



# On Our Patch

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## Message from Mr Sutherland

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And just like that, another academic year draws to a close.

It's been a hugely successful school year and significant thanks must go to you, our supportive families that have engaged so brilliantly with us and encouraged the children to be the best possible versions of themselves that they can be.

So many stories and so many achievements go into a year of school and many have been captured on these pages since September.

Inevitably we once again say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 cohort who have this week enjoyed reminiscing about their four years at PJS and had a rather exciting beach themed leavers party on Tuesday evening (see p.2), complete with foam cannon and tastefully named Mocktails! Thanks

to the FOPJS for arranging such an awesome event.

Thank you to those of you that came to experience the incredible production Matilda—two sold out evenings and hundreds of tickets sold will mean that we'll definitely be putting another show together next year!

I assume that the summer weather will eventually make its way to the UK, but if you are heading off to very hot places, stay safe, enjoy yourselves and we will see

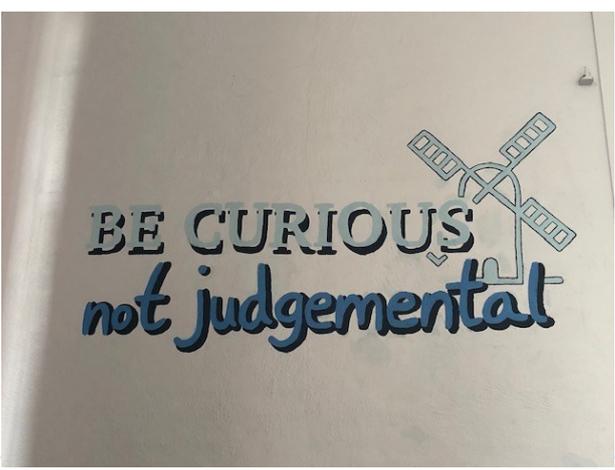
lots of you again on the

## 'Be Curious, not judgemental' wall art mural

We were delighted to support two BHASVIC Graphic Arts A-level students in their quest to work on a project in the community.

Arina and Zheng came up with a number of designs and then painted by hand the new mural in the school hall, which we all think is fantastic.

Thank you to Mrs Nunez for her coordination with the college and the students.



# Staffing News

As we make our way to the end of the year, we take time to reflect on hopefully a job well done whilst looking forward to the break. We also, almost always, have to say goodbye, not only to our Year 6 leavers and the smattering of others moving on to pastures new, but also to some of the adults.

Although only with us for a short while, Mrs Vamosi will be leaving us this week for new adventures in the north-west of the country.

Mrs Crisfield, one of our Learning Mentors will also be heading for

more northern climes in the UK, after four years at PJS.

Mrs Pettit (Miss Coles) will also not be returning to the school in September, having spent just shy of 10 years as an INA with the school.

Miss Powell is off to travel the world next year, so we will be saying goodbye to her after two years but wish her fun in many exotic lands overseas—I'm sure she will miss us terribly!

A huge thank you to them all for their efforts and energy with our young learners.

We also have to wish a fond farewell to Mr Edwards who has

been at the school for just under 30 years!

Working as a class teacher, year group leader and more recently as our Numbers Count teacher, Mr Edwards has been a cornerstone of the school for so many years. We wish him a very happy retirement from teaching and good luck with his exciting new venture.



# Year 6 Leavers Party!

On Tuesday afternoon, the playground was transformed by the Friends of Patcham Junior School into a beach party location!

Complete with its very own Tiki-Bar, a magnificent menu of mocktails, a foam machine (seriously), limbo bar, balloons, inflatables and plenty of hotdogs the Year 6s were able to dance away to the latest tunes and spend some rather fun time together—the sun even shone too.

Good bye Year 6 and good luck!





Friday	1st September	All	INSET Day
Monday	4th September	All	First Day of new term
Wednesday	13th September	Year 5	Meet the teacher 3.05 In classroom
Thursday	14th September	Year 6	Meet the teacher 3.05 in the classroom
Friday	15th September	Year 4	Meet the teacher 3.05 in class- room
Tuesday	21st September	All	Individual Photographs
Friday	22nd September	Year 4	Pavillion Trip



**Brighton & Hove Family Grapevine, Summer/ Autumn 2023 issue is now out.**

It is filled with ideas of things to do this summer; they are also offering 6 fantastic competitions for a chance of winning some fabulous prizes, from days out to camping weekend, as well as a family photoshoot.

