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# ARMISTICE DAY

**Armistice Day was on the 11th November and is also known as Remembrance Day.**

**In school and even nursery we remembered the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, back in 1918.**

Year 6 attended the service in Polegate and the school held a two-minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars.

The first two-minute silence in Britain was held on 11 November 1919, when King George V asked the public to

observe a silence at 11am.

This was one year after the end of World War One.

He made the request so "the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead".





# NEWSROOM BOOTCAMP

A group of year 6 worked alongside John Young, a TV newsreader and reporter who appears each week on our TV screens here in the South East, when he ran one of his talked-about NEWSROOM BOOTCAMPS in Eastbourne.

## What happened at the Newsroom Bootcamp?

- Pupils dealt with deadlines and breaking news
- They evaluated news stories by negotiating in teams with children from other schools
- They wrote headlines under pressure
- They even had the chance to read their own work off a professional autocue and handle a professional TV news camera. It was great chance to gain a genuine career insight
- And of course have a lot of fun.



# ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL

5R, along with Matthew Moore and Ben Board took part in the Orienteering Festival with Brighton University at Gildredge Park, and we won!

We were competing against 3 other schools: Willingdon, Heron Park and Langney. We came first overall. We also had 5 pairs in the top ten!

**First place: Luke & Max**

**Third: Rosie & Chloe**

**Fifth: Rosie & Poppy.**

**Eighth: Curtis & Woody**

**Ninth: Tyler & Cavan.**

An amazing accomplishment because there were 60 pairs of children in total!

A quote from our winners, Luke and Max:

**'It was amazing fun, INCREDIBLE. We were really confident and determined to win.'**



## STAY SAFE ONLINE



There are a range of resources available on these websites for parents to help keep children safe online. Find out more about all the social media sites your child is on.

Did you know that Facebook's terms and conditions now include a statement that says:

"use" of their service gives Facebook the right to use, in any way they want to, the data that you post, including your GPS location data from the app version, or anything that other people post about you, including all text and all photos.

For example, you could see your photo being used in a Facebook TV advert without you being warned OR you could be bombarded by adverts for products that are related to the things you OR your "friends" have written about you. Instagram, Twitter, Google Plus, Dropbox all have the same conditions. We know many children are registered on these sites even though they are not old enough.



Follow us on Twitter

## PRIZE DRAW FOR OFSTED PARENTVIEW

Thank you to everyone for taking the time to complete the survey during parent consultations.

We have had a brilliant response. The winner of the Treacle Mine voucher was Claire Phillips.



## MEET MARK POTTER

For those of you who have not met our football coach Mark Potter here is a little bit about him...

Mark has been coaching football for 12 years; working in a variety of different countries and settings. He previously worked for The Football Association for 7 years, where his role was to mentor coaches and teachers. He then started his own coaching company 12 months ago. He also coaches the under 12 boys at Brighton and Hove Albion's category 1 Premier League academy, coaching and playing against some of the finest

players in the country. He is the only BHAFC academy coach working in East Sussex. He has a UEFA B licence, FA Youth Award Module 3, Safeguarding children, First Aid/treatment of injuries as well as having the appropriate level of public liability insurance.

The Thursday after-school football squad sessions will follow key principles from The Football Associations Elite Player Performance Pathway (EPPP) and will mirror elements of many category one professional academies - sessions will be aimed at developing the whole player, working on the following fundamental aspects of the game:

- Ball manipulation
- 1v1 situations
- Passing and receiving patterns
- Dealing with the ball in tight areas
- Themed games for understanding
- Shooting and finishing

You will also see Mark in school delivering coaching sessions in a variety of sports during curriculum time every Thursday.





## DIARY DATES

**Wed 16th November at 10am**

**New parent meetings for  
Sept 2017**

**Thur 17th November  
Individual photographs**

**21-27 November  
Road Safety Week**

**Wed 23rd November at 5.30pm**

**New parent meetings for  
Sept 2017**

**Monday 28th November  
Year 6 London trip**

**Friday 2nd December  
School Disco**

**Tuesday 6th December  
Wednesday 7th December  
Thursday 8th December  
Reception Christmas Show**

**Friday 16th December (pm)  
Year 1 & 2 Christmas party**

**Fri 16th December at 3.20pm  
Our Wonderful Work**

**Mon 19th December (pm)  
Reception Christmas Party**

**Tuesday 20th December  
Junior Christmas Party**

**Tuesday 20th December  
Last day of term**

**Wed 21st December  
INSET DAY - CLOSED**

**Wed 4th January 2017  
First day of Term 3**

**Tue 3rd January 2017  
INSET DAY - CLOSED**

**Wed 4th January  
Start of term 3**

## BOCCIA COMPETITION

**A group of our children took part Boccia. This is a precision ball sport related to bowls and pétanque.**

Owen Gates Williams said, 'I found it really fun. I had never heard of Boccia before and suddenly I am playing against all these other schools. It is kind of competitive but it was new for everyone so we all just tried our best.'

