

### **“THERE’S SOME CORNER OF A FOREIGN FIELD THAT IS FOREVER RATTON”**

Ratton has twice been awarded the prestigious International Schools’ Award, and in the autumn we will be applying for a third time. This is a national award that recognises the international opportunities we provide for our students - including trips abroad, the range of foreign languages we teach, and the use of international topics across a wide range of subjects.

At Ratton we are particularly proud of our record of hosting foreign visitors. For a number of years we have hosted students from Japan and Austria, and we were recently visited by headteachers from China, teachers and students from Uganda, and students from Holland. I am very proud of the way Ratton students treat our foreign visitors by welcoming them into school, involving them in school life and sometimes creating life-long friendships. These activities prepare our students to live and work in an increasingly diverse world.

Our students’ success as ambassadors means that there are people in Europe, Asia and Africa who have very fond memories of Ratton. You could say that, because of the hospitality of our students, “there’s some corner of a foreign field that is forever Ratton”.

David Linsell, Headteacher

### **SPORTS MATTERS AT RATTON...**

We are proud to announce the results of last week’s Sports Days with the overall winners being Apollo (596 points), followed by Adelphi (497), Lyric (490), Globe (470) and Lyceum (396). Well done Apollo!

In further sports-related news we have been celebrating after being awarded a brand new football kit by the Football Foundation, the UK’s largest sports charity. The new Nike kit, worth £400, was awarded to the school as part of the Foundation’s Junior Kit Scheme.

### **PERFORMING ARTS NEWS - SIGN UP TO SHINE**

As you know Ratton has joined Shine, a national festival celebrating all the talents in all young people and is taking place between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Shine Week is about celebrating all talent - it can be in the performing arts but it can also be in technology, science or working in the community. Visit [www.shineweek.co.uk](http://www.shineweek.co.uk) to see what it’s all about and get involved.

We want your pictures, stories and soundbites on our Shine webpages, you can either sign up and upload yourself, or send them to our Arts Development Officer, Miz Wells, on [m.wells@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:m.wells@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk).

### **REMINDER!**

Please can all parents and carers remind students of the importance of eating and drinking before they come to school in the mornings, and also that they should bring a drink of water with them to have throughout the day - particularly in hot weather. There are occasions occurring on a daily basis when students are going to Welfare because they are poorly, but making quick recoveries after being reminded to have a drink and/or something to eat as they haven’t done so at home.

Don’t forget our fabulous Breakfast Club offering free tea and toast daily from 8am (further selection of breakfasts available to buy), which also offers the chance for a relaxed and sociable start to the day.

### **BOOK EVENT**

On the afternoon of **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** authors Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell will be talking to year 7 students in the LRC courtesy of the Bumper Book Shop in Grove Road. Paul and Chris, who are well known for their fantasy series “The Edge Chronicles”, will be talking about their new book “Barnaby Grimes - Phantom of Blood Alley” and will be signing copies. The price of the book is £9.99 and may be pre-ordered via Mrs Beck in the LRC. Paperback copies of previous titles in the Barnaby Grimes series may also be ordered at £5.99 each.

## PEVENSEY PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The brother of Stefan Rumary (year 8 student) has suffered a relapse of leukaemia after a respite from the illness following chemotherapy treatment. Robert is now twenty two years old but attended Ratton School, and his family have nothing but the highest praise for the care and treatment he has received from the staff - both medical and non-medical - whilst an inpatient on Pevensey Ward at the DGH.

In order to provide support for these remarkable people, who make everyone feel welcome and give holistic support to patients and their families, Stefan and his family are taking part in the Pevensey Project Sponsored Bike Ride along the Cuckoo Trail on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, and would be very grateful for your help by sponsoring them.

If you, or your child, would like to sponsor this extremely worthy cause please will you complete and return the slip below or, alternatively, call into main reception and complete The Friends of the Eastbourne Hospitals: Sponsorship and Gift Aid Declaration Form. We will then arrange for you to return the sponsorship money you have pledged following the event.

### PEVENSEY PROJECT SPONSORED BIKE RIDE SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009

*We, who have given our names and addresses below and have ticked the box headed 'Gift Aid' want the charity named above to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below. We understand that each of us must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax reclaimed by the charity on the donation.*

**Full Name**

*(First name and surname)*

**Home Address**

*Not your work address (this is essential for Gift Aid)*

**Post Code**

**Amount £**

**GiftAid? (please tick if applicable)**

## 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! Competition is strong and the names of students over the last 10 week period is shown at the bottom of this item -

### Week ended 12<sup>th</sup> June

Jamie Russell-White, Caroline Roberts, Ashley Mignot, Marius McCarthy, Aidan Pittman, Sebastian Cox, Sam Smith, Milena Thorburn, Bryony Bruzon-Edwards, Niloufar Safari, Harvey Padget and Kamil Ondrej

### Week ended 19<sup>th</sup> June

Hannah Wickens, Edward Stokes, Natasha Filsell, Phoebe Wilson, Megan Dennis, Ben Farrant, Anastasia Bray, Chelsea Willgrass, Saffron Lucas and Patrick Gates

### 10 week period up to 19<sup>th</sup> June

Megan Dennis, Jessica Davis, Heledd Evans, Jack Baker, Jacob Bradbrook, Sebastian Cox, Susannah Hearn, Michaela Message, Ben Farrant, Patrick Gates and Anastasia Bray

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

*Year 6 Taster Day*

Governors' Meeting 4-5pm  
*(Trust Group)*

Governors' Meeting 5-6.30pm  
*(Staffing Committee)*

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

*'Out of Ink'* 7.30-9.30pm  
*production*

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

*Year 11Prom* 7pm till late  
*(Winter Garden)*

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Governors' Meeting 5-6.30pm  
*(Premises Committee)*

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

*Neighbourhood* 4.45-5.45pm  
*Panel Meeting*

## CYCLING TO SCHOOL

We wish to encourage our students to cycle to school since it improves their health and fitness, reduces traffic outside the school making conditions safer for everyone, and benefits their general development.

- The decision as to whether your child is competent to negotiate such hazards as may present themselves, on the route from home to school and back, must be yours and yours alone. Ratton School does not accept liability for any consequences of that decision.
- It is recommended that parents discuss and agree the safest cycling route with their children, discussing and dealing with any potential hazards.
- There is a limit to the number of cycles we can store safely and securely (120).
- Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover, as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to cycles.

### Cycle Helmets

All children are advised to wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet and use appropriate reflective clothing and bike lights when visibility is poor.

### Conditions for Cycling to School

1. All bicycles must be in roadworthy condition.
2. Cyclist must ride sensibly and follow the Highway Code.
3. All bicycles must be locked securely in the approved cycle area.

If you wish your child to cycle to school, would you please complete the form at -

[www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk/files/documents/cycle\\_agreement.pdf](http://www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk/files/documents/cycle_agreement.pdf) and return to the Welfare Office as soon as possible.