

news

December 2015

Happy Christmas!



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As we approach the final few days of this term, I would like to wish you a fabulous Christmas!

The children have worked so hard all term; they are certainly ready for a break and an opportunity to recharge their batteries (whilst wearing yours out no doubt!)

This has been such a busy and productive term and so there is so much to celebrate. A host of Christmas shows, trips, competitions, events alongside all the inspiring work going on in classes!

Not only do the children need to rest and recharge but the staff do too. A huge amount of effort, energy and dedication have gone into this term's events and I would like to say a huge thank you to them and wish them a very peaceful, relaxing holiday!

I received a lovely comment in a Christmas card from a parent new to our school. I am always thrilled when the team's hard work is appreciated as so much goes on behind the scenes in school that can easily go unrecognised.

"Thank you for helping my son to settle into your school. I have to say I am SO impressed with 'Polegate School' such a range of resources, info, fun and brilliant, diligent teaching staff with good communication skills!

Thank you team Polegate for all you do in my son's education!"

CONSULTATION ON ADMISSIONS

This survey outlines the Authority's proposed admissions arrangements for the 2017-18 school year.

Consultation begins on Monday 23 November 2015 and ends on Sunday 31 January 2016 which satisfies the duty to consult for at least six weeks. Comments are welcomed on any aspect of these arrangements.

We are consulting on making three changes to the admission arrangements for community and controlled schools. These changes (if agreed) will take effect for admissions in the 2017-18 academic year. The changes affect:

- the sibling link
- late applications
- the tie break (distance measurement)

It is available on the consultation hub via this link:

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/consultation-on-admissions-arrangements-2017-18>



NURSERY NEWS

We are delighted to welcome Sharon Trent to the nursery team. Sharon is a very experienced early years teacher who will bring a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to the nursery from the start of term 5. It is not just a coincidence that she shares the same surname as another member of staff; she is in fact Mr Trent's wife!

She will tell you a little about herself in the next newsletter, so watch this space.

It was sad to receive the news that Lisa Terry, our nursery manager, has taken the decision to leave Polegate Nursery on the 18th December. She has thought long and hard about the decision which wasn't an easy one but she would like to spend more time with her own daughter. We wish Lisa lots of luck in the future and would like to thank her for working with us to establish the brand new nursery. I am sure you will appreciate that this was an enormous amount of work for everyone involved.

The nursery will continue to go from strength to strength.

We are currently exploring the possibility of getting a cover over the entrance to the nursery to shelter parents waiting from the rain. We will keep you updated and are awaiting some quotes.

Extended hours

A survey will shortly go out to parents about the possibility of extending the hours for nursery age children. We welcome your thoughts on this.

The Polegate team at athletics. You did brilliantly!



CHRISTMAS SHOWS



Our Christmas performances are always very special events and I'm sure you'll agree that this year was no exception. I'm not sure of any other school that has quite so many!



The children were so excited about performing for you and their enthusiasm and enjoyment was matched only by the quality of performance they gave - fabulous! Well done to our talented children for giving of their best, and thanks to staff who worked so hard to enable the children to perform so successfully.



HIGH VISIBILITY VESTS

We have been lucky to have received 62 high visibility vests for children to use when out on school trips. These have been donated by Specsavers in Eastbourne- thank you very much, they will be so useful when we visit the O2. 6M couldn't wait to model them!

