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Check out some great photos from the Year 6 French Trip inside

My French Trip with Year 6

(Otherwise known as Mrs Martin-O'Donoghue's holiday)

I had an amazing time with Year 6 for four days last week. Our last trip was two years ago and

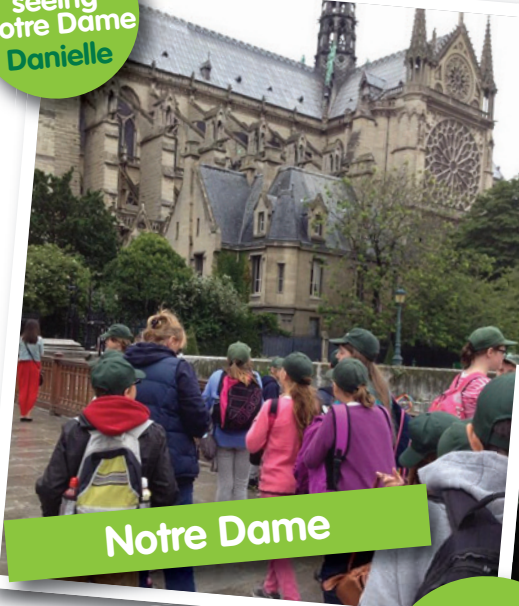
after two years of attempting to continue our traditional Dieppe trip and failing due to a shortage

of pupils we decided to have a drastic rethink and change the location and itinerary.

Year 6 French Trip

On the River Seine

I loved seeing Notre Dame
Danielle



Notre Dame



Fun on Eurotunnel



The whole trip was a good experience and I loved Space Mountain
Chloe



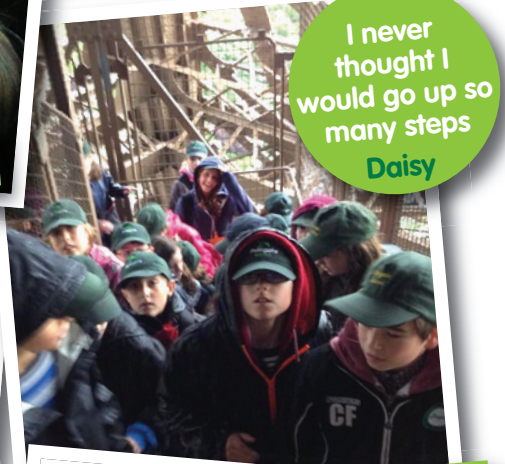
At the market



It was the best school trip ever and I was very tired!
Elise



The Planetarium



I never thought I would go up so many steps
Daisy

Climbing the steps at the Eiffel Tower

We set off from School at 5.00am Tuesday morning crossed on the Eurotunnel. Our first stop was La Coupole, a World War II site and Planetarium.

The Planetarium was spectacular, we took a journey to outer space complete with 3D glasses.

We then travelled on to our accommodation to settle in and play games (football of course!) It was a late night!

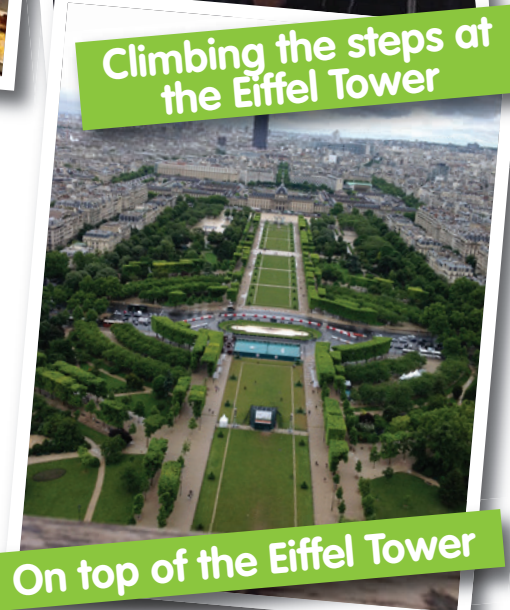
On Wednesday we visited Paris stopping at Notre Dame then on to a

river boat cruise and finishing the day with the Eiffel Tower.

We are all very proud of the fact that unlike other years we took the steps! We only resorted to the lift when we ran out of steps! Every single child made it right to the very top as well.

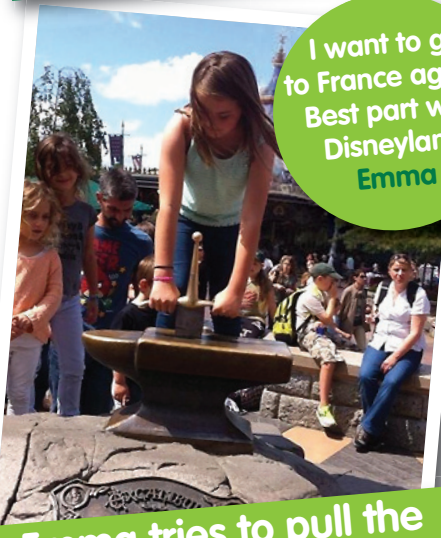
This is quite an achievement, no one said they couldn't do it! (Year 5, you will have a lot to live up to!)

