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YEAR 6 FRENCH TRIP

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SPORTS WEEK

We could not have picked a better week for our sports this year. The sun shone down on us for the full week!

I have to say it is probably one of our most successful sports weeks. The sports leaders did a phenomenal job of supporting both the teachers and younger children during their sports day. Thank you for coming along to support the event

My Sports Review by Elsie Rooney 3W

My worry about sport, is because I have asthma, it means you can't breathe properly but when I came to the starting line it went away. My sister was running to pass me the Orion stick... she had a face gleaming with hope! She passed it to me! This was up to me now. I did it! I did it! I also have a problem with my foot – it's called club foot but it didn't stop me. This is a message, don't give up, follow your dreams, complete your goal. We won!

A special thank you

Thank you to all staff for supporting such a wonderful week. Tracy Wallis for supporting our Sports Leaders and Mrs Murphy for organising the week and gala.



The finals!



Our Sports Leaders



The boys' triathlon is about to start



Y5&6 girls' triathlon



I think Max is a little pleased and so he should be!



Year 3/4 hockey matches



A spot of Stoolball with Mr Clayton

PE KIT



We have invested in new jackets for our teams when they go out of school to compete in tournaments.

They have proved such a hit that some parents have asked to buy them for PE in school.

The lightweight, showerproof jackets cost £17.50 for children and in adults sizes they cost £18.05 + vat

Please indicate on the slip if you would like to purchase a Polegate School jacket for your child and we will order them in. We need to order in bulk rather than a small number to keep the cost down.

PE JACKET ORDER FORM

Child's name:

Class:

Age/size:

Money enclosed:

£

STAFF NEWS

We welcome four new teachers to the Polegate School for September. I thought this was the perfect opportunity for them to introduce themselves to you.

Jenny Whelan

I cannot wait to start my teaching career at Polegate School. I am completing my final year of a degree in Primary Education at Oxford Brookes University. To have my own class come September fills me with excitement and I am looking forward to becoming a member of the strong community at Polegate! In my spare time I love nothing more than to travel and scuba dive and when I am at my home in Eastbourne I enjoy running and spending time with friends.

Connie Hicks

Hello, my name is Connie! I have always wanted to be a primary school teacher and I am really excited to be starting my teaching career at Polegate Primary School in Reception. I cannot wait to have lots of fun and I am passionate about ensuring that children are actively engaged and inspired throughout their education. Outside of teaching I love running, racing around from place to place. I also love being outdoors, exploring and going on long walks in the fresh air!

Hannah Blackwell

I have been carrying out my final placement at Polegate School and have really enjoyed my time here. I have enjoyed it so much that I will be continuing my teaching journey with you in September where I will be starting my first ever teaching job in Year 1! I love that every day is different and presents new challenges to overcome. In my spare time I enjoy walking my dogs and spending time with my friends and family.

Cathy Young

Hello, my name is Cathy and I am really looking forward to joining Polegate School in September! I am passionate about providing children with an education that is engaging, inspirational and fun and one which allows all children to access exciting learning topics and achieve their absolute best! I can't wait to join Polegate School where I know I will work with likeminded teachers and amazing children. When not teaching, I enjoy reading, running, spending precious time with my family and going to the seaside!

Sadly, I have received a letter of resignation from Mrs Oram who is leaving us at the end of this academic year. We wish her lots of luck as she returns to teach secondary aged pupils.

SWIMMING POOL

We have had an overwhelmingly positive response to the recent decision to limit swimming in term 6 to those who have paid and want to swim.

Parents are totally in agreement with the school and say that if we want something then we should pay for it. We have had so many positive comments- thank you for your feedback and support with this. We have now had all parents contributions in and this will ensure we can continue the pool next year.