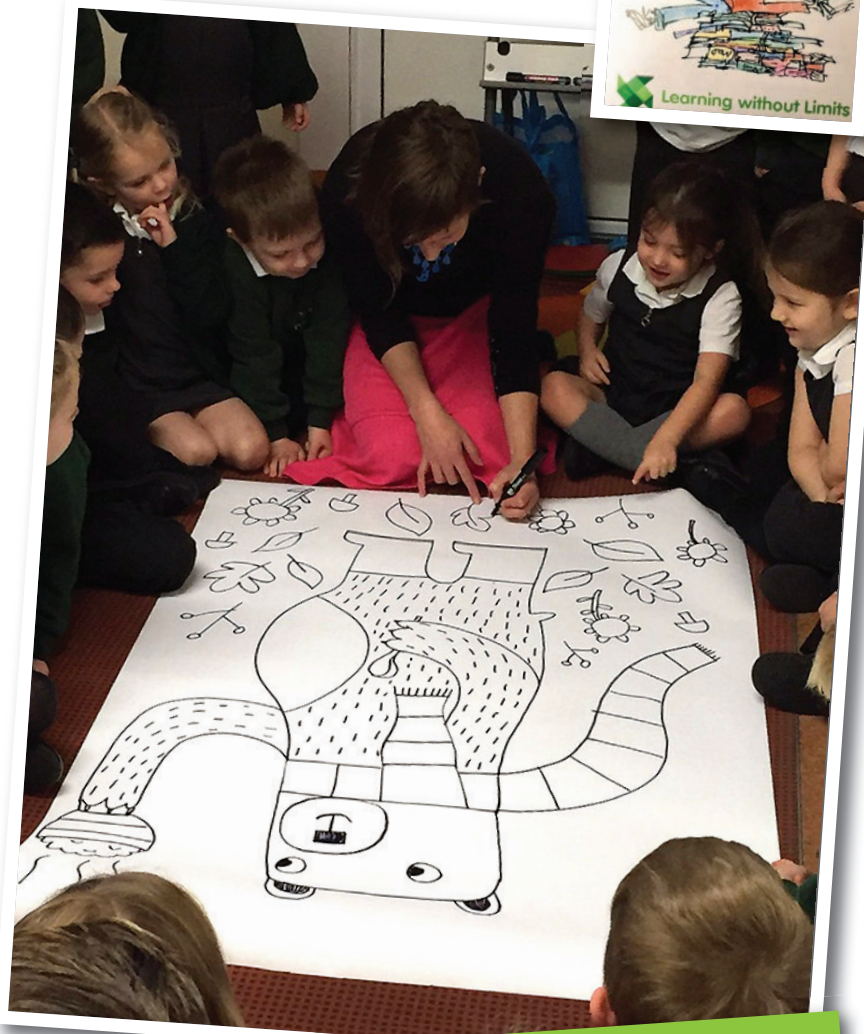


CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK

We celebrated our love of books during the week beginning the 30th November. It was a week full of writing with some inspiring guests!

I would like to thank Miss Garland for organising the events during the week.

Leigh sharing one of lovely books with year 1.



Working with our illustrator!



IRON AGE HUT REPAIR

We are so lucky to have our very own Iron Age hut and year 3 have been busy repairing the structure so that we can continue to enjoy this resource. They had great fun whilst learning lots of historical and practical skills and yes, of course they got muddy!



Great work



Thomas thought of everything- his cavewoman has fire, food and water!

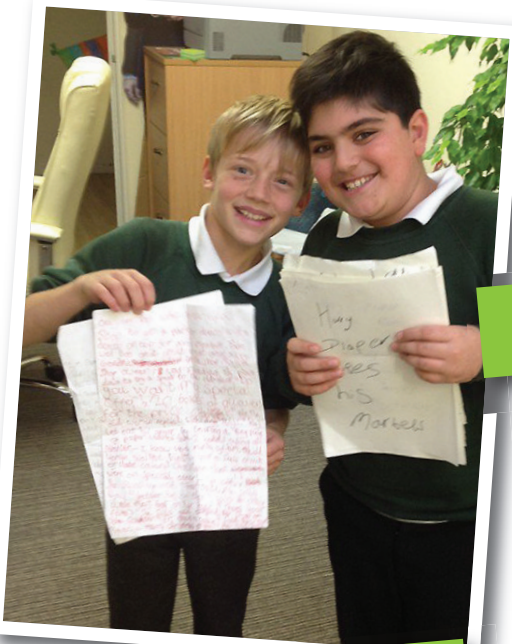
Just look at this stunning cave!



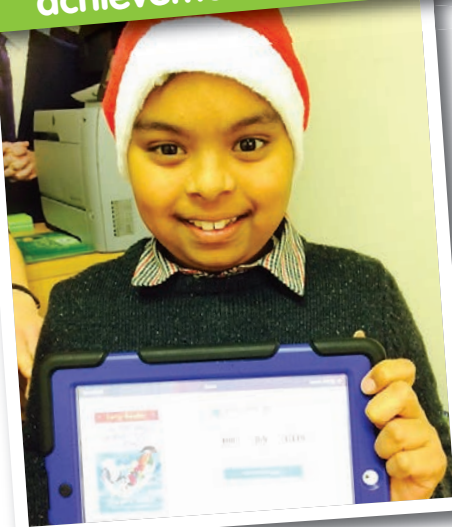
Our Viking cooking made at home!



100% quiz today. Fantastic achievement Kevin.



Our young authors are about to publish their first book! Watch this space



More writing from Henry

Dear Diary by Rosey Blackwell

I came out of my house and walked up to my bench, wondering if anybody cared about me. As usual I'll be spending Christmas alone without family and friends. I'm lonely and sad. I don't know what to do. Maybe I'll get a nice surprise on Christmas day.

Dear Diary

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My mum and dad have always told me a story about a man on the moon. Each day I wonder if he's real. I've never actually seen him but I'm hoping I'll see him one day soon.

