

## Congratulations!

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<p><b><u>Attendance</u></b>  <b><u>Best Class</u></b>                  KS1: St Andrew 98%                  KS2: St Francis 100%</p> <p><b><u>Head Teacher Award</u></b>                  Patrick</p>
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### IMPORTANT DATES:



<b><u>March</u></b>	
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Day Mass at school
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup>	Quicksticks hockey tournament
<b><u>April</u></b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Extreme Reading closing date
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Newhaven Fort
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term before Easter
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of term after Easter
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Seven Sisters Country Park

**World Book Day**  
 We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day with our Big Booky Breakfast! Thank you to everyone who joined us to share stories and eat a delicious breakfast of pastries, biscuits and fruit. The children really enjoyed reading their favourite books with the adults.

**Extreme Reading Competition**  
 Just a reminder to keep sending in the entries for the Extreme Reading Competition – we've had some fantastic photos already, which are up

on a display board. The closing date for entries is the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Good luck!

**St Joseph's Day**  
 You are all very welcome to join us for Mass to celebrate St Joseph's Day – in the school hall at 9am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Teas and coffees will be served afterwards. Hope to see you there!

**Y6 Air Raid Shelter Trip**  
 Year 6 visited Downs Junior School and their recently restored original underground WWII air raid shelter which is now a wonderful museum. The children were given a guided tour of the large shelter under the playground by a member of 'Take Shelter' and heard all about how 300 pupils of the original school would have spent many hours during the air raids of WWII.

The children also took part in three workshops looking at the different types of shelters that were used during the war, how Brighton was affected during the Blitz and how rationing and evacuation affected local children. Several history experts were on hand to lead the sessions and answer any questions the children had. The children were also given the opportunity to handle original artefacts.

It was a fantastic learning experience, the children were fantastically behaved, were completely engaged and interested in the activities, asked some superb questions and deepened their WWII learning in a fun and fascinating way. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful resource on our doorstep.

**Parents' Evenings**  
 Thank you to everyone who came along to the parent consultations. We really value your input into your child's education.

### **Let's Dance**

We took a group of 24 dancers from Years 4, 5 and 6 to the Dome in Brighton to take part in the annual 'Dance at the Dome'. This event takes place over four nights with around 79 schools and dance groups taking part. Our dance, a cheerleading mix, was called 'BOOM!'.

Thank you children – we were so proud of you all. Thank you also to Miss Pippa for choreographing the dance and for working with such enthusiasm with the children over the last few months. Please see the school website for photos.

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Years 5 and 6 celebrated Ash Wednesday at a St Joseph's Church service. It was a great way to mark the start of Lent.

### **Teddy Bears' Picnic**

Year R/1 had a fantastic teddy bears' picnic last Friday. The children make healthy snacks and had a great time playing with all the teddies.

### **SchoolPing Prize Draw**

Further to the note that went home this week, please always check your SchoolPing to keep updated on any news and messages. We're running a prize draw and will pick a name 'out of a hat' of a parent who's opened and read a SchoolPing who will then win a gift!

### **Hive 5 Netball Tournament**

We took a squad of eight netball players to a High 5 netball tournament at Patcham High School on Wednesday. Mrs Foan and Mrs Skinner were so proud of the determination, resilience, teamwork and good sportsmanship displayed by all of our players.

We had some very close games and finished in fifth position! We were delighted at the

presentation to be awarded a 'respect' award for showing the School Games Values throughout the afternoon. Well done to Belinda (captain), Lily, Zuzanna, Isabel, Neriah, Keirah, Olivia and Esmae. Also, further congratulations to Zuzanna who was picked out for an individual determination award. Well done girls!

### **Head Teacher's Challenge**

The children have been challenged to find new and exciting vocabulary to use in their writing and everyday speech. Please help them by encouraging them to look for new words and by consciously using more elaborate vocabulary as you talk to your child, and encourage others to do the same. Set yourself the challenge of introducing your child to a new word every day and if you come across a word that they might not understand, make a game of finding out the meaning together. Look at how the word is written, and look for words within words that sound the same but are spelled differently.

### **TT Rock Stars**

Our times tables trial with 'TT Rock Stars' is coming to an end. Apparently our Year 3 children have been particularly enjoying this programme. Therefore, we have now signed up for the full programme for children in Years 3-6. All KS2 children have a personal login. Please encourage your child to see Rock Stars as a fun way to learn their times tables.

We are also signed up to 'Sumdog' which many of our children enjoy. We will shortly be sending out a SchoolPing so that we can have some feedback on whether this is something we should renew when the current subscription finishes.

It's also worth noting that in the latest edition of 'Families' magazine, which went home this week, there are 'useful tips and tricks' for learning times tables (p6).