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LAST NEWSLETTER OF TERM 5!

On Wednesday all staff celebrated with the Year 11 students as they enjoyed their graduation ceremony which was a wonderful occasion and a fitting end to their time at Ratton. School will be very quiet without them but we wish them all the very best in their exams and during the next stages of their lives, whether that be continuing their studies or beginning their working lives. Please can I ask that the students remaining in school help to ensure the best possible results for the year 11 students taking their exams by respecting the need for silence in and around areas where exams are taking place.

We are delighted to welcome two new parent governors, **Mrs Carole Bradbrook** and **Mrs Wendy Padgett**, to our school governing body and look forward to their invaluable help and input into school life.

I would like to thank everybody for their help and support during the recent uniform sweep and for your ongoing co-operation in ensuring that our strictly enforced uniform expectations continue to maintain the high standards here at Ratton.

I am thrilled to announce the safe arrival of baby **Finlay Peter Chaundy** who arrived in the early hours of last Saturday weighing in at 8lbs 11ozs. I am sure that all staff, students and parents would like to join me in sending our best wishes and huge congratulations to Mr & Mrs Chaundy at this very happy time.

Finally, I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing May break from 31st May to 4th June, and hope the year 10 students thoroughly enjoy their work experience week from 7th June.

Anne Wardle
Acting Headteacher



WANNA DJ AT UNDERAGE FESTIVAL 2010?

If you're a DJ, Producer, or Remixer aged 14-18, Youth Music is offering you the chance to DJ live on stage at the Underage Festival!

How to enter our remix competition

STEP 1: Download the track by our well-known artist

STEP 2: Create your own remix

STEP 3: Upload your work of genius

A panel of experts will shortlist the best entries and winners will receive the full VIP treatment, getting the chance to share our stage with top headline acts on 1st August 2010.

Visit www.youthmusic.org.uk/underage to find out more.

HIP-HOP DANCE WORKSHOPS WITH MISS PERRY!

Miss Perry held the first of her special Dance workshops yesterday after school and this is what some of the dancers said 'I think it was completely AMAZING - I loved it!!!!' and 'I really loved the hip-hop workshop. I learnt so much and thank you!', and 'it was really fun and very fast'. The girls worked solidly for two hours and learnt 3 different very fast-paced routines. Well done, girls! Rewards to: Jasmina, Chloe, Ami, Ellen, Sophie, Emily, Amy, Megan, Amy D, Samantha, Alex and Abi of Year 7, Kira, Courtney, Rhianna, Sophie, Bronwyn, Elisabeth, Shereen, Yoanna of Year 8 and Hannah and Saskia of Year 9.

It will be the boys turn next week on **Monday 24th May 3.30-5.30pm** in the Dance studio. All welcome, just see Miss Perry/Mrs Duncan to sign up.

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 7th May

Jasmina Rennie, Jemma Francis, Eloise Durey, Honor Roberts, Natasha Duursma, Tobi Silva, Amy Barden, Samuel Deadman and Katy Dibbens

Week ended 14th May

Ellie Carter, Harriet Leeming, Samuel Deadman, Eloise Durey, Shereen Shafiee, Daisy Strong-White, Emma Milton-Shields, Demi Erlam, Adam Riggs and Emily Peebles

10-week period ended 14th May

Amelia Inman, Anastasia Groom, Harriet Leeming, Ryan Gregory, Bronwyn ryan, Sophie Sands, Amy Barden, Samantha Joubert and Adam Riggs

STAGECOACH - SCHOOL BUS

Please note that Stagecoach have advised us that students will need to have any recognised form of proof of age to buy a single or return ticket at child's price. However, if they wish to buy a 'megarider' (weekly) ticket they will need Stagecoach's own ID - further details at <http://www.stagecoachbus.com/> or 01323 416416.

TACKLING MIGRAINE IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Migraine Action are organising an informative and friendly education day on Saturday 19th June at the Best Western Brighton Hotel from 10am-2.00pm with the morning session including talks from migraine experts and an opportunity to ask questions, and workshop sessions in the afternoon.

There is a nominal charge of £10 per person or £15 per family (up to 2 adults and accompanying children) to include refreshments and a light sandwich lunch. Places must be booked and paid for in advance.

Email: www.migraine.org.uk/events

Thanks go to the following for **bag packing** at **Sainsbury's** last Saturday in aid of the Uganda building fund for the forthcoming trip in July to Kabubbu:

Sinead Bacon, Amy Barden, Sophie Sands, Laela Hekmoun, Sarah Paine, Rachel Ledner, Alex Reed, Imogen Orr, Steph Dale, Mrs Sutton and me!

Miss Peddlesden

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 25th May

Governors' Meeting
Staffing (Pay) Committee 5pm

Wednesday 26th May

Electro/Acoustic Evening of Music 7-9pm

Friday 28th May

Last day of Term 5

MAY BREAK 31ST May - 4th June

7TH - 11TH JUNE YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

Monday 7TH June

Start of Term 6

Tuesday 8th June

Governors' Meeting
Budget Committee 5pm

SUSSEX SCHOOLS NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday 6th May, as the country went to vote, the Ratton U-15 Netball team competed for the title of Sussex Netball Champions at the K2 Centre in Crawley. They had a very difficult task; not only because they would be competing against the 'best of the rest,' but because they were playing other teams that were a year ahead of themselves.