We then travelled back for our evening meal. You might think I had succeeded in tiring the children out? Oh no, far from it, another late night!



On top of the Eiffel Tower

A day at EuroDisney



I want to go to France again!
Best part was Disneyland
Emma

Emma tries to pull the sword from the stone

A big highlight for the children was our day trip to Disney. Only 15 minutes from the Centre.

We arrived early and were then on a mission to get on all the best rides! I was taken on Space Mountain, twice! We even managed some free time for the children to explore Main Street and the shops.

Back to the centre, tired children? No! A night of sports; football, basketball, tennis, table tennis - tired staff? Yes!

On the final day we visited a beautiful French town with a market. The children were fascinated by the produce for sale: live crabs, cow



tongues, even brains!

The baker must have felt very sorry for us because the children were watching him bake the bread through a viewing window and he handed us a baguette to share, fresh out of the oven! We had another stop on our journey home at an amazing location, Chantilly Castle. Finally we arrived at Calais for a quick visit to the shop, then home.

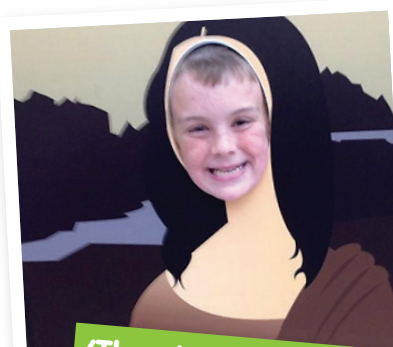
We all had a brilliant time. The children were great fun to be with and as always made us very proud. I loved every second but I would not call it a holiday! Our lovely coach drivers commented on how good our group was.



I liked the smallest house in Paris
Georgia



Chantilly Castle



'The view from the Eiffel Tower was the best'
Bradley



La classe en Brie



Disneyland was great. I loved all the rides
Laurence



'I loved going to Disneyland for the first time ever'
Sydney

Thank you

I would like to thank Marc Bailey (parent), Liz Burtenshaw (parent), Corinne Williams (TA) and Mike Clayton for helping on the trip.

Next Years Trip

We have begun planning ahead for next year. We hope this gives parents sufficient time to spread the payments.

We hope to have an approximate cost in the next two weeks and will be asking for names of any children that are interested. If you would like to see more photos have a look on Twitter.

E-Cigarettes on the Playground

As you know we have a non-smoking policy on school property, both inside and on the school grounds.

Whilst I admire those parents trying to give up, it is not acceptable to smoke e-cigarettes on the playground. I agree with those parents that are worried it may give the impression smoking is acceptable and may

encourage some more impressionable children to take up the habit.

Whilst they do contain 4,000 fewer chemicals they do still contain nicotine so therefore should not be smoked in the vicinity of children.

Thank you for supporting us by not smoking on the playground and I wish you every success in giving up.

Football Frenzy

With the start of the World Cup classes are using it as an opportunity to enhance learning.

Every class is studying a country finding out about its location, climate and culture. On Thursday we have Brighton

and Hove joining us to coincide with the start of the World Cup.



LOOM BANDS

This is a real craze at the moment. Whilst they look amazing children are not allowed to wear them in school.



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REMINDER

The Ofsted report is available to read online

STAFF

Mrs Keet will be leaving after term 1 on maternity leave. **Mrs Barnard** will be returning from her maternity leave to take over.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Now is the perfect time to become a governor!

Ofsted is over and done with so there is no pressure of an imminent inspection. We want to continue to improve the school and if you feel you can contribute to our strong team of governors and move the school towards outstanding please ask Kerry for a form or talk to me about it to find out more.

Classes for next year

I know you eagerly await this news and we like to prepare the children will for transition.

This is hot off the press:

Old	New	Teacher
RJ	1A	Miss Ashdown
RP	1J	Mrs Jones
1A	2R	Miss Regan
1R	2B	Mr Barcock
2B	3P	Mrs Palmer
2BW	3B	Mrs Keet for term 1 Mrs Barnard term 2
3G	4B	Mrs Burton
3K	4M	Mrs Murphy
4M	5C	Mr Clayton
4EM	5B	Mrs Bedford
5T	6M	Miss Murphy
5B	6T	Mr Trent

Reading Update

We have invested heavily in further books for the library this term. We are increasing the number of higher level books for our younger readers. (In the past there was not the demand for these as pupils did not reach these levels, however this is a reflection of the success in reading at Polegate).

We are getting a wider range of non-fiction and also upper KS2 books that appeal to boys. If your child has any requests for authors please encourage them to speak to their teacher.

Accelerated Reader has played an important part in raising standards of reading across the school. However I would like to stress it is only an element of many strategies we use.

