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THERE ARE NO LIMITS!

The weeks are racing by! The school has hosted a wide range of visitors this term to observe teaching practice from across the county and beyond- there really seem to be no limits at the moment!

Everyone has been blown away by the quality of teaching and learning in the school as well as the focus and behaviour of children. Everyone comments on the exceptional environment and resources the children benefit from. It is so lovely to hear as we can all take it for granted and are constantly seeking to improve further. It never hurts to occasionally step back and celebrate.

We have been super busy appointing staff for next year and look forward to introducing them to you in the next newsletter.

Next term we look forward to the return of our Sports Weeks, our swimming gala and more residential - exciting times ahead and lots to look forward to.

THE WILDLIFE GARDEN

RH had a fabulous time at the wildlife garden doing some pond dipping.

We learnt how to dip the net carefully into the water to try and catch some pond life. We managed to catch 13 newts, 2 pond snails, crane flies and some dragonfly nymphs. We put the pond life into a bucket of water so that we could take a closer look and then ensured that the creatures were let back into their natural habitat. We really enjoyed our time and can't wait to go back!



CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6

Huge Congratulations to our Year 6 for completing the first SATs since 2019!



They have enjoyed an extensive breakfast every day this week- sausages, bacon, toast and more! They certainly won't have gone hungry.



WELL DONE MASON

We are very proud to announce that Mason won the Grade 4, 10U green ball tournament at Bromley tennis Centre on Saturday.

Competing against the best players from other counties! It would be easy for Mason to say he was tired or he didn't have enough time to complete his home learning, but no.....

He's still managed to Doodle and read every day! An example to us all Mason and a great role model. It is this discipline and determination that has led to your success in tennis.

A huge well done Mason.



DIGITAL LEADERS IN ACTION



YOUNG VOICES

The largest children's choir concerts in the world!

Celebrating 25 Years of Singing Together and Polegate were part of this incredible event.

We are proud to have been able to provide our pupils across the school with an educational and live performance that they will remember for the rest of their lives!

In previous years' children have had the opportunity to sign with performers like Tony Hadley, Beverley Knight, Joss Stone and dozens of brilliant artists.

Imagine singing in one of the largest arenas in the UK to a sold-out audience. Well, that is exactly what Polegate pupils did!

After a very late night some of them even had a residential trip the very next day!

There are no limits for Polegate pupils!



ATTENDANCE

RH	95.42%	2Ma	96.28%	4H	96.62%
RM	94.82%	2R	96.47%	5M	96.97%
RB	94.37%	3L	93.49%	5T	95.80%
1B	95.41%	3Y	96.74%	5W	95.17%
1C	96.33%	3AR	96.29%	6J	96.51%
1S	96.39%	4D	96.56%	6V	95.42%
2M	96.12%	4G	96.06%		

PFA

THE END OF THE DAY

Please can we ask parents to supervise children at the end of the school day at collection and ensure they are with you on the playground.

We are worried about the risk of injury with young children using the gym unsupervised. This equipment is designed for older children and therefore there is a high risk if multiple children are using this- we cannot accept responsibility for injuries that may result from use outside of the school day whilst in parents care.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

PARKING

I have had a large number of complaints from parents and residents about parking. This photo illustrates how dangerous some parking can be, this could so easily have been a child!

What is worse is the offensive language that has been directed at other parents in front of children. Other parents absolutely have the right to speak to parents or relatives that are parked irresponsibly or dangerously. As a response it is not ok to swear or be offensive as some have. I am staggered at this. As adults we should model the behaviours and values we expect to see in them. **There is absolutely no excuse for this.**






We understand that times are tough, so we're extremely grateful for your support

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

We're facing financial challenges too
If you can, please help our fundraising

Please support our lottery

Just £1 a week

WIN up to £25k





Supporters must be 18 years of age or older

HINDLEAP WARREN

AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE!

Think back for a moment to your childhood. What was your favourite or special place?

For the majority of today's adults, their favourite place was out of doors, in most cases beyond adult supervision. Ask the same question of today's generation and the odds are that the answer will be their bedroom, engaging with technology rather than the natural world. As for being beyond adult supervision, the likelihood is that we as parents keep them under our watchful eye all the time and we all understand why we do this.

A regular part of our offer every year for year 5 is the trip to Hindleap Warren. There, we introduce children to challenging adventurous activities. Activities that push them outside their comfort zone in the wilds of Ashdown Forest.

Children often discover their abilities and bravery extends beyond what they believed to be their limitations and so they develop enhanced self-confidence and independence. In terms of capacity for empathy, living and working closely with others opens their eyes to an understanding of other people and how to relate effectively to one another beyond school where they have more freedom.

In response to the challenges they will face in the future, young people need to learn to live with uncertainty and to develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them. Hindleap prepares them well for this.

