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## Message from Mr Sutherland

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And just like that... we're back to school and September is about to tumble into memory!

I do hope that the start to the term or your time with us at Patcham Junior School has been a positive one—it certainly has felt so from our perspective. The children have made a fantastic start to the academic year, they've been full of energy, focus and have displayed wonderful attitudes to learning so far in all they've done.

As always, the Autumn term is a shock to the system after the summer, but we have found our feet really quickly this year and the little changes we've made appear to be working well—I have been particularly pleased with everyone eating together in the lunch hall. There have been such rich conversations overheard, often among children that wouldn't normally sit together and eat, so I trust the feedback (no pun intended) has been equally positive at home.

The school has been buzzing with constant activity with numerous

events and trips already taking place, culminating this week with Year 6s 'Make £5 Grow' project, which you can read all about further in this issue.

Thank you to all parents and carers for the kind words and many happy smiling faces at the gate each morning—you really do set me up for the day when I see you all!

I look forward to seeing many more of you during October at the parent/carers meetings.

*Mr Sutherland*





Well done to the  
children of 4TR for  
their certificates

## Climate Action



As part of our commitment to Brighton and Hove City Council's 'Our City Our World' project, we have so far this term been focussing on environmental education during our assemblies.

So far we have discussed key vocabulary including biodiversity, climate tipping points and the Wood-Wide Web.

We have shared a number of videos with the children and their engagement as always has been significant—this was really evident during the Year 6 Make £5 Grow day where there was an enhanced focus on the use of sustainable materials (paper based cups for example) in this year's event.

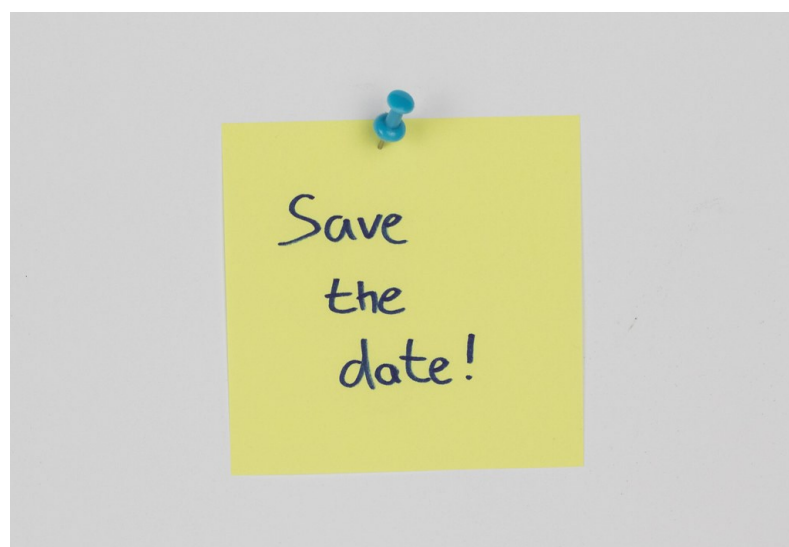
We are however, very keen to hear about any eco-related tips from you, our school community, that you might like to feature in future editions of the school's newsletter. Please send any ideas, hints or tips to the school office with a subject line of 'Climate/Eco ideas for the newsletter'.

We look forward to receiving them!





Thursday	6th	Y2 parents	9.15am	New Parents Open Morning
Friday	7th	Y2 parents	9.15 am	New Parents Open Morning
			Pm	Girls Football Tournament at Brighton College Jubilee Sports ground at East Brighton Park, Brighton
Monday	10th	Book Fair Week		Playground
Tuesday	11th	All Years	3.30-6.30	Parents Evening
Thursday	13th	All Years	3.30—6	Parents Evening
		Rugby World Cup Festival		TBC
Monday	17th	Y5	All Day	Trip to Brighton Museum
Tuesday	18th	Girls	4pm	Girls Football Match here
Wednes-day	19th	All	Am	Flu Vaccinations
Friday	21st	Girls	Pm	Football Tournament TBC
Mon-Fri	24-28th	All		Half Term
Monday	31st	All	All day	Return to school





# Make £5 Grow 2022!



On Thursday 29th September, Year 6 had their annual Make £5 Grow event and the young business people showed off their skills with a wide range of exciting and well-thought out stalls to tempt would be shoppers to part with their money!

