

POLEGATE SCHOOL

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Writing

READING UPDATE

The Impact so far.....

Last year 41% of children made 2 sub levels progress or more in reading.

This year 76% of children across the school have made 2 sub levels progress of more in reading.

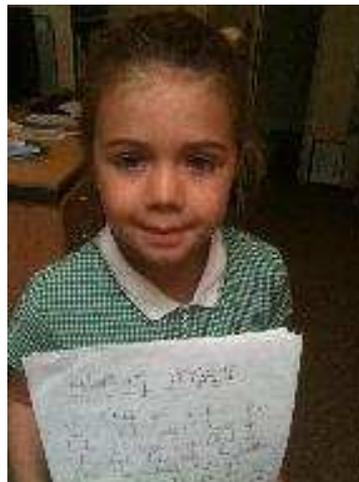
This is tremendous and is a reflection of the strong partnership between home and school. Thank you for the work you have done with your children at home.

Reading will continue to be a subject in focus but the next stage will be to check that the good work continues. It will remain a high priority and we hope to see further improvements as our good work is embedded.

Next year the priority area will be **writing**. We want to make sure that the progress made in writing is just as impressive. There is a natural

link between reading and writing. To develop skills in writing children need to be reading a range of books on a regular basis. They should have developed these excellent habits now and so have a great base for developing their writing.

I was amazed by this piece of work brought to me by Callie in Year 1.



Callie was inspired to write her story following our book week! I can see a future J K Rowling here!

I have included Callie's first page.... See page 2.

I think you will agree it is very impressive.

We hope to publish this for Callie in our school library. It had several chapters!

I would love to read any stories or diaries that are written over the summer holidays.

Accelerated reader

On Wednesday 27th June we held an Information Evening about Accelerated Reader.

This was not very well attended but the feedback was very positive. You have all received a letter giving you details of how to log in at home and view your child's progress.

The Land of PEGASUS

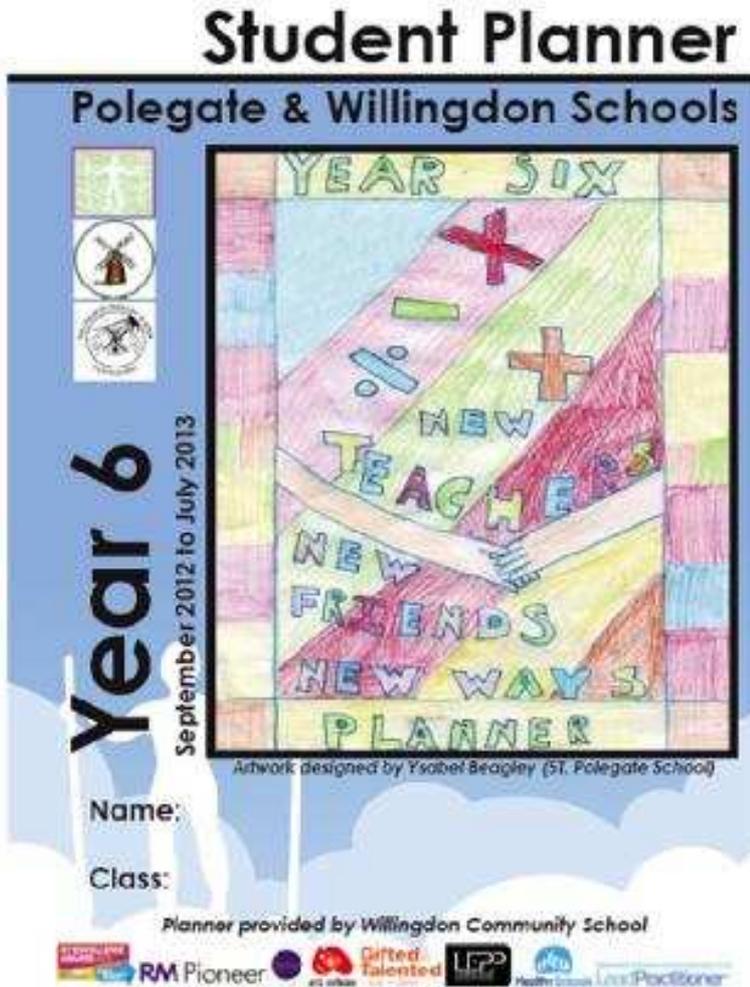
Once upon a time there
was a girl called Roxey. She
loved to ride horses. One day
she went down into the cellar.
And she noticed that there
was a code! It took her a
couple of days to get the code
right, but she managed it. It
was.... 1890? There was a pegasus
waiting behind the secret door.
Roxey jumped onto the pegasus
back. She took her to the land of
Pegasus. It was beautiful so many

