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Message from Mr. Sutherland



Welcome to another edition of On Our Patch. Once again it's packed full of insight and celebration about all of the exciting things that have been happening at Patcham Junior School in the last few weeks.

January seemed to last an eternity, with way more rain than seems fair, but although it was lengthy, it meant that there was lots

of time for curiosity and learning.

Both girls and boys football matches have taken place this half term; Year 5 visited the planetarium in Chichester and the Brighton and Hove Indoor Athletics competition saw PJS finish 3rd overall. Albion in the community (AIRC) visited the school to share their STEM Football expertise with the children and on the last day of the month, some of our talented girl footballers had a wonderful day at the

Albion's world-class Elite Performance centre in Lancing as well as Year 4s enjoying their second visit from renowned professional chef, John McManus!

It's been quite a month...

Thank you all again for your kind words of encouragement for our striking teachers this week too, I have shared these with the team.

Mr Sutherland

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Staffing Update

We said goodbye for the last time to a number of our lovely colleagues this month.

Mrs Owen in the school office along with Mrs Cripps our finance assis-

tant left us for pastures new this month.

At the end of December Miss Stubbings, a member of our support team, also left the school.

We wish all three of them great success in their new roles or with their future plans and thank them for being such great colleagues—we will miss them all.



Y4 Certificate Winners this month





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| 1st February | Wednes-day` | All day | All years | School closed for Teachers strike |
| 2nd February | Thursday | 3pm | Y6 Boys football team | Match here against Saltdean |
| 3rd February | Friday | All day | Y6 | Evacuee Day |
| 6th February | Monday | 3pm | Girls Football Team | Match here against Hove |
| 7th February | Tuesday | 3.15 | Netball team | Match here vs Westdene |
| 10th February | Friday | All day | All years | School closed for INSET |
| 13th–17th February | Mon-Fri | | | Half Term Holiday |
| 20th February | Monday | All day | All years | School reopens |
| | | pm | Y3/4 | Girls Football Festival at Patcham High School |
| 21st February | Tuesday | All day | Y4 | Shackleton Day |
| 24th February | Friday | All day | All Years | Take Over Day |
| 27th February | Monday | AM | Y3 | Patcham Walk |
| | | 5pm | Y6 | Hindleep Warren Meeting in school |

Millionaire Readers!

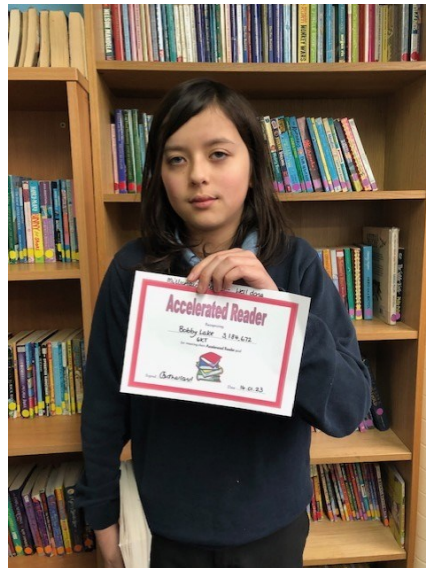


Magnificent word related news this month too as we have been celebrating the discovery of our first brilliant batch of Millionaire Word readers!



By devouring book after book, then quizzing their knowledge of what they have read on Accelerated Reader, the Millionaire readers are revealed!!

With some totals NORTH of 2 million words read since September, these are astonishing achievements so early in the year.

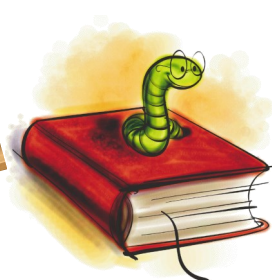


All Millionaire Readers will now take their rightful place on the '**Millionaire Reader Wall Of Fame**' outside Mrs Sutherland's classroom.

If you ever need a book recommendation, these are the people to talk to!



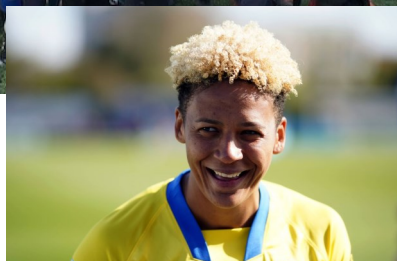
PS—there are quite a few others that are REALLY close to reaching a million words read and we look forward to celebrating their achievements in a future edition!



Girls on Tour (well, Lancing...)



Photo: John Walton via Imago



18 delightful girls from the school's football club (along with Miss Powell and Mr Sutherland) had a magnificent day at Brighton and Hove Albion's Elite Performance centre in Lancing. Hosted by Rob the head of Albion in the Community's school's team, the girls were put through their paces with small sided matches as well as a very competitive skills tournament. A presentation about the myriad of job roles in football nowadays was also given after lunch.

The highlight of the day however was meeting the Albion's captain Victoria Williams! Victoria was lovely and spent a good ten minutes chatting with the girls!

The girls (and us!) had a rather splendid day!

Year 6 Football Friendly vs. Stanford Jr

Some of our Year 6 football club members had their first taste of competitive school football just this week, playing Stanford Junior School in the first of a series of friendlies planned for this term.

As expected, the sides were very evenly matched with lots of really positive football played by both teams.

However it was the boys from PJS that scored first, with a lovely sweeping finish from Frankie S to send the home side in one-nil up at the half time whistle.

Man of the match Finley B proved to be a menace to the away side for most of the second half, constantly driving the ball down the right wing at every opportunity.



