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Luke 18:35 'As he drew near to Jericho...'

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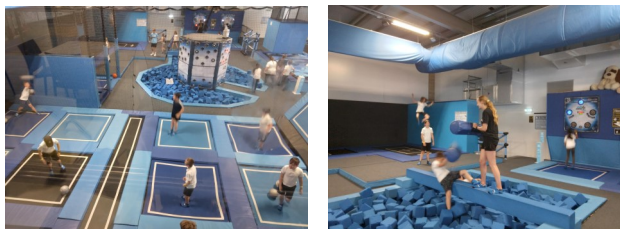
Dear Parents/Carers,

Theatre Workshop

On Wednesday 22nd June, year 5 completed the second instalment of a two-part 'theatre experience' run by Chichester Festival Theatre and funded by West Sussex Arts Council.

Children visited the Festival Theatre, where they were given a backstage tour. They gained an insight into the vast amounts of work and preparation required to stage a show. They discovered some of the trade secrets related to costume design, prop creation and lighting.

The second workshop was more 'drama' focused and children relished the opportunity to create wonderful freeze-frames and develop some of the skills required to become a successful actor.



Rother Valley Debate

On Wednesday 29th June, three children from Elm Class represented Petworth Primary School in the Rother Valley Debate Competition. Alex, Eva and Ava argued against the motion that, 'This house would support children in striking for climate change.' Each team member was required to speak for two minutes, to articulate their arguments and rebut the other side's points. After this, they were asked to respond to questions from the audience.

To most adults, this would have been a daunting task, but our team bravely took to the stage and made their points. Although we didn't come away with a win on this occasion, the children did incredibly well to stand-up in front of judges in a theatre and make their opinions heard. All of the team members learnt something from the experience and did a great job despite their nerves.



Leavers' Service Chichester Cathedral

Year Six Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral with other schools in our diocese. Then we had lunch in the park and went to Air Arena.



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Cricket at the Weald

On Thursday 23rd June saw our cricket team play a Street Cricket tournament at The Weald. Four teams participated, Billingshurst, Southwater, Rudgwick and ourselves.

After a quick briefing from Mr Meaney, we played our first game against Southwater. Southwater bowled and batted extremely well, which led them to win the first game.

Our second game was against Billingshurst, which proved a little more even. With Lewis being our captain, some excellent bowling and fielding, we restricted Billingshurst from scoring many runs. Jacques and Daniel batted all of the five overs to lead us to victory.

Our final game was against Rudgwick. We batted first and Laura and Alfie batted all of the overs and scored 21 runs. Some excellent bowling, by Luca, Eve, Daniel, Jacques and Alfie restricted Rudgwick to only 13 runs, which meant we finished second overall.

Once again, our players improved as the tournament progressed and it was good to see them working so well as a team.

Squad: Freddie, Eve, Jacques, Luca, Daniel, Alfie, Laura and Lewis.



Rother Valley Football Champions!

Following our success in the football league, we have been participating in, our football team were once again triumphant. A few changes were made and our squad was Abigail, Scarlet, Harry AS, Harry S, Charlie, Sebastian, Eve and Shay.

Our first game was against Rake. If it was not for some superb goalkeeping from the Rake goalkeeper, the score would have been very different. As it was, we won 1-0 from a goal by Shay.

Our next game was against Fittleworth Yellows and once again

we dominated with some superb passing from all of our team. A Seb hat trick and a goal by Shay, saw us win 4-0.

Camelsdale were our next opponents and this was a little more even, although we won 2-0, with Shay scoring both goals. Some excellent defending by Harry AS, Abigail and Charlie alongside some excellent passing, especially down the left side of the pitch between Scarlet and Shay. In goal, Harry S was dominant and still had not let in a goal.

Our final league game was against Harting, who took a deserved lead early in the game. We dominated most of the game, but could not find the net until Seb finally found the equaliser. This meant we played four games, won three, drew one and remained unbeaten as we won our league.

Our next match, the semi final was against the runners up of the other league, who were Midhurst. Midhurst always prove to be a strong team, however we dominated the match. No matter what we did, we could not get past Midhurst's keeper until a bit of brilliance. Seb had a bouncing ball on the left side of the pitch near Midhurst's area. Seb flicked it over his head. Shay, on the volley, hammered a left foot shot into the bottom corner...1-0 and we were in the final.

In the final we once again met Camelsdale. In the first minute we went one nil up as Seb scored. Camelsdale quickly equalised with some excellent work. The game was very even until some excellent work from Charlie and Scarlet led to Seb scoring his second and making the score 2-1. Very quickly we were attacking again and a through ball by Shay led to Seb emulating Geoff Hurst as he made it three one and scored his second hat trick of the tournament. The game was not over as Camelsdale attacked and finally scored, to close the gap despite some excellent defending by Abigail, Harry S and Charlie. Finally, the referee blew the whistle to make Petworth champions.

