



### Tuesday 13th March

Ocklynge LGC

### Thursday 15th March

Y11 Parents/Carer Evening 2

### Friday 16th March

Y8 Forensic Science Day

Irish Night

### Tuesday 20th March

Ratton LGC

### Thursday 22nd March

Y11 Self-Esteem Team Visit

## VIRTUES IN ACTION

It was exciting to see our students on the local television news and in the Eastbourne Herald as part of a local beach clean. 12 students from Ratton joined forces with students from other schools and were faced with the impact of the amount of rubbish that ends up in the sea and on our beaches. As a group, they sent a very powerful message about the importance of our responsibility for the local environment. Our students were, quoting our virtue of responsibility, 'in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing'!



Year 8 had a very different sort of learning experience during National Science Week. The whole year group spent 4 lessons on a forensic science challenge. They used a wide range of scientific analysis to work out who had committed a serious crime. It was great to see a whole year group working on a challenging scientific problem and using all their skills to identify a solution.

The Irish Night was a fantastic event with 2 staff, 60 students and 10 ex-students performing to a large audience. The quality of all the performances were very impressive and the sell-out audience really enjoyed the evening.

Please enjoy this action packed newsletter.

*Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher*

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

Many congratulations to our highest achieving students whose hard work and commitment we are proud to recognise.

### Week ended 23rd February

**Finn Warner, Dinis Carpalhoso, Rebekah Whitby, Freya Packer, Serena Witten, Leo Lansdowne, Anna Ripley, Rachel Kersten-Freeman, Sara Krasniqi, Ewan Watson, Alex Clarke and Logan Anta Fernandez**

### Week ended 2nd March

**Lara Vaney, Jacob Packer, Joana Lopes, Madison Smith, Bora Piper, Nicola Pantelli, Jessica Shelton, Rachel Kersten-Freeman, Brooke Nicholls, Milo Barry, Marlon Wiegand and Alfie Taylor**

## Students join forces to tackle beach pollution

On Friday 9th March 12 students from Ratton school along with Mrs Scott-Smith and Mr Crosby joined forces with a number of other Eastbourne schools to take part in a Beach Clean along Eastbourne seafront.

Malcolm Shaw from ITV went with them.

We beach cleaned collecting plastics, rubbish and also interesting natural items to analyse what is being washed up and discarded, from Holywell right up to the pier itself.



Students were also able to take part in art work sessions on the beach at the 'Spy Glass' beach hut.

The beach clean was part of a larger project with the ESP (Eastbourne Schools Partnership) where we are also running a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) workshop. In the workshop sessions that follow the beach clean we will be designing an art installation to promote awareness of the issues around plastic pollution in our oceans and global environment. This workshop will include the use of photography, stop motion animation and testing water samples from the sea to check for levels of impurities, bacteria and nitrates. The Art installation itself and the work produced will then go on display at the Birley Centre in Eastbourne in the summer term.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our year 7 students who thoroughly enjoyed the day and we hope all the media interest and interviews given by our students will go some way to help promote a 'one use plastic free' town here in Eastbourne.

<http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/update/2018-03-09/students-join-forces-to-tackle-beach-pollution/>



Mrs Scott-Smith

## Ratton Dance

Recently our Dance Leaders visited Motcombe School to run a Day of Dance with Years 1 and 2. They were supervised by Mr K Morris who reported on their excellent leadership (as well as dance skills in a variety of styles). The children enjoyed the carousel style workshops and were enthusiastic from start to finish.

**Well done and thank you for representing Dance at Ratton sharing your expertise in, and love of, Dance! Bennur Aslan, Alex Brown, Amelia Dinniss, Poppy Dyball, Sophie Field, Ali Galal, Phoebe Jupp, Chloe Laundon, Aimee O,Neil, Ellie Parter, Josh Rowley, Keira Simpson and Sofia Vincent.**


Congratulations to the many Ratton students who recently competed in local Music and Dance festivals! They include **Holly Malyon, Zephan Robinson, Summer Young, Elodie Cooper, Olivia Prentice, Jessica Long, Eadie Cole, Caitlin Hover, Amelia Saint, Anna Jeffrey, Nicole Booker, Madison Modestou, Katie Saint, Hannah Mitchell-Mounce and Hannah Rickard.**

Thanks to **Ella Harris** for her creative response on behalf of the 47 students who were lucky enough to see a special performance of the ballet 'Giselle' recently performed by the Royal Ballet Company at the Royal Opera House in London. More details to follow in the next issue...