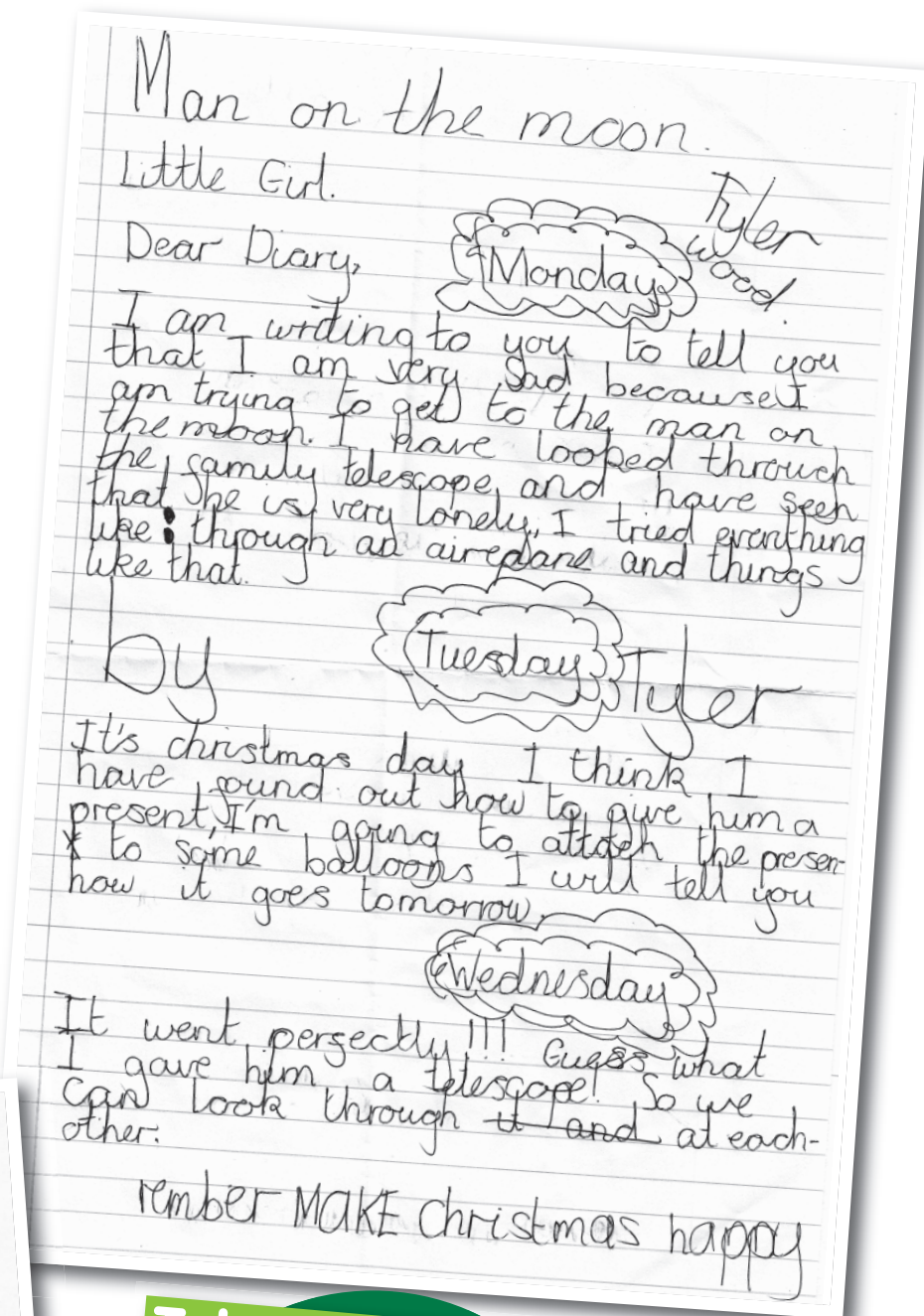
Over a thousand years ago, in a forgotten country, stood a colossal castle. It towered over the valley like a giant Cyclops. Watching. Time was wearing the castle away, the bricks were withering away and ivy was devouring the front gate.

Far away in a colossal world, lived a mad but brilliant scientist. Over one thousand years ago there was an outbreak of zombies; they emerged from the darkness. They spreaded like a disease, shredding anything in their path. The scientist was hiding, and had been since the outbreak, using science to extend his unforgiving life.