Elsie Thorpe, 'I liked it when we won. I loved playing with other schools. We had to get balls and roll them getting as close as we can to the white ball. It was easy to play it. If I could play it again I would. I would like to play it here at Polegate.'



## MUGA

**The MUGA is in full use now at long last and is a terrific resource!**

I have had plans for an outdoor gym approved by the Kent Health Authority who have issued us with a £10,000 grant. The PFA have agreed to fund raise for the additional money we need to make this happen. We are really excited about this!



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

**School Council are very busy with lots of ideas and initiatives.**

They have given lots of ideas to support our new 'Craze of the Week'. This started this week and has been really popular, with children in the infants learning diablo whilst children in the juniors have been playing different ball games. Next week the Craze will change and the variety will hopefully enhance their lunchtimes and offer them something different to do.

To give you a taste we have: yo yos, jacks, scooter boards, French skipping, cats cradle, long skipping rope to name just a few!



# PAST PUPILS

It is always a delight to hear what are past pupils are up to and I like to share their success with the whole school community.

**Amy Blackwell is a past pupil and also sister of Rosie in Year 5. Now 21, she tells us about her inspirational journey to a first class honours degree!**

It is great to share these stories with pupils to help them see that anything is possible!

After school I completed a 2 year diploma course at Sussex downs college in Art and Design. From this I learnt lots of different skills including, illustration techniques, dress making , drawing , printing , photography. It was really fun to able to try out different specialisms in the first year which then lead me on to find my love for textiles.

From this I went onto Bucks New University in High Wycombe for textiles and completed a 3 year course, Bucks was the best for tuition time with students and the facilities they provided, I learnt a lot about the fashion and textiles industry including trends. I specialised in print for interiors and from this hand printed wallpapers, made upholstery fabric and even got to make a round coffee table and that inspired denim chair for my final major project.

I completed my degree this June and graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Textiles and Surface design.

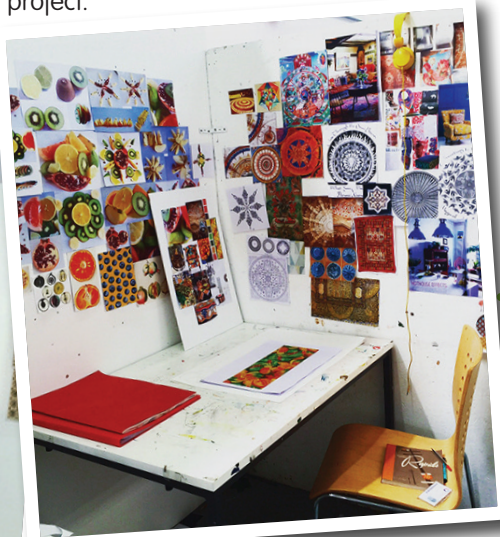
The University were really helpful with looking for jobs and internships. In August I completed a 4 week internship with Layer design, We made a 20 metre instillation piece for the Victoria And Albert art museum for London design week (named foil) This was a fantastic opportunity !

I am now working at a Company called Edge Accessories where we make scarf print designs for new look, Berska, Primark. The brand supplier is known for making and designing Jewellery to sell to Primark, River Island, Mint Velvet and many more. I've only been at my job for 4 weeks and I absolutely love it !

**So when you next buy a scarf in one of these well known stores, just think it could well be Amy's design! Congratulations Amy, we are all very proud of you!**



**Amy and her family at her degree show**





# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**After a lot of anticipation the library sent through 160 certificates for all the children at Polegate that took part in the Summer Library Challenge.**

Last year about 80 children took part so we are all delighted that so many children took part! Thank you.

We also promoted this in school with the Roald Dahl competition. Every child

received a small chocolate bar and in one of those bars was a 'Golden Ticket'!