All of the matches were played in a very sporting manner and it was lovely to see how all of the players were included and that each player had faith in their teammates. Once again, very proud of all of the squad.





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Cricket Tournament

On Monday 27th June, nine of our cricketers participated in a Sussex County Cricket Club tournament at Eastergate Cricket Club. Nine schools were involved and were split into two groups. These tournaments give the children an opportunity to learn about positioning on the field, improve batting, bowling and fielding as well as encourage the children to want to play more cricket in the future.

Our first game was against the mighty Walberton & Binstead Primary School. Unfortunately, we narrowly lost, however it was a good introduction to the format and the slightly different rules we had to play.

Our next game was against Eastergate Primary School, and again the game was played in a friendly spirit. We showed some excellent batting and bowling, which led us to our first win. Next were Downview! Once again a very close game, with some excellent fielding and a couple of good catches. Unfortunately, they had a couple of excellent batters and Downview were victorious.

Our final game was against North Mundham and although the children were starting to tire, the game was very competitive. Once again, some excellent fielding, especially from Sebastian, and the match went down to the last over. On this occasion, Petworth were the winners, by four runs, which meant we finished in third place.

Squad: Lewis, Eve, Sebastian, Laura, Alfie, Jacques, Freddie, Daniel and Luca.

Rounders Tournament

Petworth's Rounders Team was one of nine teams to take part in the Harting Rounders Tournament, organised by Aspire Coaching. Our team's first game was against Midhurst, who proved to be tough opposition. However, after a shaky start, we beat Easebourne in our second game to successfully make it through the qualifying round.

Our next opponents were Camelsdale. Our fielding skills had clearly developed over the morning and we were disappointed to draw the game five rounders all. In our second game of this group, we won against Harting, which meant we came joint first in this group. However, the team qualifying for the 'gold' group was decided on the number of rounders overall, so we just missed out to Camelsdale (who had beaten Harting by slightly more than us).

Our final games were against Fittleworth and Rogate. Harry and Seb made some excellent catches to really put pressure on both teams and the link-up between Eve and Shay between

backstop and second base was superb. Fittleworth ended up clinching the game by half a rounder, but we were victorious in our final game against Rogate.

Overall Petworth finished fifth out of nine teams. All the children had a wonderful time and fine-tuned their tactics over the course of the tournament.



Amex Euros Experience

On Monday 11th July, we took 29 children to watch the Lionesses at the home of football. Leaving the school at 4.50pm, we knew this would give us plenty of time to arrive at the stadium and get settled. For some of the children, it was their first experience of visiting a stadium and seeing a football match...they were not going to be disappointed!

On arrival, we were met by a chaperone and then my first schoolboy error. I was given a bunch of clappers, which meant for the next four hours the children were banging these with such enthusiasm and vigour, I just wanted to go to the bar! Being in the stadium by 6.15pm meant there were not many people in their seats, however it did not stop our children chanting, clapping and just making as much noise as they could.

At 6.45pm, we visited the food stall, so the children could spend the money that was burning a hole in their pocket. After our food and drink, the excitement was building and then the footballers appeared on the pitch. It was wonderful, listening to some of the football talk, however I would be lying if it was all football talk. Some went right over my head...who is Harry Styles?



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Then, just before 8pm, the teams walked out and the crowd went wild. The noise around the stadium was deafening and a little surprising for a couple of our children. Nevertheless, our children were very respectful for the Norway national anthem, and they sang our national anthem with enthusiasm although not fully knowing the words.

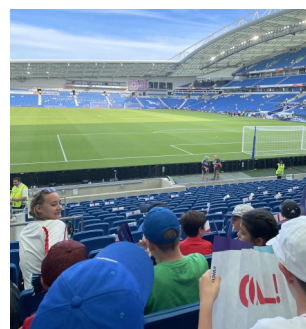
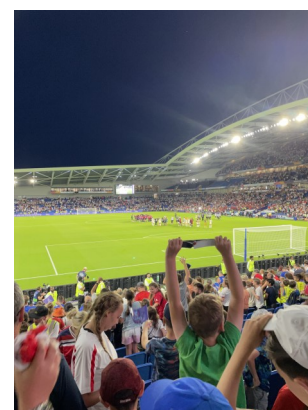
When the match started, it was hard not to just sit back and watch our children, as most seemed to really enjoy the experience, even though they did not fully understand what was going on. Some brilliant quotes, 'Has it started yet?' a full two minutes into the game; 'Who is the person in blue?' (referee); 'Why didn't they start with the ball as they fell down?' (had to explain it was not a foul and it is slightly different rules to playground football).

Throughout the first half the children had the opportunity to see six goals. Or has one child kept saying, 'We have six points!'. Priceless. Then I made my second schoolboy error...I forgot that children always want to go to the toilet and when one goes, they all go. In all of the time I have been watching football, I have never missed a goal...until now, which did make my Leo laugh.