However it was late into the second half that Frankie S popped up again to bag his brace resulting in the whole team and many spectators cheering together once more.

Well played to all of the boys—we look forward to the return fixture after half term.

Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletic Competition

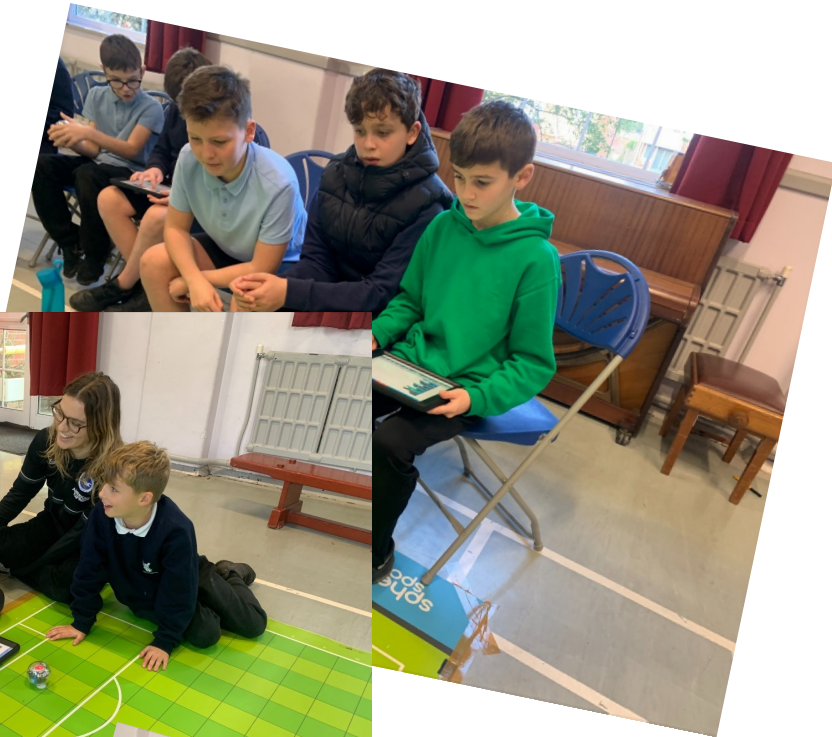


Well done to our incredible year 5's and 6's who went to the School Games indoor athletics competition. Patcham Juniors came in third place and showed excellent sporting skills, determination and resilience. A special well done to Alfie, who won the determination award.



Y5 & 6 Albion in the Community STEM Day

On Friday 27th January, the school organised for Albion and the Community to deliver a STEM day for many Year 5 and 6s. The children had the opportunity to work with technology to make robot footballs move around a pitch. They developed a number of skills including; teamwork, decision-making, problem solving and creativity. After speaking with many of the children they explained how amazing the day had been and how much fun they had!



Family Cycling

How does the training work?

Cycling is a sociable and brilliant experience to enjoy as a family.

We offer training to families to boost their experience and to support families with cycling safely

All sessions will be delivered by qualified National Standards Instructors who ensure that the training will meet the needs of each family.

The training is delivered in 2 sessions at a time to suit your family.

Session one is held in a non-traffic environment and is a training assessment, practice moving groups, bike control and progression towards on-road training if ready – approximately 1 hour.

Session two is held on road and working towards a planned journey for the family, self-assessment, mentoring – approximately 2 hours



What is included

All sessions are available for up to 6 people from the same family and **MUST** include 1 under 18 and 1 adult.

Riders **MUST**:

- Be able to ride independently (start, stop, pedal, slow down)
- Provide their own roadworthy bike (must have working brakes and no stabilisers)
- Helmet (optional)

How to book or if you have any further questions?

Email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Telephone: 01273 293847



Speak Out Stay Safe Volunteers – the NSPCC Schools Service is now recruiting in your area!

The NSPCC Schools Service is currently recruiting new volunteers in Brighton and Hove for our Speak Out Stay Safe safeguarding programme. Volunteers visit local schools and deliver the Speak Out Stay Safe workshops to children in Y5 and Y6 to empower them to have the confidence to speak out to trusted adults if they are worried. The more volunteers we have, the more schools we can reach with our Speak Out Stay Safe workshops!



We ask volunteers to deliver a minimum of 2 schools per month, so this role can be completed around part-time employment. We aim to minimise travel and match volunteers to local schools close-by to their home as much as possible, although there will be some travel involved.

If you are interested in finding out more, please use this link to sign up to a Volunteer Information Meeting (VIM) which is a 30-minute online meeting to give information on the role and to allow you to ask questions. <https://join-us.nspcc.org.uk/volunteers/vacancy/6752/description>

There is no obligation to apply. If you decide that the role is right for you after attending the VIM, then at that point you can complete an application.

Thank you so much for considering this role, we couldn't deliver our Speak Out Stay Safe service without the support of our wonderful volunteers. Here are some of my Sussex volunteers in action!



Photographer: Peter Mansfield-Clark

Closing date – 12th February 2023

Kalee Knight, NSPCC Schools Coordinator for Brighton and Hove.

TAKEPART is back

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Annual festival, celebrating sport, dance, and exercise in Brighton & Hove

TAKEPART launches **Saturday 17th June**
@ The Level - Followed by 7 days of activity
across the city!

The Festival is a chance for you to:

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- Raise the profile of your organisation
- Increase your junior and adult membership
- Link you with local schools and colleges
- Join other groups in the city and support a city-wide initiative

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Monday 13th February (Online) at 6-7.30pm

If you would like to attend please confirm your attendance
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More information at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/takepart



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