We have been very pleased to welcome Mr K Morris into the Dance department and hope both Ms Gomm and our Head of Dance, Ms Papagna, will be fully recovered soon.

*Mrs Duncan, Dance Department*

# IRISH night



RINCEOIRI  
RATTON

An evening of Irish music and dance  
To celebrate St. Patrick's day



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm,  
Ratton school hall

Tickets £5 adults

£3 concessions

Available from the finance office



# WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March staff and students took part in World Book Day dressing up as their favourite book character. We all had a wonderful day, with staff getting involved too, and events held included:

- Come dressed as your favourite book character—Prizes £10.00 W.H.Smith voucher
- A short story with a twist in the tale. This was divided into 5 sections and read at the beginning of each lesson by staff.
- Title: Hey You Down There!
- Author: Harold Rolseth
- Book Bonanza Quiz - Prizes £5.00 Amazon voucher
- Tweet me a story - Prizes £5 cinema voucher
- Design your own book cover—Prizes £5 cinema voucher



# Progress Update on Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award (BPTAA)

Mrs Veale, Assistant SENCO, recently met with Mrs Clarke, SEND department link governor, to update her on the progress made towards completing the Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award.

The Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award (BPTAA) helps schools evaluate and recognise the valuable role of teaching assistant in pupils' achievement. It aims to assist school to work more effectively with their teaching assistants to supports pupils' attainment and wellbeing.

Since undertaking the award, the department has been gathering a comprehensive portfolio of evidence against the rigorous set of criteria required to obtain accreditation. Topics covered include: TA Induction, Line Management, Staff understanding of TA roles, Staff Appraisal process and policies, Interventions, TA skills/roles/specialisms, Training needs, Teacher/TA links- teamwork and liaison, Behaviour management and fostering of independent skills in students, Effective communication with staff.

As part of this process, there have been a series of learning observations within lessons to evaluate, monitor and improve delivery. A skills audit has been completed to map the experience and qualifications of the team. Also, a review of the staff appraisal process has been undertaken.

Working towards the award has proved to be a transparent and professional approach to building and developing a highly skilled and flexible team of professionals. Ultimately, it will benefit the whole school as it embeds and shares strategies and good practice with the wider school community.



*A state of wellbeing is one where we feel healthy and at ease with ourselves, we are managing our daily lives well and feel optimistic for the future. There are a few strategies, actions and attitudes that can increase this sense of wellbeing. There are no magic wands for feeling good, but students and parents might like to try a wellbeing exercise and see if it works for them. I will share one or two new strategies every newsletter.*

## Mind and Body

I have talked about the importance of physical exercise before, but it really is so vital to overall wellbeing that this is just a quick reminder.

- Exercise releases endorphins that can make us feel happier and more positive
- It can give us the opportunity to focus on something other than the worries and anxieties we all cope with day-to-day
- It can also help us to boost our confidence and self-esteem
- It can be sociable and enjoyable to get outside and take part in fitness activities

If you are not used to doing regular exercise then here are some good places to start:

- Try a brisk 10-minute walk twice a day to the office or school gates
- Try joining a club or class you will enjoy - make it fun! There are quite a few different exercise classes that take place at Ratton in the evenings.
- Put on some favourite songs and have a dance around your living room. Even better if you can do it with someone else.
- Volunteer as a dog walker.

How do I get myself motivated?

- Celebrate progress you make – maybe keep an exercise diary
- Increase your activity gradually – small increases are easier to maintain and will give you regular feelings of success.

**Gemma Bryden AHT for Character Education**

## Poppy and Ellie's Chop for Charity!

During the autumn time, Poppy Dyball and Ellie Parter, Year 8 students, decided to donate their hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity where children going through cancer treatment and have lost their hair were able to wear wigs made of real hair, free of charge, which makes the children feel much more happy and confident in themselves.

