



On Our Patch

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Message from Captain Sutherland

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Captain's Log

The going has been good for these last few weeks and the crew appear to be in fine fettle despite the challenging conditions at times.

The curious number of children onboard seem absolutely determined to make the most of every day and we've regularly

commented on how well they've adapted to the constraints of the vessel for this part of the voyage.

There has been plenty to be excited about with numerous learning activities and competitions, visitors and events and as you will see in the following pages, it's been a blast!

Thank you to all families for your support of the various themed days this term—we got a bit carried away, so forgive us for that.

As we approach the Christmas break we still hope to see many of you at our performances and at the Christmas Fair next Friday 10th December 3-5pm, where each class will be manning a stall and I hear on the grapevine that it might even snow...

Please do look after yourselves and have an enjoyable break when it finally arrives.

Captain Sutherland



BBC Children in Need

On Thursday, 18th November we celebrated BBC Children In Need day at school. The children were invited to come dressed in non school uniform for a donation to the charity. They all looked great and we raised an impressive £441. Thank you to everyone who donated and for the continued support of our fundraising initiatives.



Wednesday 1 st December	Year 3	1.30 pm	Performance at All Saints Church admission by ticket only
Thursday 2 nd December	Year 3	9.30 am	Performance at All Saints Church admission by ticket only
Tuesday 7 th December	Year 4	9.30 4GS 11.00 4TR 2.00 4JP	Class assemblies - admission by ticket only
Wednesday 8 th December	All Years Boys and Girls Football Team	12 -1.50 2.30 pm	School Christmas Lunch - order by Monday 29 th November via your ParentPay account Football match v Saltdean
Thursday 9 th December	Boys football team	3.30	Match v St Lukes on the school field
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All Day	Donation to the School Christmas Fayre
Friday 10 December	FOPJS Christmas Fayre	3-5pm	In the main playground
Tuesday 14 th December	Choir & Instrumentalists	2pm 6pm	Concert to parents admission by ticket only
Friday 17 th December	All Years	All Day	Last Day of Term

Lost and wanting to return home!

Do you recognise any of these item, if you do, please come to the office so that we can reunite them with you.



Cake Sale for Cancer Research



Katie in Year 5SR, along with her family ran a wonderful cake sale a couple of weeks ago to raise money for Cancer awareness. Their hard work and sales skills raised in excess of £150 and at the time of writing were still receiving donations! I believe there will be an even bigger cake sale later in the year, so we promise to keep you posted and thank you all for buying up their cakes!



This Month's Reading Recommendation

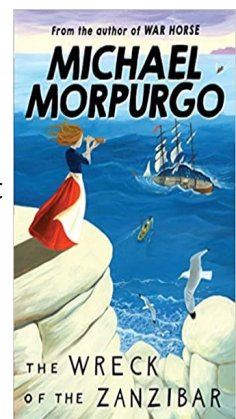


I love Michael Morpurgo. He often writes about his favourite place, Cornwall. This is a place that I love too. Michael Morpurgo writes excellent books; they are very real and the characters are always described beautifully.

One of my favourite books he has written is *The Wreck of the Zanzibar*. It is quite old and, in my eyes, it's a bit of a classic. This gripping book has a touching storyline, set over one hundred years ago about a close-knit family (Father, Mother, their children Billy and Laura and Granny May). They are all living on the island of Bryher on the Isles of Scilly, a place I really want go to. Although the story has a lot of sadness and hardship, it ends on a happy note.

If you haven't read this book, it's a must! I won't say any more about the main plot but I also like the side story about a stranded turtle that Laura finds and rescues. I'm a big animal lover too, so this part of the story really appeals to me too.

Mr Rodericks



Celebration Time!

As always, there's so much to celebrate this month!

Check out these brilliantly hard working and dedicated children who have all impressed their teachers for a wide variety of reasons!

Well done to you all!







Celebration Time!



Cross Country



Some Year Fives and Sixes partook in a thrilling cross-country competition at Waterhall this week.

Twenty pupils from Patcham were split into four teams: Y5 girls, Y5 boys, Y6 girls and Y6 boys. Around 500-600 children ran in each category. Our children did superbly and all completed the course in excellent timings and positions. A special well done to Louis in 6HM for coming in 2nd place, Isabella in 5SR for coming in 4th place and Albert in 5PD for coming in 21st place. All children did the school proud, well done.