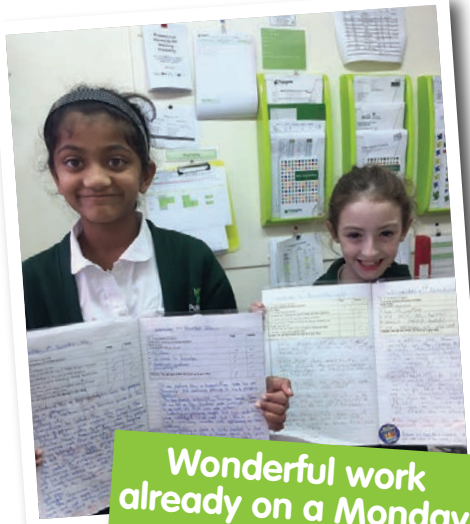
The lucky winner was Jacob Lain. It was a magical moment when he discovered the golden ticket- just like Charlie in the book! There was a cry of, 'I've got the golden ticket and then a gasp swept around the hall proceeded by all the children crowding around Jacob to see the ticket!



**I won the book raffle today!**



**Sent to the headteacher for doing amazing maths!**



**Wonderful work already on a Monday**



**Fantastic reading from Oscar**

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

**Anti-Bullying Week - 14th November-18th November**

**Throughout lessons and assemblies this week this will be a focus.**

If you want to check out our school policy it is available on the school website. We take all allegations of bullying very seriously.

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Power for Good'.

**Here are 6 ways the alliance says you can use your power for good as a parent:**

- 1.** Know the signs that a child might be experiencing bullying. Consider how you would help and who you could turn to for advice.
- 2.** Make sure your child knows they can talk to you if they have any worries or concerns.
- 3.** Help them understand the difference between falling out with friends, being a bit mean and signs

that they might be experiencing bullying. Ignoring is a powerful first strategy. Bullies tend to seek a reaction.

- 4.** Support your child to grow in confidence, to make friends in a variety of settings and to take part in activities that build their self esteem.
- 5.** Make sure you are a good role model.

**Childline - 0800 11 11 calls are free and confidential.**

**CEOP - helping children stay safe online.**

# FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

**On Saturday 5th November we had an extraordinary effort from the Polegate School football team at the Ocklynge Football Tournament.**

The players for the tournament were Joshua Akehurst, Leo Groombridge, Fletcher Sheppard, Barney Ward, George Fenton, Vinny Russo, Billy Knight, Oliver Akehurst and Drew Carter. We managed to get into the semi finals by winning 3 games during the morning drawing 1 and losing 1. We then qualified for the semi finals and we had our hopes up for a win but sadly in the semi finals we lost 2-0 to Stafford because we were giving them too much respect. I think we could have got to the finals but we were also very tired after about 3 hours of running around. It was very cold because it started at 9.00am in the morning.

**Written by one of our players.**



## ADMISSIONS

**The county council are proposing to make an alteration to the community area for Eastbourne primary schools, to take effect from September 2018.**

In essence, the proposal is to create a separate area for Willingdon and Polegate, in order to try to ensure that children in those areas are able to be prioritised for those schools ahead of children living within Eastbourne

borough, who may be geographically closer to Willingdon or even Polegate, but who would have much shorter journeys to alternative schools within Eastbourne.

This will not, of course, prevent Eastbourne children from applying for those schools, but it will give priority to those children living in the Polegate and Willingdon area for those two schools. The change has been

proposed as a result of the number of new homes being built in the area.

The consultation can be found here:

[http://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/consultation-on-admission-arrangements-2018-19/consult\\_view](http://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/consultation-on-admission-arrangements-2018-19/consult_view) and I should be very grateful if you would respond, and also draw it to the attention of parents of children in your schools.

## POLEGATE PFA

**Polegate PFA would like to say a massive thank you, to all the parents, children, families & friends, that came out to support our annual firework display.**

You helped us raise a fantastic £2936 for Polegate School, which will be spent on your children's education, thank you.

If you are interested in getting involved in Polegate PFA, please e-mail us on [pfapolegateschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pfapolegateschool@hotmail.co.uk)

We really do need more people to get involved, as our chairperson will be leaving at the end of this year. These events will not be happening next year, if there is not more interest or support from other parents. Polegate School will

lose nearly £8000 per year, if it doesn't have a PFA. These funds really enhance the provision at Polegate School.