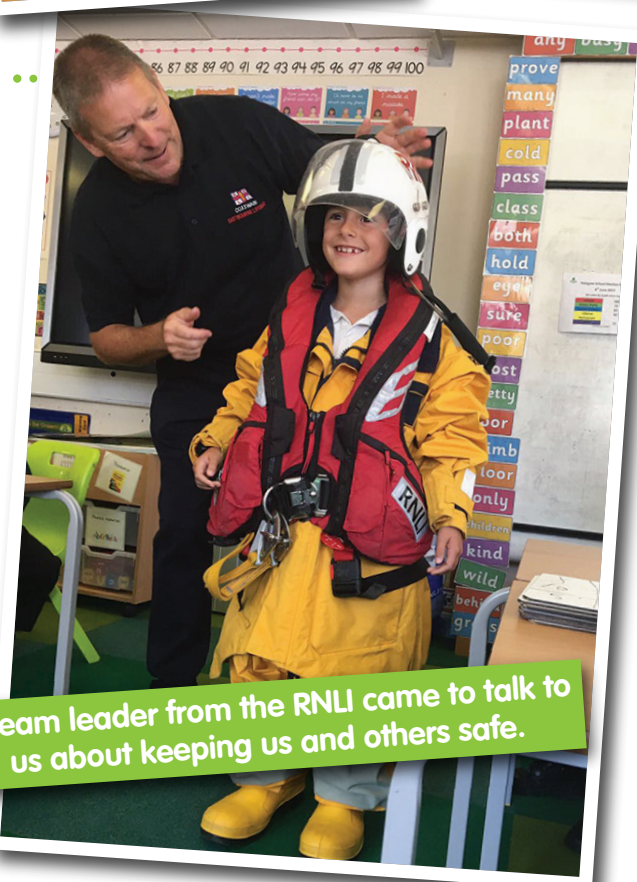
HEROES IN YEAR 2

Year 2 have been inundated with visits from real life heroes as part of their topic.

They have had visits from every single emergency service - firemen, police, coastguard.... They have been taught how to draw cartoon heroes by professional illustrators and have been full of excitement whenever I have spoken to them!



Year 2 had real life heroes in - an author and a firefighter to introduce us to our to the rescue topic!



A team leader from the RNLI came to talk to us about keeping us and others safe.



We have had a police officer. Oh dear, was there an arrest?

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF POLEGATE SCHOOL

As a result of new housing developments in the Polegate area, demand for school places has increased in recent years.

You will be aware that Polegate School admitted 90 children in September 2016 and will do so again this September.

The school's current published admission number of 60 provides limited scope to meet parental preference and, therefore, East Sussex County Council would like to expand the school to provide more places for local children. If the proposal goes ahead the school would grow from 420 places to 630 places, increasing the published admission number from 60 to 90 with effect from 1 September 2019. Additional accommodation would be provided to enable the school to expand.

A four week consultation on the proposal will begin on Friday 23 June and run until Friday 21 July. The consultation will go live on the East Sussex County Council website on 23 June and can be viewed by following the link below. I would encourage you to give your views on the proposal.

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/your-council/haveyoursay

Next year's Classes

Staffing structure 2017-2018

I am delighted to announce the proposed staffing structure for next year. New teachers joining us are shaded in green. Debbie Jones is taking on the role of deputy for the year.

2017-2018	Class progression	Teacher
Nursery		Sharon Trent
R	-	Nicky Hadley
R	-	Rachel Perkins
R	-	Connie Hicks
1	RP	Hannah Blackwell
1	RJ	Alice Nicholls
1	RH	Cathy Young
2	1N	Amie Ashdown Leader of Learning
2	1A	Sarah Baker
3	2B	Mary McGovern
3	2M	Clare Marsh
4	3D	Leanne Walters (will be Mrs Dedman)
4	3W	Emma Murphy
5	4M	Hayley Giggs / Verity Keet
5	4EM	Jenny Whelan
6	5R	Ruby Murphy
6	5GK	Amy Regan Leader of learning

Transition arrangements

On Tuesday 4th July the children all spend the day with their new teacher.

Drop off and collection is as normal for parents. We have also extended the time with their new teacher to every morning during that week. This will give the children a really good opportunity to get to know their class teacher. It will also mean the class teacher can really hit the ground running in September!

Year 6 - Le voyage en France!

**Fantastique,
merveilleux,
formidable,
superbe!**

Last week year 6 travelled to France for a full 4 days of culture, art, history, Science, fun and sight-seeing.

We all had a tiring but wonderful time. The children were absolutely superb and embraced every opportunity. All but one made it right to the very top of the Eiffel Tower! They spoke French with such confidence and impressed us all in the shops and at the market.

I loved every second of the time I spent with them. It is such a highlight for me to spend quality time with the children; seeing their reaction to everything they experience is simply magical! They made us all very proud and behaved impeccably.