Year 6 Football Update

Westdene Stadium

Thursday 25th November 2021

Attendane: 37



On what turned out to be the coldest day of the winter so far, the Year 6 boys team were in league action once again, this time away to Westdene. Following two home defeats, the Ladies Mile side were keen to get some well deserved points on the board and roared on by a nearly frozen away support, PJS stormed into an early lead as Frankie G forced home when played through the middle. The lively Sam L popped up with his side's second with a tidy finish into the bottom corner from a tight angle and the blue and white stripes were cruising.

Although multiple further chances weren't converted into goals, Patcham were comfortable at 2-0 up going into the break. It was Frankie G once more who added a third as the game entered the final few minutes of playing time (and light). Westdene scored a consolation late on which didn't spoil the result in the slightest.

Well played to the entire squad for a superb all round team performance. The boys are in league action twice more before the end of term on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th with both games at home to Saltdean and St. Lukes.

Another Whole-School Certificate!

THANK YOU

FOR PLANTING TREES

Patcham Junior School

This is to certify that your school has planted 276 trees by taking part in the JUST ONE Tree Day 2021-2022.

This takes your school's total forest to 570 trees.

During the next rainy season, these 276 seedlings will be transported to their carefully selected new homes where they will be planted and nurtured over the coming years. Your entire school's forest will now remove approximately 175.56 tonnes of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere over the next 25 years.

With your contribution we will be able to help global reforestation efforts clean the air we breathe, clean the water we drink, increase biodiversity, protect against deforestation, improve livelihoods and most importantly combat climate change.



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

We all enjoyed rocking out on Time Tables Rock Stars Day this month and some fiendishly challenging multiplication questions were thrown at the budding Rock Legends in the main hall by Miss Steele—Only a few made it through as the Grand Slam Rock Stars, but for all children and adults that were prepared to Rock, we salute you!



Identity Day

On 22nd October, as part of the school's identity learning, our school had a non-uniform day. We all had a lot of fun wearing clothes we felt comfortable in and celebrating what a fantastic bunch we are at PJS.



'We Love Our Planet Day' and COP26



PJS had a wonderful and positive day of taking action and celebrating our amazing Planet Earth on Friday 12th November.

In the weeks leading up to Friday 12th November, PJS learnt about the impacts of global warming and discussed the importance of COP26 (a global United Nation summit about climate change and how countries are going to tackle it) which was held in Glasgow from the 1st November to the 12th November.

On 'We Love Our Planet Day', children and staff enjoyed dressing up nature inspired to raise money for JUST ONE Tree. Thank you so much for your donations, for every one pound, one tree will be planted in deprived parts of the world. We look forward to finding out how many trees we helped to plant!

To kick start the day, children watched a personalised message from Caroline Lucas in support of our day of climate action, the importance of COP26 in tackling the climate

emergency and informing children of her role as MP for Brighton and Hove Pavilion, representing the Green Party.

Our wonderful Site Manager, Nick Moore, and Mr Sutherland created a short film for children about energy consumption at our school. Children had the opportunity to learn more about our awesome solar panels and read and interpret PJS energy reports as we discussed how we can save energy at our school and at home.

Children relished taking action on this day by doing local litter picks and appreciating biodiversity and nature on our local patch. We discussed the importance of individual action as well as collective action to help our planet. Children and staff thought about a 'Promise to the Planet' they wanted to make to help our planet and what promise they wanted to see made by world leaders.

The children have been truly inspiring, it has been wonderful to hear their thoughts and have rich discussions about this vital issue as well as giving children the opportunity to feel empowered by their knowledge and by taking action.

We appreciate your continued support and we look forward to identify opportunities for further climate action at PJS.