Poppy and Ellie's hair went towards the making of one wig—bearing in mind each wig requires five people's hair to make a complete one. Poppy cut 10 inches and Ellie cut 12 inches and on top of donating their hair, they managed to raise £955! They got sponsored by their teachers, friends and family and the money was given to the charity as well.

From this, Poppy and Ellie hope that it may inspire you to donate your own hair to The Little Princess Trust. If so, follow these rules to make sure your hair can be donated successfully:

- Wash and **dry** your hair
- Do not add conditioner or styling products
- Put your dry hair into a ponytail(s)
- Secure at both ends with a hair band, and one half way down for good measure!
- Ask your hairdresser to cut above the band(s) nearest your head making sure you cut off 7 inches or more
- Now have the rest of your hair styled as you wish
- Put your dry ponytail(s) into a clear re-sealable plastic bag
- Place them in a padded envelope and post using a standard service to:  
Little Princess Trust, Broadway House, 32 – 35 Broad St, Hereford, HR4 9AR



Mr Brooke was so impressed by the Y11 Rugby Team during their game vs Willingdon which was filmed for GCSE moderation for both the fantastic performances but also for the HUGE level of respect for the match officials, team mates and opponents. Thanks too to the big crowd of other year 11 s who battled the elements to continue to watch the whole game in wet and cold conditions.

# STEM CAREERS EVENT

UTC@harbourside would like to invite all our school students (any year group) to attend their STEM Careers Event next week

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm-7.15pm**

This event is STEM focused and you, and your families, can come and talk to employers, careers advisors and UTC@harbourside staff regarding STEM courses and careers, or just come along and have a tour of the building and see the facilities.

For information please see <http://www.utc-harbourside.org/events/>

If you have any questions about this event, or would like to visit UTC@harbourside at another time, please email [rebeccarookley@utc-harbourside.org](mailto:rebeccarookley@utc-harbourside.org)

UTC look forward to welcoming you at:

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The "Eastbourne Nomads Angling Club", "Anglers Den", "Tony's Tackle", "A.T. Tackle", "Anderida Club", "Eastbourne Angling Association" & the Eastbourne "R.N.L.I."

## Present the 7<sup>th</sup>

# FISH 4 KIDZ

A CHANCE FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 16 YEARS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOYS OF BEACH FISHING

**PURE FISHING**

**FREE ENTRY**

SUNDAY APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018

CATCH & RELEASE

FROM 12noon UNTIL 2:30pm

**ROVEX**

BOOK-IN IS IN THE EASTBOURNE ANGLING ASSOCIATION at 10:30am  
PRESENTATION AT EASTBOURNE ANGLING ASSOCIATION FROM 3.45pm

BAIT & RIGS SUPPLIED AS REQUIRED

5 years to 9 years  
3 AGE CATEGORIES.....10 years to 12 years  
13 years to 16 years

(ALL children MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult; an adult may accompany more than 1 child)

MAXIMUM 80 ENTRIES (first come, first served)

SPONSORED PRIZES

ENTRY BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT ONLY  
ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY SUNDAY APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT.....  
(Parent or guardian must call in person and sign the form)

**Lifeboats**

Stay Safe on and around Water

ANY ENQUIRIES TO ANGLERS DEN (01323) 460441  
OR EMAIL STEVE FROST @ nomadsec@hotmail.co.uk

TONY'S TACKLE  
(01323) 731388

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# PE DEPARTMENT



## LUNCH & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Late Lunch</b> (1.40-2.10)	Year 7 Basketball (WBR)  Table Tennis (SLO)	Year 9 Basketball (JBU)  Year 7, 8 & 9 Dodgeball (SBE)	Girls Basketball (JUP)	Year 10 & 11 Basketball (JBU)  Table Tennis (SBE)	Year 8 Basketball (GKI)  Table Tennis (JCY)
<b>After School</b> (3.15-4.15)	Staff Meetings	Table Tennis (SLO)  Years 9-11 Trampoline (JUP)	Boys Basketball (JBU)  Badminton (SBE)	Year 7 Rugby (WBR) Year 8 Rugby (GKI) Year 9 Rugby (JBU)  Year 7 & 8 Trampoline (SBE)  Badminton (JCY)  Girls Basketball (SLO)	Staff Sport



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# TERM 4



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