Staff Structure for 2012 - 2013

Class	Teacher	Support
Reception	Mr Whittaker	Mrs Heather
Reception	Mrs Jones	Mrs Jenkins
Year 1 (RJ)	Mrs Hadley	Mrs Toni
Year 1 (RG)	Mrs Perkins	Mrs Cassell
Year 2 (1P)	Mrs Barnard	Mrs Granger
Year 2 (1H)	Mrs Stevens (4 days) Mrs Chadwick (1 day)	Mrs Barber
Year 3 (2B)	Mrs Giggs (3 days) Mrs Wallis (2 days)	Mrs Richardson
Year 3 (2S)	Mrs Geal	Mrs Shoesmith
Year 4 (3B)	Miss Murphy	Mrs Furlong
Year 4 (3F)	Mrs Murphy	Mrs Kulsdom
Year 5 (4M)	Miss Franks	Mrs Bailey
Year 5 (4G)	Miss Taylor	Mrs McFarlane
Year 6 (5T)	Mr Trent	Mrs Weyland
Year 6 (5K)	Mr Clayton	Mrs Belk Mrs Jackson
Year 6		Mrs Spokes (Transition Willingdon & Polegate)

There will be additional Teaching Assistants in some classes to support
individual children

ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Ysabel Beagley who won this year's competition to design the planner for both Willingdon and Polegate pupils' Year 6 planner.

I think you'll agree it looks great.



Uniform

As you know we now have a new logo. We are expecting from September that all pupils will be wearing the new uniform.

2012 JUNIOR ENGINEERS CHALLENGE

Overall winners- Polegate School.

Teams of four Year 2 pupils from nine Eastbourne schools took part in this exciting annual engineering event at the Congress Suite. Using a variety of recycled materials the

teams had to construct a sailing barge that floated and a means of propulsion. The teams learnt about bicycle pumps and bellows from the 'old days' and then set about making their own.

Teams were judged on how quickly they were

able to blow their barge along the Thames, overall design and build quality and teamwork.

I am very proud of our year 2 children. This is the first time we have won this competition!

Our Young Engineers were:

Charlie Nash

Jake Nash

Libby Smith

Abby Cox.

In addition to the trophy I will be proudly displaying they also won individual sets of K'nex and class sets.

SPORTS

Eastbourne Schools' Athletic Meeting

After a bit of a wobbly start we all pulled together brilliantly as a team to reach the finals of the boys' and girls' individual sprint races and both relay finals. Everyone gave it their best effort and after some great running, we finished around 4th in the track events. However, due to some amazing throwing and jumping in the field events, we were thrilled when the final places were announced and Polegate School finished in third place overall!

We were really proud of everyone involved! Certificates are on their way.

*Mrs Tracy Wallis
and Mrs Lorraine
Wilkinson*

Golf Final

Our Golf final will be held on Tuesday 10th July. Our golf team are taking part in the County golf final in Pease Pottage.

We wish them luck

Parent Evening

Don't forget to book an appointment to see your child's new class teacher. Sheets available at the school office

Thank you to Danny Maynard (a year 5 parent and soon to be reception parent!) for securing the David Lloyd passes for every family in our school.

Thank you to Claire Newell who provided our Olympic podium.

Privacy Notice

Under the Data Protection Act 1998, all schools and settings must inform parents that they hold personal data about each pupil.

Our privacy notice will be published on the school website for you to view. This will explain how we use the data.

LUKE LEMOINE



Luke proudly came to show me his football trophy.

