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SCHOOL SCIENCE WEEK FUN

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OUR HERITAGE, CULTURE & TRADITIONS DAY

This was a huge success. Thank you Mrs Skinner for making the suggestion and also supporting the day!

A range of countries became a focus across the school: Mexico, Morocco, France, Japan and the UK.

The corridor was transformed to highlight some of the key features of the cultures we studied and create a 'Wow' on the day. Children have loved stopping and reading a book at break and lunch.

Your children loved the day and want one every year!



THANK YOU

Mr Moore has been very kindly visiting the school over the weekend in his free time to keep the field in best possible condition.

We have really appreciated the extra attention the field has had because it has created a much better football pitch. I am hoping for stripes soon!

OPPOSITION TO TESTING

Despite the media publicity nationally about the new tests for year 6, our pupils took the tests in their stride.

As always we were very impressed with their positive outlook and enthusiasm. On the Monday of the test week they told me they were excited about the tests! When we spoke to them again on the Friday they remained just as positive! We are incredibly proud of them and know

that they will have all tried their best and that is all we can ask.

We all know there is more to education than a set of test results, this is only recognising part of the education they receive at school and we will continue to promote a broad and balanced curriculum despite other pressures! For us: confidence, determination, perseverance, kindness and creativity are just as important.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

The Queen's Birthday celebration at Polegate.

On the 14th June we will be celebrating the Queen's birthday. The children have all been invited to make a 'hat fit for a queen'. During the afternoon we will hold a 'street party' in the playground. Tesco have kindly donated the food, drink and decorations for this event.

SWIMMING UPDATE

The pupils are thoroughly enjoying their swimming sessions and the pool is looking very enticing.

Our own swimming gala is taking place next week at The Sovereign Centre pool. Even if your child is not competing you are very welcome to attend and cheer our swimmers on.

It is not too late to contribute to the pool if it has slipped your mind.

Out of 430 children 239 have paid.



OUR SPORTS LEADERS

Our sports leaders meeting Pete Waterfield the Olympic diver and pairs partner of Tom Daley.

The children met him as part of a 'Change for Life Champions' training day at Shinewater Sports Centre on Friday 13th May.

Thank you to all the schools and staff that brought young leaders to the first East Sussex Brighton and

Hove Champions Day. The children were brilliant and all showed considerable enthusiasm and commitment to a variety of Leadership tasks that were put to them during the day. Hopefully they enjoyed the day and will now be able to share their experiences with other leaders or potential leaders within their own schools.



SPORTS UPDATE

ROAD TO EASTBOURNE TENNIS FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 18th May 2016, Ratton Year 9 sports leaders and 7 primary schools in the Eastbourne area braved the strong winds and rain to participate in a tennis festival.

Children from Polegate Primary School were outstanding in both participation and performance, not bothered by the

winds or the rain, which thankfully stopped within half an hour of the competition commencing! Up to 4 boys and 4 girls from each school played single games in a round robin tournament producing some brilliant technical rallies.

The event was organised and run by Francis Mackie of 'Tennis in the Park' and

the Ratton School sports leader team.

Huge thanks to all the students and children for making it such a wonderful afternoon and to the teachers and staff for making the necessary arrangements, so that the children could experience tennis in a competitive situation.



Rugby tournament

A team represented the school at a tournament in Eastbourne making it through to the finals

Gymnastics Squad

Our squad competed against other schools at Hailsham and Sam Hamilton achieved the highest school for an element of his gymnastic display.

Did you know?

Only 21% of boys and 16% of girls meet the minimum recommended guidelines for physical activity across the country.

Children born today are on course to be 35% less active by 2030.

We hope this is not the case for Polegate School. We understand and

value the role that sports play and how participating in sports results in not only improved physical health but also higher self-esteem, better mental health and improved academic results.

"Sports do not build character. They reveal it."
John Wooden, Legendary UCLA Basketball Coach

Studies have shown that children participating in sport, when compared to peers who do not play sport, exhibit:

- higher grades, expectations, and attainment;
- greater personal confidence and self-esteem;
- greater connections with school - that is, greater attachment and support from adults;

- stronger peer relationships;
- more academically oriented friends;
- greater family attachment and more frequent interactions with parents;
- more restraint in avoiding risky behaviour; and
- greater involvement in volunteer work

Children often spend too much time watching television or playing video games. It is always so lovely to see how many children arrive at school for the Monday morning assembly with trophies, medals and certificates they have been awarded at clubs outside school. There are so many clubs that children can access in and around the Polegate area.

We may be able to signpost you to a club if your child is interested in a particular sport - just ask.

SUMMER FAYRE & CHILDREN WITH CANCER RUN TO RUN

We were so lucky with the weather for the weekend.

The summer fayre was a great success and really well supported by our families. Thank you to everyone that supported not only the fayre but also the run to support a very local charity, 'Children with Cancer.'

The fayre raised about £700

It was so successful we are already liaising about a similar event next year but increasing the challenge for a runners to a 10k!