I feel the children really enjoyed the football game, however as we all know there is more to football than just what happens on the football pitch. The drummer getting the crowd going, the singing, the chanting, attempting to hit the red, bouncing ball. However, the ultimate, and I would argue this got our children most excited...the Mexican wave! 'It's coming again!' was the constant call and was a reminder that these children are amazing!

The final score was 8-0 to the Lionesses and our children got a chance to witness history. No England team (men or ladies) have ever scored more than six goals in a Euros game. You can also judge a school trip on the home journey. Considering we did not leave the Amex until 10.30pm, our children did not shut up all the way home, which was brilliant!

Special thanks have to go to the children as they were a pleasure to be around; Miss Webb, Miss Ford and Miss PH for giving up their Monday evening to take our children to this event. It was never about the football, but the experience. Hopefully we will do more events like this in the future.



Gymnastics

On Tuesday, fifteen children participated in our intra school gymnastics competition at Victory Gymnastics. The judges were Bethany and Mr Galvin, and the children were 'competing for the team award'.

During the hour session, the children completed a thorough warm up, a floor routine, a beam routine, vault and then the bars. Victoria and Hannah led the children throughout and Bethany advised Mr Galvin what we were looking for...pointy toes, straight legs, balance (five seconds) and good presentation.

It was very impressive as the children listened carefully to the instructions, which allowed them to follow the routine. Lots of pointy toes and straight legs as Bethany was like a BBC commentator as she kept highlighting all of the good points.



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Remembering this is not judged by any gymnastics criteria, the judges awarded the results as:

Summer Reading Challenge

1st Lombard (yellow) and Dawtrey (green)

3rd Wyndham (red)

4th Egremont (blue)

It was incredibly close and hopefully the children who already go to gymnastics continue and maybe the children who do not, may decide to give it a go.

Huge thanks to Victoria and Hannah, as well as the judging skills of Bethany.

Petworth in Bloom

Once again, our school were asked to be at the end of the judges route. Aria, Keyara, Henry H, George, Freddie, Jacob and Henry S. all stayed behind until gone 5pm to show the judge around and share what our children do around the grounds.

The judge was very impressed in how our children articulated the biodiversity of the grounds, the wildflower meadows the children have introduced, our animals and how each class looks after them, our allotment areas, reflection garden and eco garden, with its new path.

Our school grounds would not be what it is if it was not for the imagination and hard work of our children. They are so enthusiastic to be involved and have some very creative ideas.



Intra School Swimming Gala

For our inaugural intra swimming gala, we took thirteen children from year five and six, to participate in a number of races to see which house would be victorious. The children participated in a number of events, which included front crawl, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. The scores were very close going into the final race, which was the freestyle relay. The final results were:

1st Wyndham 2nd Lombard 3rd Dawtrey 4th Egremont



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Become a Gadgeteer this Summer!

Are you aged 4 – 11 years? Why not take part in this year’s Summer Reading Challenge at your local library? Your challenge is to choose and read some amazing books over the holiday and you also get to collect a bag of goodies, including a pull-out poster and smelly stickers. There are fun activities in the library too including a Character Hunt with a chance of entering a prize draw. If you complete the challenge by Saturday 10 September, you are rewarded with a medal and a certificate. You just need a library card to become a Gadgeteer.

What’s more it’s free to join the library and free to take part. The fun starts on Saturday 9 July.

To find out more, take a look at our [assembly video](#) and then register with the challenge at westsussex.gov.uk/src

Dates for your Diary 2022

Fri	15 July	PPSA Disco
Tues	19 July	Year 6 Production
Weds	20 July	Year 6 Production
Thurs	21 July	End of Summer Term
Thurs	1 Sept	Inset Day
Fri	2 Sept	Inset Day
Mon	5 Sept	Start of Autumn Term

Please click on the link below for further dates in the school calendar.

www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/calendar/9194

Inset Days 2022/2023

Thurs	1 Sept	Inset Day
Fri	2 Sept	Inset Day
Fri	21 Oct	Inset Day



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Rake Team Leader 16.5hrs per week £9.80 per hour
Easebourne Catering assistant 10hrs per week £9.50 per hour

Appropriate training will be given and smart uniform will be provided. DBS checks will be carried out on successful applicants.

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Junior Tennis Coaching 2022
with **H@PP COACHING** at
Graffham Tennis Club

Summer Junior Tennis Coaching
Monday 25th July - Friday 29th July 2022

Age	Time	Price
YrR – Yr1	9.30 – 10.30am	£42.50
Yr2 – Yr3	10.30 – 11.30am	£42.50
Yr4 – Yr6	12.00 – 1.00pm	£42.50
Yr7 – Yr10	1.00 – 2.00pm	£42.50

The age range for the groups may change slightly depending on ages of the children that sign up.

Course includes foundation technique, tactics, match play, fun games and a mini tournament.

Academy coaching for Yr10 - Yr13 available on request, please get in touch to register your interest.

To book a place on this course, children must be members of Graffham Tennis Club, for more information or to book, please get in touch

Places allocated on a first come first served basis

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