The smiles and the joy in the photographs says it all!

I would like to extend my thanks to the staff that gave up their time to provide this opportunity. Yes, we consider it a privilege to spend this special time with the children in a different setting but it does mean time away from their own families which can be hard. So a huge thank you from me to the team!



We climbed to great heights!



Super mud angels and muddy jumps!



We all made our own beds!

MORE RECEPTION LEARNING!

As part of our "People Who Help Us" topic, the children were very lucky to receive a visit from East Sussex Fire Service.

The children had the opportunity to learn about the different pieces of equipment, fire safety and what to do in an emergency. As a thank you, some of the children created pieces of artwork demonstrating their amazing drawing and collage skills".



Diary Date

**27th May
Jubilee Day
Picnic Lunch**

SMARTIES CHALLENGE

A total of £1312.63 has been raised- thank you all for raising such amazing funds! The children were obviously very busy at home with chores!

Nursery - £99.37	2R - £41.62	4H - £56.32
RH - £103.44	2MA - £53.88	4G - £88.13
RB - £106.71	2M - £101.78	5W - £35.12
RM - £110.25	3M - £62.46	5T - £63.97
1B - £83.07	3L - £45.31	5M - £27.98
1S - £146.28	3Y - £41.70	6J - £35.70
1C - £91.42	4D - £56.95	6V - £24.02

SPORTING SUCCESS!

Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament at The Saffrons

In the first Saffron's hockey tournament for 3 years, our two Polegate teams performed brilliantly! The Year 5 team (with Jade & Rufus from Year 4) won two games and lost two.

The Year 6 team played 4 games, winning 6-0, 5-0, 9-0, and 2-0 and not conceding one goal!!

They were overall winners and showed tremendous skills, determination and teamwork. We have reached the final several times before but it is the first time we have ever actually won this competition.

Well done to everyone that took part – We are very proud of you all!!



DIARY DATES

27th May
Jubilee Day Picnic Lunch

27th May End of term 5

6th June Start of term 6

7th June
Class Photography

16th June
Year 2 trip to Blue Reef
Aquarium Hastings

17th June
Year 4 Port Lympne
Animal Reserve Trip

30th June
Year 3 Trip to London

30th June
Inclusion Quality Mark

4th July Transition Week

11th July Sports Week

12th July
Early Years Sports Morning

13th July
KS1 Sports Morning

14th July
KS2 Sports Morning

14th July
Swimming Gala 7pm
Sovereign Centre

15th July
Year 6 Leavers Party

20th July
Reception trip to
Hollywell Beach

20th-22nd July
Year 6 Hindleap
Warren Trip

POLEGATE'S PERFECT POOL

We celebrated the official opening of our new pool with a visit from James O'Shea.

Not only did James represent Great Britain in the London Paralympic Games in swimming but he is also a past pupil of Polegate School.

James is a double leg amputee swimmer, who started competitive swimming in 2010, he developed rapidly, and competed in the 2012 London Paralympic Games coming 4th in the SB5 100 metres breaststroke event. James has a positive approach to life, his aspiration and determination were inspiring for the children. He spent time talking to some of our prefects before opening the pool and then delivered talks about his swimming achievements to the infants and then the juniors. They watched his race.

The school and its PFA have raised funds to replace the original swimming pool. The swimming pool is such a valuable asset. Living so near to the coast all children should learn to swim so that they can enjoy the benefits of living near the sea and keep themselves safe. There are amazing opportunities to participate in water sports once children can swim and this becomes possible for them as a result of this wonderful resource. Apart from anything else the children absolutely love the opportunity and it is a highlight of the year for them.

The benefits of learning to swim are far reaching and include self-confidence. Learning to swim can feel intimidating but for those pupils who master it

despite their fears gain confidence and a increased self-esteem.

According to the Royal Life Saving Society, about 400 people drown each year in the UK. The sooner children learn to swim- and swim safely- the more likely they are to save themselves. There are the obvious physical benefits, swimming trains the cardiovascular system and improves flexibility. It is a life skill that people can do throughout their lives to maintain good health.

Since 1994, swimming and water safety have been a statutory element of the national curriculum and we are very lucky to be able to provide swimming lessons for all pupils from reception to year 6.



CHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO YOUR CHILD

We just wanted to let you know that due to the new GDPR regulations we will not be sending out data collection sheets any more. We do still need to know if there are any changes to information relating to your child.

Changes we need to know about are:

- Medical details (any new allergies, asthma etc)
- Change of address, telephone numbers or email address

Keep us informed

It will be up to you to keep us informed and you can do this by emailing the school office at:

office@polegate.e-sussex.sch.uk

with any changes or by completing the form which you can find on the download section on our website

www.polegateschool.uk

Crisp packet recycling

Please take your empty crisp packets to the school office



Diary Dates

Friday
27th May
Last Day of
Term

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