



Our book club are all ready to meet Tamzin Merchant, author of *The Mapmakers*!

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WELCOME BACK!

I hope you all had a super Easter. It is great to finally see the sun; doesn't it make a difference.

As always, it is with great pride that I write about the achievements of your children and the lengths that staff go to in order to offer your children the very best and most exciting learning experiences! This term has been packed full of irresistible learning, World Book Day included! The school has been buzzing and I hope the enthusiasm I have seen around the school has been shared with you at home as well.

OUR NEW POOL

Alongside the main work of teaching your children there have been some large scale projects underway- the swimming pool which is close to completion!

We are planning to extend the opportunity for pupils to swim in term 1 next year. Now we have such a wonderful pool we would like to get maximum use from it.



Just take a look at this!

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

I was thrilled to welcome parents back in to school on Friday to watch 5T's class assembly in the hall- Yes, at last, in person! 5T performed so confidently despite their nerves which is incredible given they haven't done this for such a long time.

We are yet again embracing change and decided that you all deserve front row seats! Parents will now be invited in at 9am for a special premiere of the assembly before the whole school watch it. This plan worked really well this week, parents could hear everything that was said really clearly and didn't need binoculars to see their child!

The whole school then come into the hall at 9.30am to watch it.

I am really looking forward to welcoming you all back in to feel as proud of your children as I do for each of their assemblies.

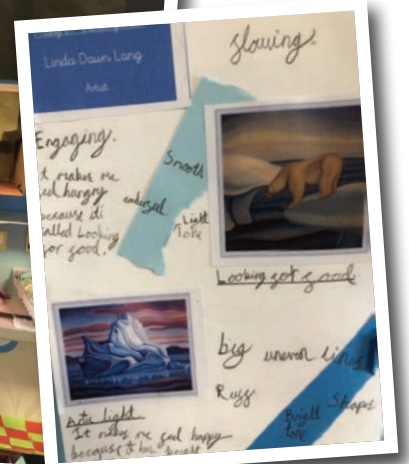
Displays around the school look superb as always, we take great pride in showing off the children's amazing work. Take a look....



YEAR 4 TOPIC

THE TITANIC

Incredible shoe box sized rooms in the Titanic. The children absolutely love stopping to really look at these. All your efforts at home were worth it Year 4!



LEADERSHIP NEXT YEAR

With my shock announcement I want to take this opportunity to explain the next steps in the recruitment of a new headteacher at Polegate School.

You are naturally going to be interested and many have asked so I thought you would appreciate being kept informed. I am not involved in any way in the appointment of a new headteacher. What I can tell you is that the Governing Board with support from an East Sussex County Representative has to decide on the recruitment process and they will give this considerable thought because they want to get it right for your children and the community.

This is all underway. The advert will then go out, with shortlisting and

interview to follow. The aim is that this is carried out ahead of the summer holiday and decided before July.

If an external candidate is appointed currently in post, then they will be unable to leave their current post before January 2023 and so Polegate would need an acting headteacher. I can confirm this will be Mrs Jones, who after being asked by the Governing Board has agreed. I know this will be a relief and give you the security to know that you will not be faced with an interim head. There will be continuity and consistency which is so important.

The school will be in very safe hands with strong leadership team!

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Young has taken the decision to leave at the end of this academic year in order to have a break from teaching. We will be so sad to see Mrs Young leave and hope that she returns to teaching at some point in the future.

We sadly say goodbye to **Mrs McGovern** on Friday this week. I am sure you will join me in wishing her lots of luck. We really hope she is going to enjoy the extra time with her family!

Miss Jabbari is leaving at the end of this academic year to travel and windsurf! We are not at all envious but wish her a fun packed year- who knows she may return to Polegate after her adventures!

In contrast, we welcome **Gemma Read**, our new Speech and Language TA who will be supporting children across the school.

WELL DONE IMOGEN

Over the last 3 weeks Imogen Welfare has completed at swimming at County level.

She swam 4 races. 50m free, 100m free, 50m back and 100m fly! Officially one of the fastest 12 year old in these races in the whole county!

She raced in a VERY intimidating 50m pool at the K2! As well as being selected for the county relay team!

Imogen made it to the relay final and came 6th!