DIARY DATES

6th June **start of term 6**

7-10th June
French Trip (Year 6)

13th June
Phonics screening check (Year 1 and 2 only)

5th July
'Change over day' a chance for your child to spend time with their new teacher

5th July
'Meet for the Move' a chance for parents to meet their child's next teacher

20th July at 7pm
Leavers' Service at Hailsham Pavilion

22nd July
Last day of the school year!

THANK YOU

Thank you to DB domestics

DB domestics have very kindly donated a freezer to the PFA. This is going to be so helpful at future events!

NURSERY

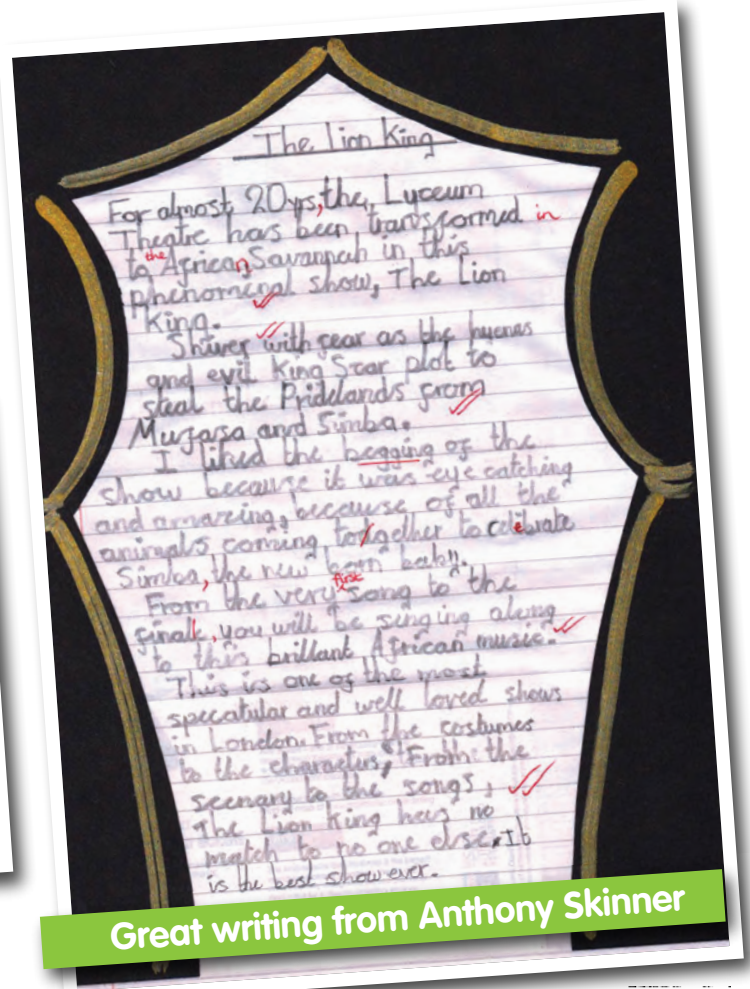
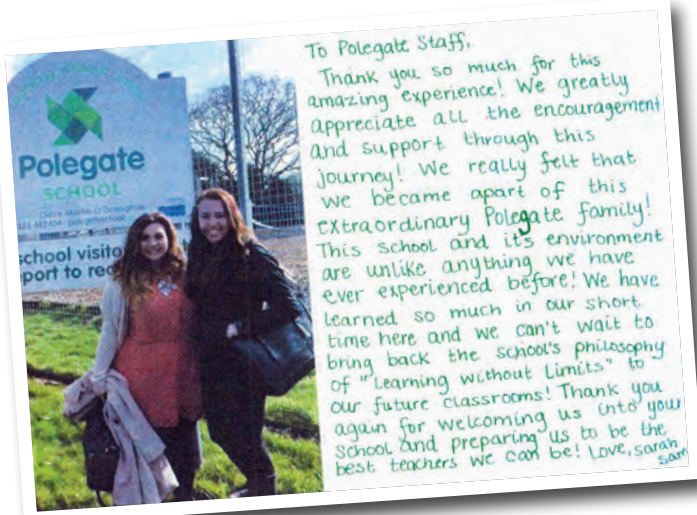


Our nursery is going from strength to strength and we all love spending time over there with the children and staff!

The team are currently planning nursery admissions for September and it looks as if word has spread as the nursery is becoming very popular.

STAFF NEWS

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Sarah and Sam our American Students. They were kind enough to write us this very kind letter.



Great writing from Anthony Skinner

SCIENCE WEEK

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YEAR 5 POBBLE WRITING

We had a fantastic day of Pobble Writing at Tollgate on the 6th May. Me, Jake Diprose and Willow Darling jumped in to Miss Garland's car and set off.

We were welcomed in to their school hall by Mr Amos, one of Pobble's teaching staff.

We had to write a letter of complaint in role of a toy bunny named Edward because of the newly installed maid treating him badly. We had to work hard to write at a high level.

When we finished Mr Amos took our writing to put on to the Pobble website. Our work can be found on www.pobble.com using the search term 'Pobble Day at Tollgate'.