Rachael Dudson, Katy Lambert, Sian Heather, Lexi Filsell, Lauren Wilder, Catherine Lawrence and Chloe King played four games to try and secure a place in the semi finals, winning two and losing two games. They made it to the semi final and were against Angmering School, a school who they had lost by one goal in the qualifying rounds. It was extremely tight and as the full time whistle blew with the score 8 - 7 to Ratton, Angmering had a penalty shot to take. Their GS missed and the Ratton girls were through to the final, avoiding extra time, securing at least, the title of Sussex Schools Netball Runners Up 2010. The girls fought hard in the final against Imberhorne, but unfortunately lost 16 - 4 at full time.

Next year, the girls, coached by Steph Dudson and who play for Old Town Netball Club, have their sights firmly set on the Sussex Netball Champions title. Well done girls, Ratton are extremely proud of your achievements this year, congratulations!

Breakdown of Match Results:

Qualifiers:

Ratton 5 v Angmering 6 (L)
Ratton 6 v Dorothy Stringer 4 (W)
Ratton 4 v Heathfield 0 (W)
Ratton 7 v Imberhorne 14 (L)

Semi Final:

Ratton 8 v Angmering 7 (W)

Final:

Ratton 4 v Imberhorne 16 (L)

A CLOSING MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL...



First of all we would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who voted for us this time last year.

We would just like to share with you what we have achieved this year, being Head Boy and Head Girl. We both promised to try and make the school a 'greener' place. We suggested to the Staff Leadership team that there should be community recycling bins for cans etc around school, and there should now be some in Refresh. We also wanted to create a pathway at the back of the school further to which the school has been asking the council all year, but unfortunately we are still only 17th on the waiting list. Also, many of you said in the ideas cards we sent out a couple of weeks ago, you wanted the water fountains to work, and we are pleased to say that they are being, or have all been, fixed. We have raised issues at meetings such as; behaviour points should only be for bad behaviour not lack of homework, more bins should be on field to prevent litter and seagulls, to replace the "out of lesson clipboards" with something more hygienic, to have a different uniform and to not have trainee teachers teaching GCSE lessons. We hope that these issues will be resolved agreeably soon. Throughout the year we have attended meetings and other functions, from Parents' Evenings to Year 7 cheese and wine evenings to help the school as part of our role as Head Boy and Head Girl.

We have thoroughly enjoyed this year and would like to wish Good Luck to next year's student leadership team

Felix Smith and Jamilla Hekmoun

EARN 5.9% ON YOUR ONLINE PURCHASES FOR OUR SCHOOL FUNDS

If you buy online there is an easy way to earn vital school funds. By visiting eduPayment.co.uk and locating a participating retailer our school will earn commission from your purchases. Leading online brands are participating in the service including, HMV, Amazon.co.uk & New Look. You pay no more, there are even special offers to help you pay less.

You do not pay extra for your purchases, you won't have to register, and all sales are completed direct with the retailer

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- Currys
- Disneyland Resort Paris
- Halfords
- HMV.com
- Homebase
- New Look
- Mothercare
- Tesco.com
- Thomas Cook
- Toys 'R' us
- Pontins

In addition, from now on **every online grocery order from Sainsbury's made through eduPayment** will result in a donation to our school of 35 pence per order - even if the order comes from existing customers.

And, Clarks shoes have recently joined eduPayment; Clarks will pay a donation for online purchases or even for reserving shoes online and picking them up instore.

Provided your go through eduPayment.co.uk selecting our school we will receive commission on your purchases at an average of 5.9%.

If you wouldn't mind searching eduPayment.co.uk when you shop online it will be a great boost to our school funds so please visit www.edupayment.co.uk for more information.

NEW CYCLE LOCKERS

Through having funding available via the school Travel Plan grant, we have been able to purchase 120 very colourful new lockers that are housed near the school office and humanities corridor. They have been specifically purchased to support our young students who cycle to school and have nowhere to leave their helmets and cycle clothing.

To be considered for one of the new lockers, please complete the attached return slip, confirming your agreement to the 'Cycle to School' conditions and enclose a voluntary contribution of £5.00 (cheque or cash). Please return to the Finance Office and a locker will be issued. It is **first come, first served** as there are a limited number of lockers available. The charge is to help with any damages and lost keys. **The locker remains with the student during their school life.**



'CYCLING TO SCHOOL AGREEMENT'

Ratton School wishes to encourage children 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. Ratton School will provide the student with a locker for the sum of £5.00. This locker will stay with the student during school life.

Conditions for Cycling to School

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

If you wish your son/daughter to cycle to school, would you please complete the form below and **return to the Finance Office** as soon as possible.

Name of Student Community/Tutor

Cycle Make/colour..... Cycle serial number.....

Lock Serial Number..... LOCKER NO/COLOUR.....

I accept the above conditions and request permission to be given access to cycle parking and a locker for **£5.00**

Signed..... (Parent/Carer)

Signed..... (Headteacher)