And poor thing she was top 8 for 100m fly, so she qualified for the finals for 100m fly and had to swim it again! Exhausting! Imogen is officially the 8th fastest 12 year old in 100m fly!

Two bronze medals this weekend in the 50m back and 50m fly. She has been working so hard on her dives, she is so determined and it paid off with a 12.5 seconds PB on her 100m! Plus the two medals and narrowly missing out on 3rd on two other races!



SPORTS NEWS

What a lovely afternoon to host the first friendly game of any sort against another school for a very long time!

Polegate were dominant but both teams just really enjoyed the

opportunity to play competitively.

Btw - when i took a couple of Langney players to the loo, they said : "Can we come here? Everyone is so positive and kind to each other". How lovely is that??



DIARY DATES

27th – 29th April
Year 5 Hindleap
Warren
Residential trip

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2nd May
May Bank
holiday

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27th May
End of term 5

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6th June
Start of term 6

SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to our football team who participated in the Albion Cup U11 mixed final.

Great news for the girls too. The u9s girls football team qualified for the next round of the Albion cup. We wish them lots of luck on Friday 6th May. 9-1pm when they compete at BHA Elite training centre, Lancing.



OUR ENVIRONMENT

Bobby in 3M attended a Save Soil event in London last week.

He listened to the High Commissioner of India, the Chancellor of Birmingham University and Jaggi Vasudev (Sadhguru- a yogi and guru) talk about the soil situation across the world.

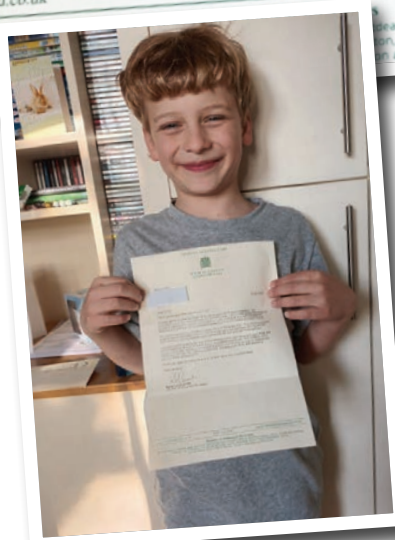
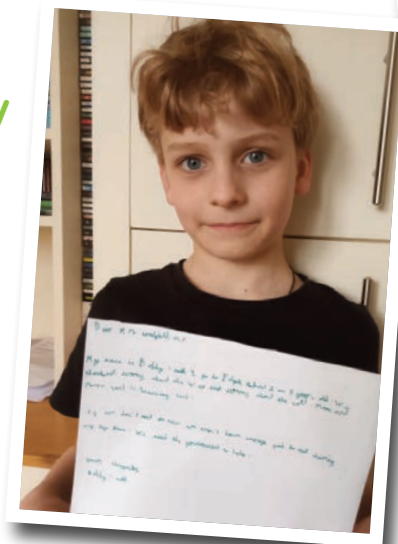
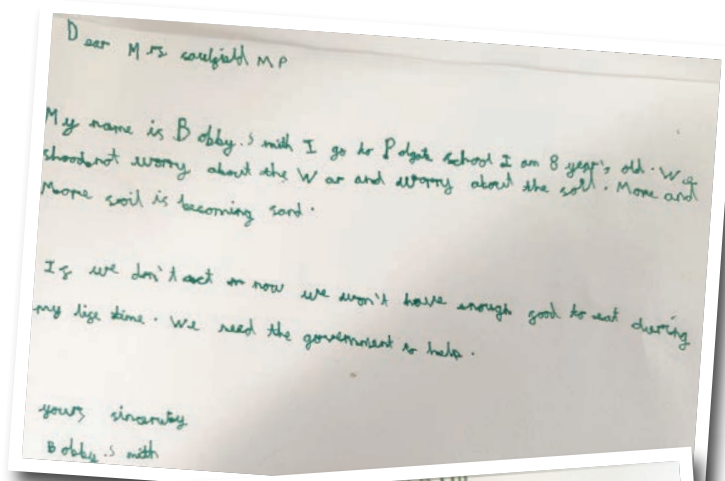
the Save Soil campaign is a global campaign to raise awareness to as many people as possible. The UN says that there is only 80 to 100 harvests left which means in about 30 years or so we will produce 40% less food (with a larger population) and in 15 -20 years time we will start experiencing food shortages unless we act now. The reason for this is because of the poor condition of the soil. The soil is losing its nutrients. The minimum organic content which is required for healthy soil is 3-6% but the organic content across the world found in agricultural land is less than 2%. If we continue to act as we are doing now the world will eventually turn into a desert.