Emerging from the locker the thief looked around everything was destroyed flames flickered furiously from the deserted wasteland he walked to see what's left of the world. Searching for what seemed like an eternity the thief found the core. Laughing gently the power core was being struck by lightning the core's surface looked like oil on water a dark sinister rainbow That produced the zombie's. He snatched the amber core he paced back to his barren lab trying to find his acid potion he finally found it "it's time to end this" he pored the acid onto the amber lit core bang crackle sizzle.

DEAR DIARY

We have shared a current advert on the TV with the children that has provoked lots of independent writing at home. Most of it has come from the wonderful 4M, who following an assembly were inspired enough to write in response to the advert.



Take Away Tasks

I have continued to see some very impressive homework tasks! The variety and creativity shown is very impressive- thank you all for supporting so well at home!

WRITING COMPETITION

Winners of the writing competition were Kyle Moody in year 6, Alyssa Hatch in year 4 and Sam Lain in Year 1. Congratulations to you, we hope you enjoy your new writing packs and can't wait to see more of your writing! Sam Lain wrote his entry on the train from London to Polegate and didn't stop writing the whole way!

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THE END

By Kyle Moody



Our brave girls
Cross Country Team

Our very own masterchef!

Kyle has demonstrated his wonderful culinary skills and has been busy cooking up all kinds of delights! Thank you for sharing with us Kyle!



Christmas Fayre

Join us on the last day of term for our Christmas Fayre!

The choir are singing, there are plenty of stalls and competitions. Santa is visiting Polegate- what a way to end the term!

Please support this and help raise funds for our latest ambitious school project. A multi use games area!



SANTA FUN RUN

Our fabulous running club decided to take part in the Santa Fun Run this year!

We celebrated their achievements in an assembly but I also wanted to share their success with you. A big

thank you to Lorraine Wilkinson for organising it and Lisa Huggett and Tracey Maunder.

We also received a lovely email from a parent. It's great to get information from home so keep sending them in!



Good Morning,

I just wanted to inform you on how well your pupils did on Sunday with the Santa Run. I know the school had a group running but off our own back we organised a group of friends and children to take part as well. They did so well. I am so proud of my children, especially Emily due to her medical needs.

Emily Lester Murphy and Scarlett Lester Murphy and their little brother Flynn who's 4. Thomas Nash, Oliver Nash, Samuel Iain, Jacob Iain & Emma Joiner and a mix of year 3 and reception .

Oh, and even more amazing Polegate school parent (The ever stylish Liz Burtenshaw) won best dressed Santa!

The children did so well, go team Polegate!

CAROL SINGING



Once again our wonderful year 2 children went out to the local nursing homes to bring some festive cheer.

The children were amazing: well behaved, confident and a credit to the school and their parents.

A great big thank you to all parent helpers who made the morning run smoothly by doing road safety checks, helping children with coats and photography moments.

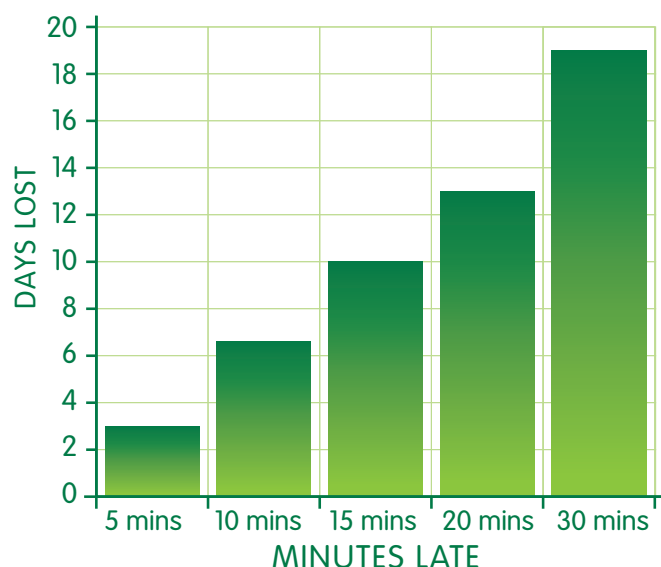
Well done year 2



Every School Day Counts

Being Late adds up to a loss of learning

- If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- 15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.



Class figures

Overall school attendance is currently at 96.2%. Our school target this year of 97%.

RP = 97%	2R = 96%	4EM = 96%
RH = 95%	2M = 97%	5B = 95%
1A = 96%	3B = 96%	5P = 96%
1J = 96%	3P = 97%	6T = 96%
2M = 97%	4M = 96%	6M = 97%

- Being late every day can add up to a lot of lost learning time
- Please help your child to be punctual

If you are worried about your child's attendance please talk to us at school about it or speak to: **Education Support Behaviour & Attendance Service** on **01273 481967**

97% is our target

Diary Dates

**Tuesday 5th
January
INSET Day**

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