Well done Luke for your football Achievements

Mollie Ireland

Mollie left us last year to start life at Willingdon Secondary School. I have just heard that she has achieved the award for the most improved student of the year. Well done Mollie what a great end to year 7!

Olympic Torch (17th July)

Hot off the Press - we now know when Mrs Barber will be carrying the Olympic flame it will be at 3.18pm on the A2021, Kings Drive, near Kings Avenue to Prideaux Road. The best place to cheer Sue are between these points.

If you want to watch with your child you can collect them from school at 1.30pm. Please make sure you have returned the permission slip (available from the school lobby)

After School Club

I am delighted to announce the staff that will be part of the After School Club team: The Co-Ordinator will be Stacey Newell.



Stacey has a wealth of experience with children. She currently works at the Children's Centre with the 0-5's.

Stacey had some wonderful ideas and a very clear vision for the After School Club.

She will be joined by Corinne Williams as a playworker and Julie McFarlane who is currently employed at the school as a teaching assistant.

They make a very strong team and I am looking forward to sharing the developments with you.

There has already been a lot of interest from parents wanting to find out more but if you think your child might like to attend please collect a pack from the office.

Hello I'm Stacey....

Some of you may already know me as I also work in the Polegate Children's Centre next door. I am so excited about working in the After School Club.

Bit about me.....

I am a bit of a fitness enthusiast, I enjoy running, swimming and at the start of the year I ran the Hastings Half Marathon. My 2 lovely girls keep me on my toes, our favourite thing that we all love to do is go down the beach and explore.

If you have any comments or ideas about the After School Club please tell me I always have an open door. I am very much looking forward to working together.

Enjoy the summer break!

UNIFORM

Now seems the perfect time to revisit school uniform. The summer is approaching and you will I am sure be buying new uniforms.

The children recently commented when they were taken to a sporting event that 'everyone else looks so smart!'

As we are now taking part in so many sporting events and competing against other schools with a lot of success I think our children deserve

to look just as smart! Next year we will be strict with our expectations of school uniform.

Please keep PE kits at school and take home at the end of the term. Have a separate kit at home if your child takes part in any clubs outside of school. Children have a tendency to forget to bring it back in.

If your child is not in the correct school uniform expect a phone call home.

This will then need addressing immediately.

Our expectations are clear now and we will enforce this. Lets start September with every child looking smart. No trainers!

Please ask if you are unsure.

PE Kit

White crew

neck t. shirt

with logo.

Black shorts

Black tracksuit

bottoms.

Black plimsolls,

trainers



THE OLYMPIC TERM



Year 5 have completed some amazing work on London after our stunning start.

Attendance

Class figures

%Attendance figures so far for this school year.

RJ: 94.1	3B: 96.1	5K: 96.5
RG: 94.2	3F: 95	6C: 95.1
1P: 94.8	4G: 96.7	6T: 93.6
1H: 95.4	4M: 95.5	
2B: 96.5	5T: 96.7	
2S: 96.8		

If your child's attendance drops below 85%. You may get a visit from a member of the school's senior leadership team with work for your child to complete during their absence.



As you can see we didn't reach our target this year.

The whole school average is 95.5%

We will work hard to improve this further next year. Please do not plan any holidays for term time. They will not be approved and if you have taken a holiday in term time this year then county will issue a fine.

We rely on our school computer system to calculate the 100% attendance. We have realised that it includes medical appointments as an absence. We would not want to penalise any child that has needed a medical appointment. If you think your child has missed 100% due to a medical appointment then please check with Kerry in the office.

Congratulations to the following very healthy children who have so far had 100% attendance for the full year!

Amber Cheale	Jamie Hamilton
Saskia Tingley Martin	Charlie Nash
Rosie Adamson	Aimee Field
James Fenton	Hugo Sparkes
Taylor Gibbs	Kiara Sprintall
Connor Jenkins	Amberley Upton
Tom Banks	Millie Thorpe
Matilda Ray	Daniel Wood

190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence A term missed	38 days absence	47 days absence
190 days for your child's education	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start	Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!		

Dates for you diary:

INSET days: Wednesday 28th November

Friday 21st December 2012