Our itinerary

Tue Chantilly Chateau

Wed Paris- sight-seeing

Thu Disney and Warner Park

**Fri French market
La Couple &
planetarium**

A special thank you

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers that joined year 6 on this exhausting but very fun residential and spent 4 days away from their families. Without their support these trips would not be possible.



**I hope
year 5 are looking
forward to this
experience next year.
We have started
planning it already and
details should be out
very soon.**



EASTBOURNE SUNSHINE CARNIVAL

The Towner is so grateful to the families that came along to support the event at the carnival. Eastbourne Sunshine Carnival

They are so grateful to all of those who came along to support us at the Eastbourne Sunshine Carnival. We are very proud to announce that thanks to all of the hard work of the many students, teachers and artists involved

in the project, not to mention the vision and dedication of our fantastic Learning team, we won the accolade of Best in Carnival. We thought you'd enjoy seeing a few pictures from the day.

Thank you to the families that came along to support this event.

We also spotted Alona on another float with her family.

GREAT WORK



So much to celebrate in assembly this week! Swimming, karate, horse riding, instruments.... talented children!



Food fit for a super hero! Amazing homework from Flo and Evelyn!



Emotive diary entries from Y4



SCIENCE STEM LEARNING CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 6th June Polegate hosted a KS2 STEM learning challenge.

We invited schools in the local area to join us for an interschool science based challenge. Willingdon and Grovelands joined us to design, make and test a container which would withstand intense heat, keeping the chocolate inside cool and intact!

All groups used their knowledge of conduction and radiation to choose appropriate materials and were very Successful.

There were 2 winning teams and our Year 5s from Polegate were amongst these! Well done to all our children involved.



YEAR 4 TENNIS - SOUTH DOWNS AREA FINAL

Having won the recent Eastbourne Schools Tennis Festival at Gildredge Park last term, our Year 4 team returned to the same venue to take part in the South Downs Area Final.

The windy weather conditions forced a change in the format of the competition resulting in all our players involved in more singles matches and some extra doubles games later in the afternoon.

We had a mixed bag of results with all our players winning at least one of their games. Overall we were placed third with Telscombe Cliffs in first place and Ocklynge (who we'd beaten in the local competition!) in second.

Well done Lucas Perkins, Jacob Lain, Christopher Clepsa, Gethin Budden, Scarlett Lester-Murphy, Jessica Wagstaff, Lile Mai Watts and Izzy Gunter for representing Polegate so brilliantly.



BEAT THE STREET



Polegate is moving up! We are now 14th place on the leaderboard

Walk and cycle for 7 weeks from 7 June 2017 to 26 July 2017 to win prizes for yourself or Polegate School with team leaderboard prizes.

Anyone can take part and join 'Team Polegate'- uncles, aunts, grans, grandads, friends! You can collect extra cards from any library.

Our average points are really low (34) compared to other schools which tells us some individual children are doing loads of miles! Well done you!



Lilie has enjoyed a lovely afternoon cycling, competing in beat the street for the school. What a fabulous idea!



We went to beat the street this afternoon on our scooters.



Even Mrs Martin-O'Donoghue is at it!



Emma walked through Willingdon to notch up some #beatthestreet points!

School Attendance

On our skates!

The attendance reward this term was a roller disco and this was won by two classes.

4M and 6M both had attendance for the whole term of 98%! Thankfully we had a wonderful sunny morning for this. They loved it and many had never skated before and so felt such a great sense of achievement when they mastered the skates!

We will be rewarding the class with the highest attendance at the end of this term and as the roller disco seemed so popular we will do the same again!

I know some children that are absolutely desperate to get their skates on! The class need to all try and get into school as much as possible-no holidays!

Attendance Miles!

The pens were a huge success last term and this term a new surprise is waiting for all children that achieved 100% for term 5! I am just waiting for the delivery to arrive and we will issue them to the children.



Class figures

The whole school average is 96.2% a drop from last term when we were hitting the target. Our target is 97% and we are so nearly there- keep going!

RH = 97%

RJ = 95%

RP = 97%

1A = 96%

1N = 97%

2B = 96%

2M = 96%

3W = 95%

3B = 96%

4M = 98%

4EM = 96%

5R = 97%

5GK = 96%

6O = 96%

6M = 95%

97% is our target

Diary Dates

Friday 21st July
2017

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TERM**

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hear the news.
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followers!



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