Many thanks and warmest wishes,

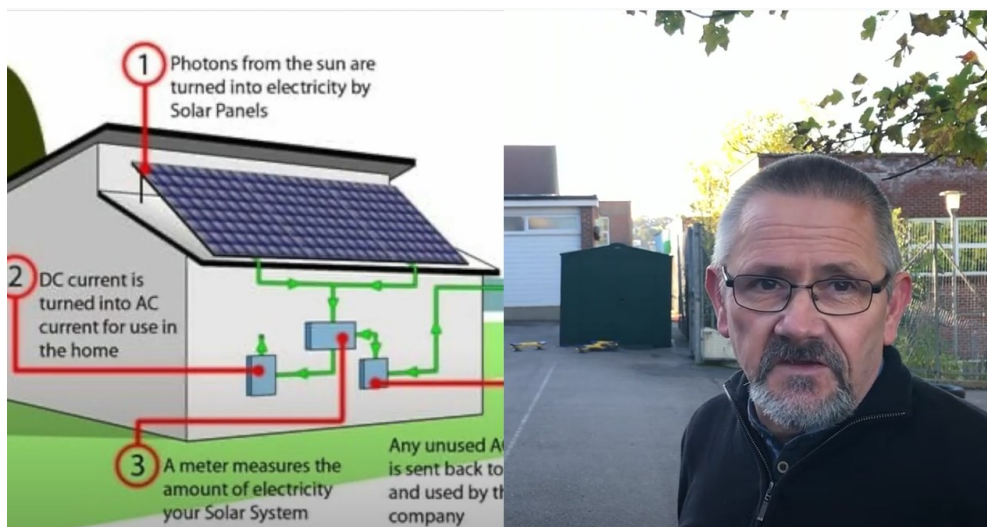
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Lead Climate Change Teacher



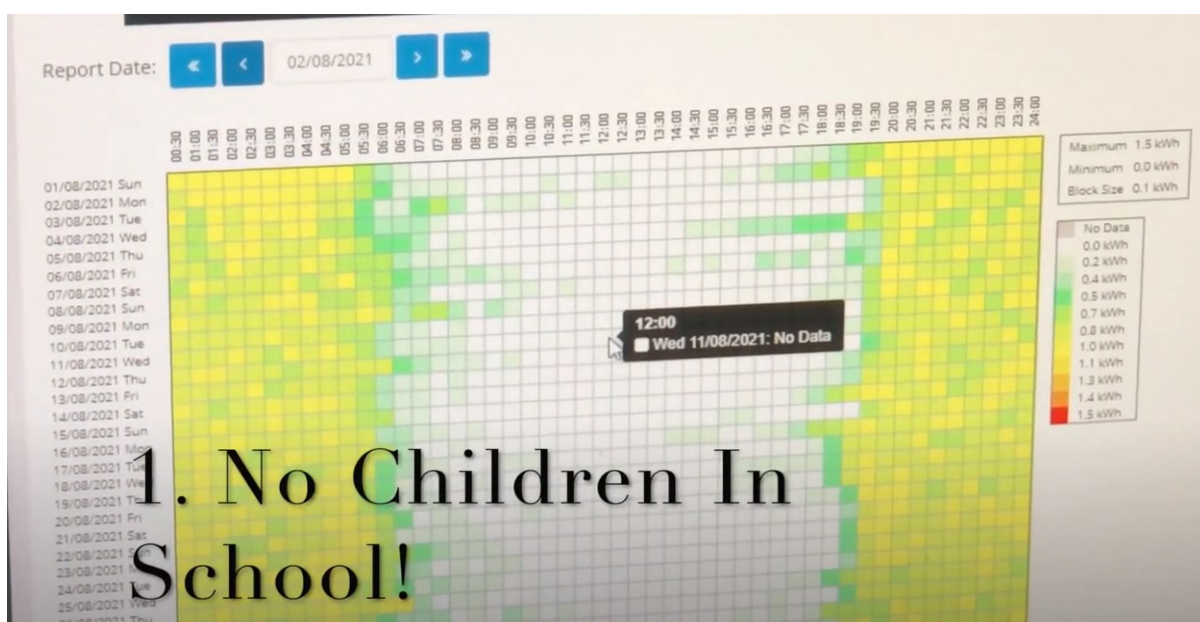
A message from Caroline Lucas to PJS!

'We Love Our Planet Day' and COP26



Mr Moore talks about how our solar panels work!

WHY DO WE
USE
VIRTUALLY
NO POWER
IN AUGUST?



Children looked at PJS energy reports and answered questions about energy consumption.

We promise not to litter.

We promise to walk or cycle to school when we can.

We promise to turn the lights off when we're not using them.

We promise to turn the taps off after we've used them.

We promise to recycle plastic.

We promise not to use electricity when we don't need to.

We promise to use less paper.

We promise to take action now.

We promise to protect flowers and trees.

3ST's Promises to the Planet



5SR enjoying a litter pick!