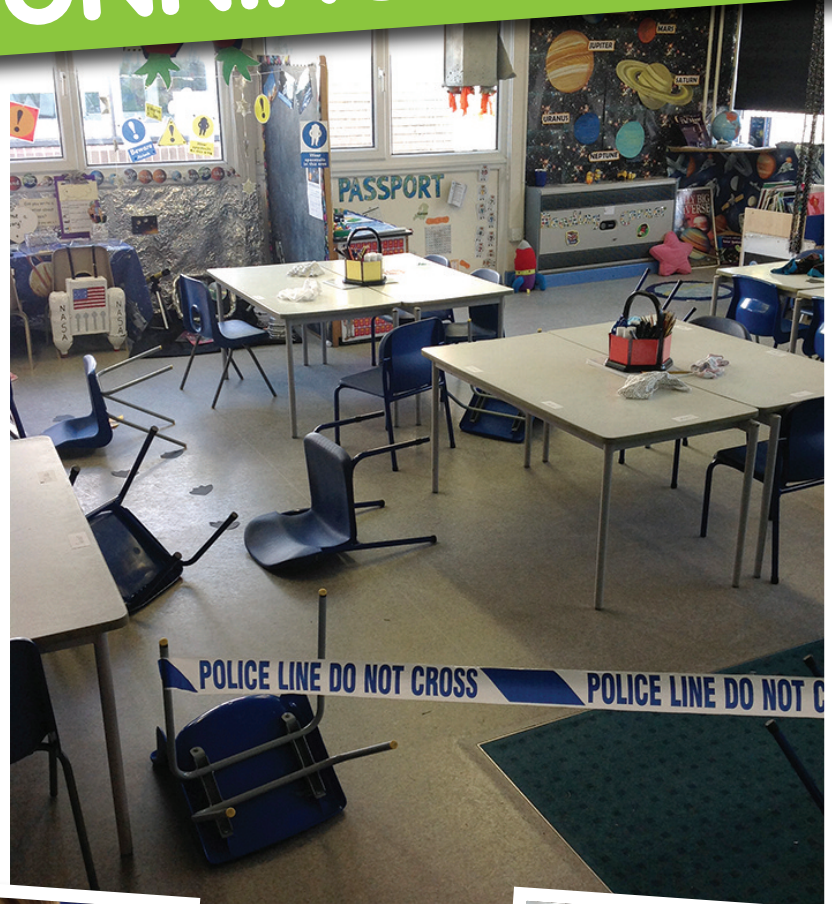
# YEAR 1 STUNNING START!

**Disaster struck year 1 on the first day back. They arrived at school to find there classroom had been ransacked!**

There were pants everywhere and chairs knocked over. They were faced with a crime scene and a problem to solve!

## **Who was responsible?**

Their teachers called the police, everyone's finger prints were taken and after a lot of investigation the problem was solved.. it was an alien!



## GOVERNOR CORNER

**We would like to thank everyone for completing the Ofsted Parentview.**

We use this as a tool in assessing parent views and it informs our discussions throughout the year. It was great to meet so many of you during the Parent Consultation evenings and because it was such a success we will be doing this again.

We really hope that every parent took the opportunity to come in and hear about their child's progress. It is so important. We know that without parent support and involvement in school children make far less progress.

**If you missed your appointment please call the school to arrange another time.**



# Attendance Reward

**99% is setting the bar very high for our first term!**

Congratulations to RP and 5R. The children in these classes were in for almost every day of the term. A great start and as a reward they will be enjoying a session outside with a Forest School expert.



## Class figures

Overall school attendance is currently at 96.8%. Our school target this year is 97%.

RP = 98%

RJ = 96%

RH = 97%

1N = 98%

1A = 97%

2M = 96%

2B = 96%

3W = 98%

3B = 98%

4M = 98%

4EM = 95%

5R = 98%

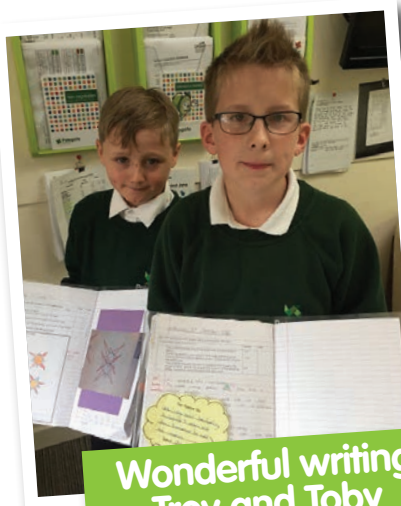
5GK = 97%

6O = 96%

6M = 95%



1A are amazing writers as well as amazing actors after their assembly!



Wonderful writing  
Troy and Toby

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday  
20th DECEMBER  
LAST DAY  
OF TERM**

## Archive



You can read all the previous newsletters on our website.

## Twitter

Be the first to hear the news.  
Follow us on Twitter.  
We now have **697** followers!



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## Feedback

We'd love to hear your feedback and any new ideas you have. Please send us your thoughts via the contact us page on the school website:

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