During the morning the local MP Caroline Ansell came to visit us to see what we were all learning and we had our photo taken with her.

By Cerys Allen



Cerys Allen - Polegate - Yr 5

Dear Lord Tulane,

Due to the disgraceful events happened, I am writing to you to sack your evil maid ~~immediately~~. Here are my reasons to this and hopefully you shall find repulsive.

Firstly, did I look dirty? Well, your maid had a thought utterly different to mine! She scrubbed me till I thought that my skin would fall off and leave only my skeleton of wire. And she called me a bunny. A bunny? She must be kidding! No, that isn't a heartfelt complaint - that's a down-right, horrid insult to my identity! Next, she nearly ripped my exquisite yet delicate suit off my body! Creaking it like that! Who does she think she is? The Queen? Then she got out this deadly leaf-blower you call a vacuum and, like a ~~horrid~~ loud she is, sucked my precious and expensive pocket watch off my poor chest! How dare she!

And then lastly, but most revolting of all, she puts me... No! Let me change that to throw me onto this illiterate shelf with the moth-eaten, decaying, blank dolls! Adding on to this, there we are. She could so easily dusted those before she cleans me! But does she? No! She does it the opposite way like ever! ing she does! I'm sure she puts her skirt on backwards! These sore Abilene came reaping. So, concluding, I would request for you to uninstall the maid, before she ruins everything we love and care for!

Your Sincerely

Edward Tulane

Your Daughter's toy.

Cerys Allen - Year 5

Polegate Year 5

Dear Lord Tulane,

I am writing to complain about your despicable maid. She used the Hoover as a powerful weapon to lunge at me and my beautiful clothes. I suggest that you dismiss her from your household. I own the lovely Abilene who was devastated when she saw me thrown on the dilapidated shelf. This horrific maid even hoovered up my gold watch, following are my reasons in more detail. First of all she sucked up my precious china eggs! Then she threw a duster at my fragile stomach! This devils monster should have her job revoked! She didn't even realise my valuable pocket watch clanking up the tube. How can she do this to me? When Abilene returned from school, she was in despair. She found me on the shelf in an awkward position. This monster is evil! I don't know how she even got this job. Do you? Abilene sobbed for a very long time. When she realised that it was the maid, who did Abilene went mad.

I hope that I have made my opinion clear.

After reading, I hope that the maid has lost her job and that you now believe my allegations.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Tulane

Jake Diprose - Year 5

Willow - Polegate - Year 5

Dear Lord Tulane,

First of all I request that you fire that dreadful thing you call a maid because yesterday she was cleaning my... ME! Only Abilene is allowed to clean me and not just that but that monster destroyed my valuable golden pocket watch that you brought for me. Can this beastly woman be trusted with our expensive, glittering property? When Abilene takes good care of me so when your horrible maid hoovered one of my beautiful china eggs then broke my face like a drum using a rather duster I felt like an old toy that no one loves. By the time your daughter got back from school I had been abused then I stayed on a dusty cramped shelf and Abilene was crying her head off while I had to stay how I was (nose touching toes).

After reading the above reasons and having a better understanding of this vile maid's repulsive actions, I expect her to be marched off the premises.

Yours Sincerely,

Edward Tulane.

Willow Darling - Year 5

LIBRARY PARKING

I have been asked to remind parents again that the car park in the library is for library users only.

The library has written to the school regarding the difficulties that library users face trying to park between 14.45 and 15.30. Library users have been blocked in and the sheer

volume of cars is potentially dangerous. Sadly, the library manager also attached a photo of a parent's car parked over a keep clear sign and obstructing the gates. When asked if he would move he apparently replied that he would not move because he pays his council tax and should be able to park where he likes

to pick his daughter up from school. (I was even sent a photo of the car and its number plate!) I would hope that our parents would be more respectful.

We like the community to have a positive impression of our school and in fact our pupils benefit from the library being so close with a visit each week.

More Great work



Science week in year 1



Year 1 Homework



Fabulous Year 1 homework!



**Time to free the tadpole.
Back to its natural habitat.**



Layla's favourite selfie!



School Attendance

Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
100%	0 Days
95%	10 Days
90%	20 Days
85%	30 Days
80%	40 Days

Class figures

Overall school attendance is currently at 95.8%. Our school target this year of 97%.

RH = 96%

RP = 96%

1A = 96%

1J = 96%

2M = 95%

2R = 96%

3B = 96%

3P = 97%

4M = 96%

4EM = 96%

5P = 95%

5C = 95%

6T = 97%

6M = 95%

What does 90% Attendance Mean?

- 90% attendance = 1/2 day missed every week!
- Over one school year this is 4 weeks of learning lost!
- Over the 5 years at your secondary school you will have missed half a year!
- What impact might this have on your child's future ...?
- 17 missed schools days means that in secondary school they could drop a whole GCSE grade.
- 8 days absence = 96%.
- 19 days absence = 90%

Please help them to achieve this!

97% is our target

Diary Dates

Friday
22nd MAY
LAST DAY OF
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