Children need to read a range of books, different genres, styles and lengths. It is detrimental to their enjoyment of reading if it becomes a competition to see how quickly they can move up through the levels with a pressure to achieve 100%. This also does not help them apply advanced skills to their own writing.

A balanced approach needs to be taken and it is not a requirement that every book needs to be an AR book. If your child is passionately reading other books then please encourage them to continue! If you have any questions about this please speak to your child's teacher.

Mufti Day

Our next **Mufti Day** is on **Thursday 19th June**. Please bring in items for the tombola

Our Stars



Just look at that T-shirt! An amazing piece of homework Xander

SWIMMING



As always this is a highlight of our school year. Ofsted praised the way our pool is used and were amazed we had managed to keep this valuable resource. If you haven't contributed it is not too late.



Well done Sophie! Year 5



Year 4 Poets

African Dance



Year 1 and Year 4 enjoyed their chance to have a go at African Dance

Summer Fayre

Don't forget that
this years
Summer Fayre
in on Saturday
21st June
12.00-3.00pm

Diary Dates

Thursday 19th June
Mufti Day

Friday 20th June
Class photographs

23rd June
Maths week

Tuesday 1st July
Change over Day

DOGS

Dogs on Playground

We had a report of a German Sheppard on the playground. Please can I remind you that ESCC stipulates that NO dogs should be brought onto school property.

WRITING

Personification at Polegate

Rubbers bounce on the table
The wind nags at the leaves
The bins scoff the garbage
Lost tennis balls sit lonely
on the field

Hiding away from the shed
Crisp packets run free on
the hill by the shed

Which devours PE equipment

By Jerome Lawson

Scooters

(and anything with wheels on the playground!)

I completely understand how tempting it is for the children to want to scoot or cycle around the road on the infant playground but could I please request that parents do not allow children to do this.

Bicycles and scooters must be walked across the playground to the store. Pre school age children should follow this example and not use scooters in the playground. We have younger siblings that could

easily be knocked over. I have had a number of concerned parents speak to me about this. It has always been school policy.

Thank you
in advance
for your
help. We
would
hate to have
an injury due to this.



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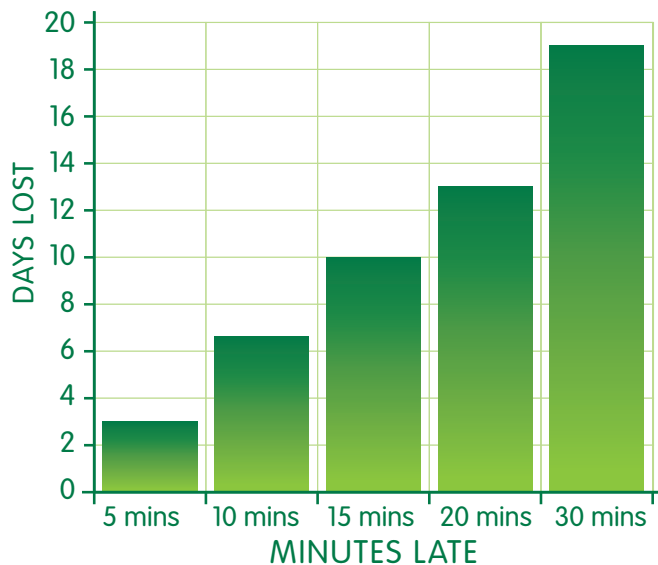
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have 317
followers!

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

Please compare your child's attendance to the average & look at the table above.

RJ = 95%	2BW = 97%	5B = 94%
RP = 95%	3G = 98%	5T = 96%
1A = 97%	3K = 96%	6C = 97%
1R = 96%	4M = 97%	6T = 96%
2B = 98%	4EM = 96%	

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

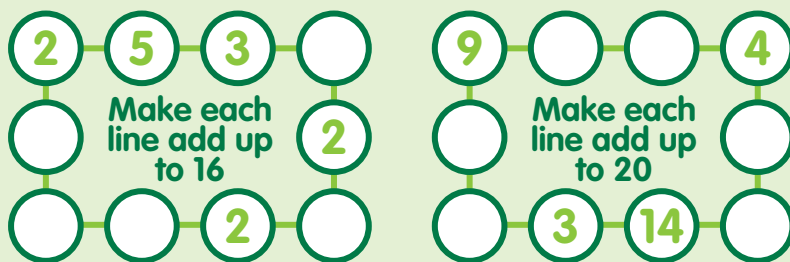
If you are worried about your child's attendance please talk to us at school about it or speak to: **Education Support Behaviour & Attendance Service** on **01273 481967**

97% is our target

Overall school attendance is currently at **96.8%**. This is so close to our school target this year of **97%**. Keep it up!

Are you ready for this Months Maths Challenge?

Number lines Pass your answers to **Mrs Jones**. The first correct answer wins a prize.



Well done!

The Winner of the last Maths Challenge were Celine Kumaradas & Joshua Bulford both from 5T (come on other classes!)

The answers were **48** and **63**



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