

### GOAL!

Highly successful people set themselves challenging goals. Goals are our dreams and ambitions for the future. If we have clear goals for the future then they guide what we do today, in preparation for what we want to achieve in the future. Goals are therefore a powerful way to improve our motivation to make that extra effort, to strive for our personal best, and help us make the difficult choices that lead to future success.

This year we have started some important work with our students, helping them to set long term goals, which we call 'life goals'. These will lead to short term goals or curricular goals. Unlike targets, goals are set by students themselves - our work is guiding the students towards having the knowledge, organisation and vision to set themselves ambitious goals.

It would really benefit your child if you were part of their goal conversation...

Mr D Linsell  
Headteacher

### DANCE AT RATTON

DANCE at Ratton spanned over three centuries recently with our Ratton Boy dancers (Thomas Bacon, Ethan Barry, Malik Boudehane, Louie Cannings, Korbinian Cox, Owen Davies, Finley Fry, Daniel Grafham, Connal Hadden-Eccles, Thomas Hall, Cody Harvey, Gareth James, Joshua Jackson, Edgaeas Jurgaitis, Thomas Lee, Jack Lindsay, Joseph Martin, Charlie McKay, Brendan Pittman, Adam Riggs, Owen Stacey, Billy Taylor, Jordan Ticehurst, Luca Torrens-White, Callum Ward, Garratt Weblin and Arron Wilder) working with JP Omani on a B Boy project, and our Ratton Dancers (Amy Barden, Sophie Bruce, Veronika Gibbins, Alicia Harffey, Hannah King, Daniela Lenihan, Kira Marsh, Bronwyn Ryan, Annabel Simes, Arron Wilder and Olivia Sparey) working with Mrs Duncan on dances for the opera 'Dido and Aeneas'. The boys popped, locked, spun and froze in contorted and dangerous looking 21<sup>st</sup> century poses while the dancers concentrated on the flowing dynamics needed to make the symmetrical space patterns and complex steps of 17<sup>th</sup> century Baroque dance appear effortless! JP commented on the excellent attitude (and rapidly developing expertise of our boys) towards his very difficult work, and the dancers were complimented on their professionalism and poised carriage in the dances which punctuated the story of 'Dido and Aeneas', Ratton's first opera. *A full report on the opera will be in the next issue of Connections.*

Our new Year 8 Dance Leaders are making themselves known to Year 7 and will soon be taking part in the Ratton Dance outreach programme visiting feeder primary schools. They are Amy Barden (Apollo) Emily Bruzon-Edwards (Globe), Jasmina Rennie (Lyceum), Honor Roberts (Lyric) and James Stone (Adelphi) - congratulations to all of them!

Tickets will soon be on sale for the annual Song and Dance Evening (taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> November in the Hall) where some of our most talented dancers will showcase their work.

### NEW Dance clubs have started

Wednesday lunchtimes WAACKING/COMMERCIAL Dance club for all years and Thursday after school CONTEMPORARY Dance for Years 9, 10 and 11.

Both clubs are already very popular, held in the Dance Studio, and led by our trainee teacher from the Royal Academy of Dance, Miss Johnson. Come along to learn new styles and make new friends!

Mrs Duncan

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Many congratulations to our highest achieving students whose hard work and commitment we are proud to recognise. These students are identified due to having received the highest number of rewards allocated by all staff for the relevant week and are awarded for various contributions - such as outstanding work on a longer project or coursework, good effort in class, effort in tutor time and participation in an extra-curricular activity to name but a few!

### Week ended 7<sup>th</sup> October

Heledd Evans, Max Guy, Aymen Qader, Anastasia Groom, Dominic Collins, Millie Ngai-Lenoir, Rebecca Greene, Jessica Davis, Sarah Paine and Laela Hekmoun

### Week ended 14<sup>th</sup> October

Anastasia Bray, Jodie Spring, Emily Larkin, Veronika Gibbins, Megan Dennis, James Maynard, Mia Longman, Finn Deans and James Stone

### Since 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Susannah Hearn, Aymen Qader, Emily Larkin, Ryan Gregory, Craig Brown, Natasha Duursma, Zoe Swan, James Alsop, Anastasia Bray, Bryony Bruzon-Edwards, Alice Potter and Abdel Darwish

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mid-term break  
25<sup>th</sup> October - 29<sup>th</sup> October

First Day of Term 2  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Neighbourhood Panel Meeting 4pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Full Governors' Meeting 5pm

## YOUTH4U YOUNG INSPECTORS

The Youth4U Young Inspectors' programme is aimed at encouraging young people to give their views on the services they use- from health clinics to public transport. Delivered locally by ESCC, this youth-led initiative for 13-19 year olds is a key tool in helping young people engage with and have real influence on local facilities.

Young Inspectors will receive two days full training from a local support worker and learn how to work in a group, improve their communication skills and plan for and carry out an inspection. They will also discover how to report, evaluate and present their findings, be awarded £75 for each completed inspection and get the chance to receive a qualification. Following their training, the Young Inspectors can inspect up to six services in their area, through a combination of mystery shopping, observations, surveys and interviews. They will have access to inspection tools including flip video recorders, cameras and digital voice recorders to help gather information. After each inspection the young people will review their findings and recommend improvements to the service provider.