The weather was kind and the atmosphere throughout was superb. Mr Stock added 'the Year 6 children have impressed

us with their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit in creating their stalls for the Make £5 Grow project. As well as designing enticing and fun-packed stalls, they have considered the impact of climate change to ensure this event is as sustainable as possible. All profits will be used to improve the school and the Year 6 children will decide how the money is spent.



The process of working out the (potentially impressive) profits will begin on Monday and I will update you all with a total as well as details on what the cohort decide to spend their money on. Thank you

ALL for your generous contributions both in support of your children and their stalls and for allowing others to bring in money to spend!





# *Y4 Trip to the Royal Pavilion*

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Year 4 went on a trip to the Royal Pavilion. We stepped back in time as we were greeted by Lady Busbee from Berkshire who taught us how to behave if we bumped into the King during our tour of the Pavilion. We were taught to bow and curtsy and to refer to him as 'Your Highness' and thereafter as 'Sir'. We were then taught how to make Dr Richard Russell's famous seawater cure so that we would be fit and healthy when we met the king! As well as salt water, it contained butterflies, crab's eyes and a snake to name but a few ingredients! Yuk! We were shown how to place our cutlery correctly during our royal banquet too! After that we toured the beautiful building itself, spotting the Chinoiserie interior design. We saw staircases crafted to



look like bamboo, enormous chandeliers that would take 2 whole weeks to clean and a banqueting room set for a feast! In the busy kitchen, we saw copper pots bubbling, ingredients being prepared for the many different courses and even spotted a rat or two! We kept an eye out for dragons and learned the difference between a Chinese and a European dragon. We ventured into the King's apartments and even saw Queen Victoria's bed - ask your child how many mattresses she slept on!

Afterwards some of us did some sketching in the Pavilion Gardens and then we toured Brighton Museum, particularly focusing on how Brighton has changed from a small fishing village, Brighthelmstone, into the vibrant bustling city which we now know and love.



The sun shone and the children were a credit to our school, behaving beautifully and thoroughly enjoying the trip. Many thanks to all of the staff and parents who made the trip such a success.



# Year 4 Science Topic on 'Sound'

As part of our science topic on '*Sound*', Year 4 was lucky enough to be offered a free trip to the Sussex Wildlife Trust's local nature reserve, *The Deneway*. After a bracing walk there, the children listened to different sounds

near and far and created a 'soundscape' out of natural objects to represent them. The children showed a real creative flair. We also found different living things including, amazingly, a young toad! A big thank you to the Sus-

sex Wildlife Trust for the opportunity for some fantastic outdoor learning and to all the wonderful parents who volunteered to accompany us.





**Is your child heading to Year 3 in  
September 2023?**

**You are warmly invited to our annual  
Parents' Open Mornings on  
Thursday 6th &  
Friday 7th October**

**9.15am - Patcham Junior School hall**

There will be a presentation by  
Mr Alister Sutherland, headteacher  
and a guided tour of our school.

New or existing parents and carers most  
welcome to attend.

**No need to book, please just arrive  
for a 9.15am start.**



***'Be curious, not judgemental'***





# Dramatic Results!

Calling all budding performers!

Did you know that LAMDA classes are now available at Patcham Juniors, delivered by Louisa Fitzgerald from 'Get Creative in Brighton'? A chance for your child to be trained in the art of public speaking and performance to drama school standard!

Huge congratulations to Phoebe, Fabian, Miraya, Emily, Jessica, Evelyn, Orla, Olivia and Arwen, each of whom has achieved a **DISTINCTION** in their LAMDA (London Academy of Dramatic Arts) exams, at Introductory, Grade One and Grade Two levels again this year!

Due to last year's Year 6s now moving on to High School, 4 places have become available for any Year 4, 5 or 6s at Patcham Juniors wishing to take these prestigious examinations. The sessions take place every Friday afternoon at Patcham Juniors (during school time), where each week the children have wonderful fun with drama games, costumes, wigs, improvisations, hot-seating and Bake-Off style judging of freshly-baked biscuits (let's not forget the biscuits!) along the way!

If you have a budding performer wishing to enhance their confidence and delve deeper into characterisation, please contact Louisa on 07967 633438, email [getcreativeinbrighton@yahoo.com](mailto:getcreativeinbrighton@yahoo.com) or visit: [getcreativeinbrighton.com](http://getcreativeinbrighton.com)

# LAMDA