Here is the link to the magazine: <https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/brighton-hove/>

## Year 4 - Hedgehog visitor!

On the first week back to school, Year 4 was privileged to have two very special visitors – Henry and Harry, the rescued hedgehogs. We learned all about these brothers, and how they were saved as hoglets (baby hedgehogs) when their mother was sadly run over. They are thriving under the care of Graham of the St Francis Animal Care Charity and will be released once they are strong

enough.

The children were enthralled and asked lots of interesting questions and answered questions brilliantly. They were so engaged! We learned how to help hedgehogs, whose numbers have plummeted in the last 20 years. Putting out water, leaving a CD-sized hole in garden walls and fences, and particularly checking long grass be-

fore strimming or mowing and bonfires before lighting. All these things will help our prickly friends to live happy lives.

Thank you so much for the generous contributions to Graham's charity, which will help feed the 17 hedgehogs he is currently looking after.



# Table Top Chef - Year 4

Recently, some of the Year 4 children were lucky to have the third of three sessions with award-winning chef, John McManus of the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts, as part of 'Table Talk'. In session one, the children learned all about the different taste buds on our tongues and where we taste sweet, salty, sour and umami by tasting different foods. In session two, they learned knife skills, chopping their own salad. This time, they made dough which they then took home to make bread, rolls and even pizza!

A massive thank you to Lexy's grandparent who paid for the children to have this amazing experience.

**PICTURES to come!!!**

## Magical Matilda!

Incredible! Unforgettable! Magical! These were words uttered relentlessly during our hugely successful musical production run of Matilda at the end of June.

The cast and crew were brilliant from start to finish—this being the culmination of nearly 6 months worth of rehearsing, learning lines, creating props and so much more.

A huge thank you to those of you that were in the audience or that came into help with the rehearsals and then on the performance nights too.

Mrs Bogaru and Miss Delll were the driving forces behind the show and we can't thank them enough!

Same time next year everyone? Oh, go on then!



# Y4,5 & 6 Withdean Athletics

41 courageous children turned up to participate in a spectacular athletics event. The cheers from the stand when children saw their peers sprinting down the track, doing the long jump or hurling the vortex was wonderful to hear. We had many children winning medals with some gold, silver and bronze. Overall, Patcham came 4th in their division which is amazing! Well done to everyone who participated!



## | Autumn 2023 Triple P Courses

Age Group	Type	Date/Time	Digital Platform
<b>Teen/Tween Day</b>	Secondary school age children	Tuesday Intro: 26 Sept, 10 -12 3 Oct – 21 Nov	Face to Face <u>Turner Children's Centre</u>
<b>Teen/Tween Eve</b>	Secondary school age children	Wednesday Intro: 27 Sept, 6-8pm 4 Oct – 22 Nov	Face to Face <u>Turner Children's Centre</u>
<b>Under 10s</b>	Primary Up to Year 6	Thursday, 10-12 Intro: 28 September 5 Oct -16 Nov	Online - TEAMS
<b>Separated Parents Eve</b>	For separated parents – they do not attend together	Wednesday Intro: 13 Sept, 6-8pm 20 Sept – 18 Oct	Face to Face <u>Turner Children's Centre</u>
<b>Separated Parents Day</b>	For separated parents – they do not attend together	Tuesday Intro: 12 Sept, 10-12 19 Sept – 17 Oct	Face to Face <u>Moulsecoomb Children's Centre</u>
<b>Level 5</b>	For parents who have already completed a Triple P course but need further support	Tuesday, 10 - 12 Intro: 31 Oct 7 Nov – 5 Dec	Face to Face <u>Turner Children's Centre</u>
<b>Stepping Stones Amaze</b>	For parents of children with special needs, up to the age of 12	Thursday, 10-12 noon Introduction session (online): 21 Sept Course 28 Sept – 23 Nov	Blue Room, Whitehawk Children's Centre

## Workshops

Date	Time	Title
Weds 2 Aug	12-2pm	Reducing Family Conflict
Weds 16 Aug	12 – 2pm	Teen Emotions
Tues 12 Sept	12 – 2pm	Power of Positive Parenting
Thurs 14 Sept	12 – 2pm	Teen Emotions
Tues 28 Nov	12 – 2pm	Teen Emotions
Thus 30 Nov	12 – 2pm	Power of positive parenting