Volunteers are needed for the next round of inspections coming up in Lewes and Hastings in October. There will be training days in Hastings on 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October, and in Lewes on 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October, with inspections taking place in both areas until next March.

Interested candidates will need to commit approximately 37 hours to the project, spread out over an agreed period, have an enthusiasm to make a difference in their local community and a passion to develop themselves.

For further information about Youth4U Young Inspectors and how to apply, contact Natasha Cummings - email: [natasha.cummings@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:natasha.cummings@eastsussex.gov.uk) - or visit [Connexions360 - Youth4U](#)

## PE CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

### Monday

After school Fixtures Evening

### Tuesday

Lunchtime GCSE PE intervention

After school Activity Evening

### Wednesday

Lunchtime KS3 Table Tennis

After school Fixtures Evening

Girls' Football

### Thursday

Lunchtime Community Sport (Wii, table tennis, badminton, futsal)

After school Fixtures Evening

Netball Club

### Friday

Breaktime KS3 Table Tennis

Lunchtime Girls' Indoor Football

After school Detention Evening

Every lunchtime you can borrow equipment and participate in SPORT ON THE COURTS

## REMINDER OF CHANGE TO SCHOOL DAY

Don't forget that we will change back to the alternative timetable after the mid-term break ie breaktime will be from 11-11.30am and lunchtime will be from 1.30-2.10pm

## POETRY COMPETITION

Enter the East Sussex County Council poetry competition for the chance to win a poetry tutorial, vouchers, stationery and books.

East Sussex County Council launched its annual poetry competition to celebrate National Poetry Day on 7<sup>th</sup> October. This year's theme is 'Home'. Send your poem about what home means to you. Home could be where you live or a place you connect with, people in your life, or simply a feeling you have.

Closing date is 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Find out more at [eastsussex.gov.uk/poetry](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/poetry)

## SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

We have recently received our latest delivery of Active Kids equipment in from Sainsbury's.

A very big thank you to all parents and other voucher collectors, as well the local Sainsbury's stores at Hampden Park and the Arndale Centre for their continued support with this scheme.



## Access All Areas offsite @ Ratton



This year's 'Access All Areas Ratton School' have been involved in a number of movement and photography activities including -

'No Girls Allowed' street dance workshop with JP from Streetfunk which was such a success that a group of them have now applied for youthbank funding to develop an afterschool club based on these workshops.

**St Leonards got Stomping** - Last Wednesday, 20 of our Stompers planned and led a workshop for 26 students at Saxon Mount Special Needs School. The students taught some basic body percussion as well as rhythms on brooms, bins and tin cans and then worked towards a final performance at the end of the day. The Ratton Stompers showed great patience and outstanding team work skills in delivering the workshop, and should be incredibly proud of their efforts. It was a fantastic and fun day for all involved! *"Thank you, thank you again for such a fantastic workshop, our kids are really buzzing from it and had a great time. It was a brilliant afternoon and your students were so skilled in working with our pupils. They really are a credit to you - a great bunch of people."* (Alison Everett, Saxon Mount)

Photography and stop frame animation workshops for selected Arts Award Students with Local Community Artist Rob Walker.

All these workshops were photographed by Rob and will culminate at this year's AAA East Sussex Youth Arts Festival at the De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill this weekend. Go to [www.dlwp.com/accessallareas](http://www.dlwp.com/accessallareas) for further details/information.



# christmas SHOUT!

## **A BIG SHOUT FOR LITTLE CHRISTMAS**

It's time to start practising with your hairbrush again! Whether you're Eastbourne's best undiscovered talent or an "only when no-one's listening" singer, this is the opportunity for you!

Eastbourne's second 'Shout' will take place on the **Town Hall Steps** at the Little Christmas festive street event in Little Chelsea at **6pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

We need each and every one of you to star in this fun community event. It's not about singing well, it's about coming together to share in a festive sing-song. The three 'Shout!' songs will be **Jingle Bells** (sung in the round), **Silent Night** (featuring a verse in Spanish and a verse in German), and **Merry Christmas Everybody** (the original Slade version!). Versions will shortly be available on the internet and CD for you to practise along with. Ratton School's Year 8 Shout! Leaders are available in November to visit your school, venue, or community group to help you learn the songs in advance of the event.

Little Christmas will provide the perfect backdrop for the event - open to everyone, including families, friends, schools, community groups, clubs, and work colleagues. 'Christmas Shout!' will be followed by a general Christmas sing-along and of course an opportunity for participants to get their Christmas shopping at the Christmas stalls and local retail outlets, sample festive goods and activities, and enjoy entertainment provided by Sovereign Radio.

You can get involved as much or as little as you like - you could run or attend a drop-in and sing session where other people can come to learn the songs or simply turn up on the night.

To star in this amazing community production (or just to join the chorus) please contact Arts Development Officer, Miz Wells, [m.wells@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:m.wells@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk) / 01323 514322

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