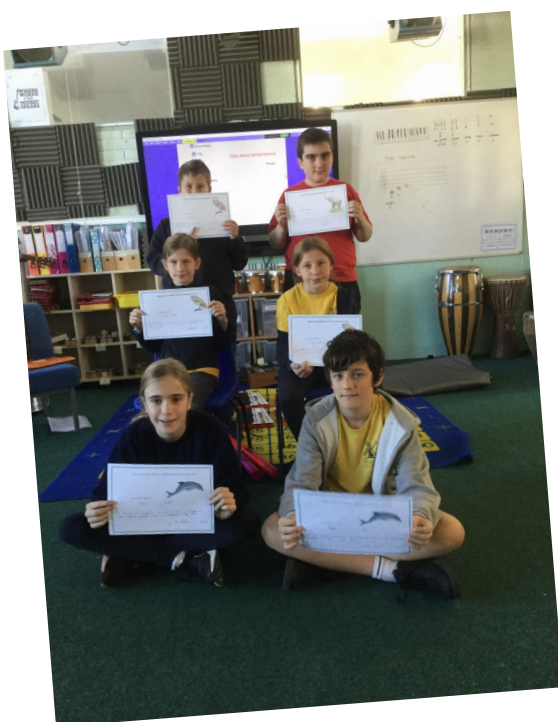
Celebration Time!



Check out this splendid group of super-stars this month!

As always, brilliant learning keeps on happening at Patcham Junior School!

Well done everyone for working so hard as well as showing great resilience when things got tough!





25th to 29th October	All Week	Whole School	Half Term
1st November	Monday	Whole School	INSET Day
2nd November	Tuesday	Am	Flu Vaccinations
5th November	Friday	Y4	Y4 Victorian Day
12th November	Friday	Whole School	We love Our Planet Non Uniform Fundraiser
17th November	Wednesday	Y5 & 6	Cross Country Competition
19th November	Friday	Y6 Y4	Titanic Day Victorian Day
26th November	Friday	Whole School	Take Over Day
30th November	Tuesday	Girls Football Team	Match at Westdene

Half Term Workshops with Mass Observation at Hove Museum 5-8yr olds

For more information please follow the link below:

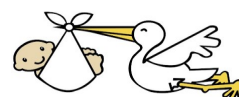
[What's On in Hove Museum – Hove Museum](#)

Maternity Leave

Mrs Vincent has left us today (only briefly though) to start her maternity leave.

Vincent Junior is due in early December and we look forward to meeting her new arrival in due course. Mrs Vincent will be back!!

We all wish Mrs Vincent a swift and safe delivery of her newest family member and we look forward to seeing her again in the middle of next year!



Volleyball Action!



Elsie, Jonah, Adey, Ella, William, Ely, Luca, Henry, Gabriella, Elena, Valentina and Felix have begun volleyball training at Yellowwave Beach Centre on Madeira Drive. Here, they are receiving specialised coaching.

Thank you Miss Minihane, Miss Martinoli and Mrs Spencer-Smith for taking the children!



Fun Run!



16 fantastic runners represented Patcham Junior School at the Brighton and Hove Fun Run at Withdean Stadium. They partook in four different activities throughout the day and performed excellently, well done!

Football Action!



After just two training sessions the girls had their first tournament and wow, what a brilliant tournament it was! They gave it everything, worked as a team and battled hard in 6 different games. They won two games, drew two and lost two, all with big smiles on their face.

The girls were constantly battling, defending and shooting at the goal. It was lovely to have so many parents watching and cheering on from the side-line.

Well done to all the team, you should all be so proud of yourselves!

Year 6 Football Update!



Our Year 6 footballers have had their first taste of competition action at the annual Brighton Schools 7-a-side tournament.

The boys played five games in total, winning two, drawing two and losing just the one game. They scored 7 goals (Tjay 2, Sam 2, Jack, Oscar and an own goal) and conceded just one, but that final loss (0-1 vs. Cottesmore) was enough to see them knocked out in the semi-finals. It was a great event and the first for nearly two years. It was so good to see them all playing together for the first time.

League Action

It's been a tough opening couple of games in the league, with home matches against Balfour and Downs Junior failing to go our way.

In the Balfour game a narrow 1-0 loss against the tournament champions doesn't tell the full story of an excellent performance where the team played so well and almost snatched a draw when Frankie hit the post late on.

The same could not be said of the Downs Junior fixture where a 3-0 loss hurt the players as they weren't at their best. A superb opening five minutes saw the PJS boys have four glorious chances to take the lead, only to concede three quick goals at the other end.

Although it's tough to lose, the boys played some fine football in both games.



Road Safety Awareness



It's that time of year again when the clocks go back, ghouls rise up – or are bought from the Super-markets – and rockets race to the skies – this time with the first Captain Kirk on one of them (Star Trek reference for those unaware).

