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Message from Mr. Sutherland



So, I thought about writing to you all at

I can once again confirm that it's been a hard working start to 2022 and although we remain challenged by Covid isolation for colleagues and at times many of the pupils, we continue to do all we can to help those that miss out with 'catching-up' - and they've been doing that brilliantly.

derstanding as they move through their time in school.

As I write to you, we are exactly half way through this academic year (gulp) and I have been challenging the children this week to ensure that they make the most of every day, learn from their mistakes and love 'Falling Forwards' - please do ask them what this means!

Have a wonderful half term and I'll see you all again on the 21st February.

Mr Sutherland

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the end of January, but with just 8 further school days until the end of the half term, I decided to wait—and so much has happened in school since then!

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Year 6 football against Carden, Year 6 Evacuee Day last Friday, Year 5 Star Gazing last week and many other exciting events have been taking place and more details on each can be found later in this edition.

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Please remember to **ALWAYS** park appropriately when visiting the school by car. The yellow zig-zag lines must **NEVER** be parked on and children must

NEVER be dropped off or picked up from these zones.

Not only does this attract a traffic enforcement fine but more importantly, it puts the

lives of our children at risk—so don't do it!

Take that extra minute or slightly longer walk please if you have to!

Thank you!

Parking Reminder

Max and the Midknights by Lincoln Peirce: book review

By Millie 4TR

What is the book about?

The book is about this person called Max. Max wishes they could be a Knight but they can't. One day, Max and Uncle Budrick go to Byjovia and see that Byjovia has lost its kindness and that's when they meet the Midknights... t

The theme

The theme is saving Byjovia and fighting monsters. It is a graphic novel.



Why I liked it

Max & The Midknights I found quite funny and not only that but it's silly, it's a bit dramatic. What I liked about it was there were times that I wouldn't want to leave my book. Also, that it was a book that has all kinds of feelings.

Why I didn't like it

What I didn't like was only one thing and that was the words were quite tricky pronunciations or spellings.

Will you like it?

If you like books that are serious, silly or funny and magic, then that's perfect for you. Also recommended by Dog Man and Diary of the Wimpy Kid, so if you like those you'll

probably like Max and The Midknights.



Monday 14th to Friday 18th	All	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 23rd	Year 6	Parents Evening—more details to follow
Thursday 24th		Glyndebourne Trip
	Year 6	Boys football match v Hangleton here
Friday 25th	Year 3	Scootability
Monday 28th	Year 3	Walk around Patcham

Uniform Price Increase

We are letting you know that from the summer term, some of our uniform prices will increase inline with our suppliers costs. The items that will show an increase are as follows:

Sweatshirts

36" will increase to £12.00

Adult will increase to £12.50

Fleeces

Adult will increase to £16.50

House T-Shirts

Adult will increase to £5.00

All other uniform prices will remain the same.

Celebration Time!



Well done to everyone that has been recognised this month for exceptional awesomeness! There have been so many reasons for the receiving of certificates and everyone should be rightly pleased that their efforts haven't gone unnoticed!



Year 6 Football



The Year 6 footballers were back in action last week, playing a friendly fixture against our friends and neighbours, Carden Primary School. The official league programme has ended (with cup competitions starting soon), so this was a chance for some of the excellent players that attend training every week to 'appear' for the school team, alongside some of the more established players from the first team.

Each and every player was superb and although in reality the sides were not quite evenly matched, it was a great match. Patcham scored a glut of goals and ended up comfortable 10-0 winners.

However it wasn't the score line that impressed me the most, but the brilliant attitude shown by every player on the pitch to ensure that this was a friendly match in every sense of the word. Our visitors were well respected and put in a great effort themselves. As a result of such a positive game we hope that there will be a return fixture with Carden before the end of the season.

Thank you to all who came along to watch. The next scheduled match is likely to be on Thursday 24th February at home to Hangleton Primary School in the Baker Cup.



Year 5 Star Gazing - LIVE!



On Monday 31st January, many of the Year 5 children, their parents, carers and many siblings returned to the school after dark for our second star-gazing LIVE! Event.

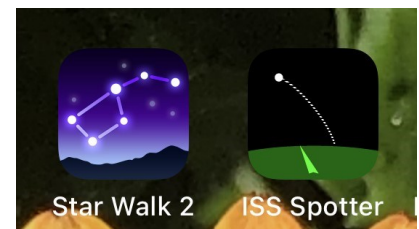
The slightly cloudy skies during the day made way for an absolutely perfect evening with completely clear skies for us to gaze upon.

After stocking up on hot chocolate and biscuits being served from the staff room, all visitor made their way to the lower playground in time to see The International Space Station make a spectacular entrance to kick off the evening's viewing.

Mr Sutherland then took everyone through a whistle stop tour of the heavens, including significant stars, constellations and satellites. A little slice of navigating by the stars was also included for good measure!

Thank you to everyone who came and made it a most magical evening experience!

Mr Sutherland uses a couple of IOS apps, including ISS Spotter for tracking the International Space Station and Star Walk 2 for locating and naming stars, constellations and more—the application thumb nails are to the right, should you choose to check them out!



Keep Looking Up!!

Year 6 WWII Evacuee Day



Year 6 once again went back in time to the early months of the Second World War as they took on the personas of city based children that were being evacuated to the countryside.

Kitted out in war-era clothing and little more than a name card and small suitcase, the children experienced a taste of what it must have been like for tens of thousands of children who were required to leave their families and homes (and the threat of The Blitz to make their way to the relative safety outside of the cities.



Outdoor Play Request

As you all will know by now, we run break times a little differently at PJS and we all love playing with the 'loose bits' that we have. These include tyres and planks of wood, ropes and our fabulously mucky mud kitchen.

Recently we've been given some new things to play with, including old bicycle inner tubes which we have loved coming up with different ways to use—there are more on the way because we love them so much!

We've also got our first sofa, which has been a great hit with various groups wanting to chill out on the playground—it's under cover and leather, so we hope it will last us for quite a while.

However, we are always on the look out for new and exciting items to add to the stocks and therefore if you have anything robust, safe and interesting for the children to use, then we'd love to hear from you.

We are after more pallets, but would LOVE scaffolding planks (with no nails), as well as heavy



duty industrial type things to get our hands on—we have two giant cable reels and these are used daily! We are children though and we are quite heavy handed with our toys, so nothing too flimsy...

We have a few scooters now, but would really like to have more—we really enjoy the JD Bugg style scooters, so any that might just be lying around at home, sad and lonely in the corner of a shed, please send them our way for further use!

If you've got something and you'd be willing to get it to us at school, but you're not sure if we'd like it, please contact Mr Sutherland, Mrs Armour-Gautier, or Mrs Watson via the school office and we'll get back to you to find out what you might have!

Thank you in advance!