The mission is to raise awareness amongst more than 60% of the world's population which in turn will encourage governments to act and prioritise soil regeneration. You can find more information out at Consciousplanet.org

This is a worldwide problem with a worldwide solution which could help unite all of us if we work together.

Bobby has been inspired and is now on a mission to raise awareness! We are very proud of our pupils who with their parents' support endeavour to make a difference and are proactive in raising awareness about things that matter to them.

Bobby wrote to our MP and received a reply to his letter today.



FREE HALF TERM EVENT

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Carried away with the carnival!

Come and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with **Ed Boxall** at Heathfield Library

Heathfield Library

Monday 30 May
11-12pm

"What a tremendous session... the children loved it!"

Ed

Not to scale

FREE!
No need to book
just come along!
0345 60 80 196
eastsussex.gov.uk/libraryevents

Covid restrictions apply

East Sussex County Council
Library and Information Service

You may be interested in this FREE event taking place during May Half Term

ATTENDANCE

It is great to see attendance steadily increase across the school as the year has progressed. Thank you for your support in promoting strong attendance for your children and for seeing the value in each and every school day.

RH =	95.5%
RM =	95.9%
RB =	94%
1B =	95.7%
1C =	97%
1S =	97.1%
2M =	96%

2Ma =	96.7%
2R =	96.6%
3L =	94.9%
3Y =	97.4%
3M =	97.2%
4G =	97.2%
4D =	96.1%

4H =	95.7%
5W =	94.9%
5M =	97.2%
5T =	97.5%
6V =	95.1%
6J =	96.7%

WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

On March 3rd, we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day and it was a real treat seeing the amazing costumes worn by the children (and staff!) across the school.

There was a great deal of excitement for the day! Across the school, teachers had planned lessons around the theme 'memories' using our focus book 'The Matchbox Diary'.

We all got creative too, using our Writing Journals in lessons and having a lot of independence with how to present these. We thoroughly enjoyed the range of writing created at home too in Writing Journals. You can see from the photographs, the incredible quality of writing from all year groups



WRITING JOURNAL CHALLENGE

Winners for our most recent Writing Journal Challenge ('Keepsake Memories') will be shared in assembly soon!

We were also really impressed by the many incredible entries for our 'Matchbox Book Front Covers' competition. Here's just a sample from across the school – they were all absolutely stunning!

Our overall winners were:

Infants – Amber (RB)

Lower Juniors – Saira (4G)

Upper Juniors – Max (5T)



Congratulations to our winners and to everybody who participated.

TOP DOODLERS

Just before the holidays we awarded our first group of Doodlers who had achieved a 365 day streak - that's a whole year of Doodling every day! Over the holidays we have also seen a few more children reach this goal.

At the time of writing, the following children have all achieved 365 days (and more): Zak Hooper, Maya Jones, Jude Lambert, Sophie Videan, Olivia Videan, Faye Murphy, Sienna Hatch, Harvey Henkel, Elizabeth Stephens and Oscar Van Leer.

Year 5 are off to Hindleap on a residential and I have even had requests from very keen children saying they want to keep on Doodling!



CONGRATULATIONS EMILY!

Emily came 2nd in her ballet solo yesterday at Hastings festival. There were 24 other dancing competing so what an incredible performance - you certainly looked the part!



CHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO YOUR CHILD

We just wanted to let you know that due to the new GDPR regulations we will not be sending out data collection sheets any more. We do still need to know if there are any changes to information relating to your child.

Changes we need to know about are:

- Medical details (any new allergies, asthma etc)
- Change of address, telephone numbers or email address

Keep us informed

It will be up to you to keep us informed and you can do this by emailing the school office at:

office@polegate.e-sussex.sch.uk

with any changes or by completing the form which you can find on the download section on our website

www.polegateschool.co.uk

Crisp packet recycling

Please take your empty crisp packets to the school office



Diary Date

2nd May
Bank Holiday

Archive



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