Plus the roads get a little scarier – especially for pedestrians – as while they may be able to see the roads well they are not aware that they may not be as visible to drivers.

Here are some tips to keep you safe on the roads as the mornings are a little darker and the nights draw in .

Be Safe, Be Seen

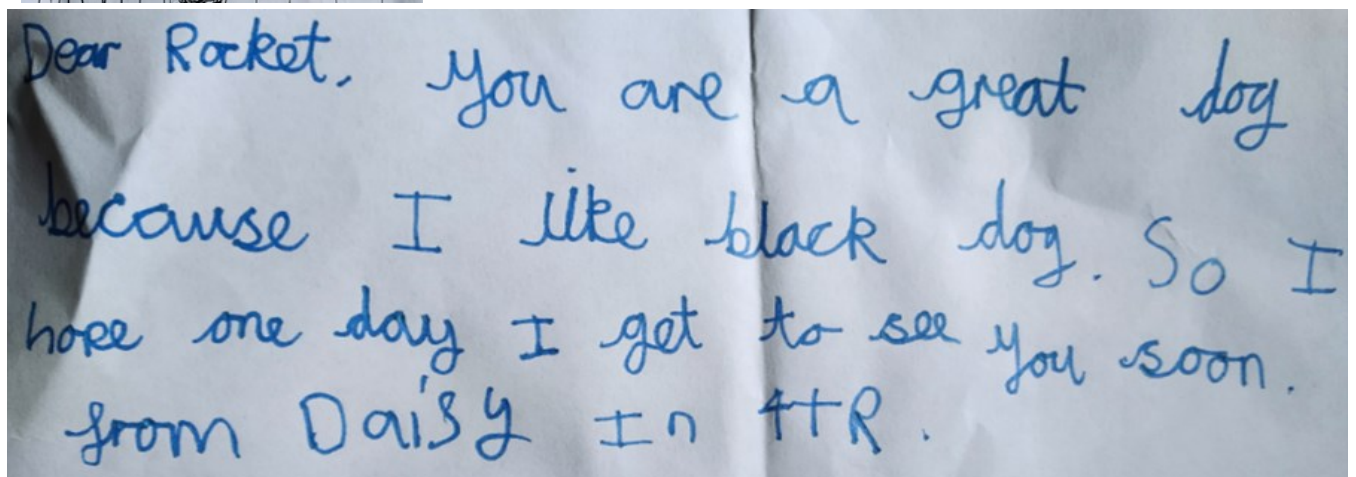
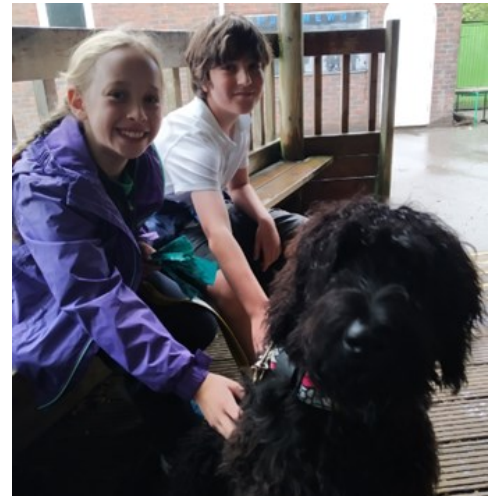
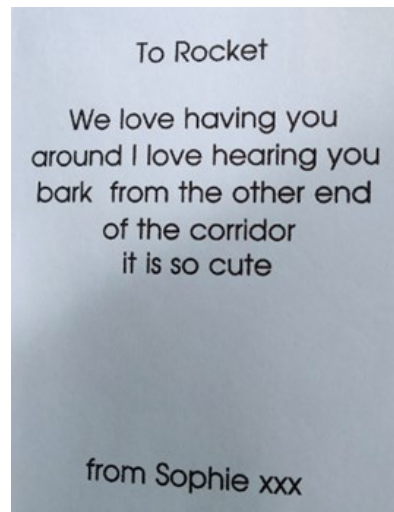




Woof Woof



Rocket has had a busy month seeing lots of hard-working children, attended his first staff meeting, inspired children to make cards, listened in on a restorative conversation and he helped anxious children come into school.



Reading Recommendation

"Can I Build Another Me?" is a beautiful book by Shinsuke Yoshitake which explores identity through a simple idea: A young boy is rather fed up of being himself, what with all the homework and chores that he is asked to do. So, he buys a simple robot with the aim of getting it to impersonate him. But what will it take for this robot to really *be him*? Through beautiful diagrammatic illustrations which manage to be both simple and detailed, this idea of identity gets quite deep. We see our character explore the kind of small quirks that often play a big role in identifying us: our bodies and names, likes and dislikes, the things we know, the places we go and even the way others perceive us. This is a beautiful, joyous book that will be sure to spark conversations and can be read and re-read by children (and adults) of all ages.

<https://thamesandhudson.com/can-there-be-another-me-9780500650783>

