

FAIR'S FAIR

Responsibility and participation are two of our core values. Fairtrade Fortnight has been an opportunity for our students to demonstrate these values. Over the last couple of years I have been proud to see a dedicated group of students put their beliefs into action; under the leadership of Ms Penna these students have changed the way we think about food (especially chocolate!), and our buying practices have also changed so, for example, our Breakfast Club serves Fairtrade tea and coffee. The next challenge is to buy Fairtrade cotton.

I watch our students taking the lead in demonstrating care for their world with great pleasure. Do you care enough to buy Fairtrade?

*Mr D Linsell
Headteacher*

STEPHEN LLOYD MP CONGRATULATES...

Meggan, Alice, Emily, Lauren, Izzy, Danu, Natasha, Anna, Hannah and Hannah (and not forgetting Ms Bryden!) have all received congratulations from Mr Lloyd regarding their communication with him regarding a patent pool for HIV drugs.

Mr Lloyd commented that the idea is a very promising one and that he was thrilled that our students are taking the initiative and raising awareness of the threat of HIV and the advantages of the patent pool. Furthermore, he has written to the Secretary of State for International Development urging him to take up this idea and promote it in his meetings with pharmaceutical companies and the UN!

Yet another example of our students concern and action for the world we live in - well done to you all!

CONGRATULATIONS MATT!



On Saturday 26th February **Matthew Harrison** won the Gold medal in the U15 boys 60m race at the Sussex Indoor Athletics Championship, held at the Sutton Indoor Arena, Carshalton. He coasted into the final, winning his heat in a time of 7.87 seconds, 4/100^{ths} outside of his personal best. This put him 3rd fastest qualifier in the final. However, he turned the table on his competitors by winning the Final in a Personal Best of 7.60 seconds, which set a new Championship record, previously held by a clubmate at Eastbourne Rovers. After all the results throughout the country were uploaded after that weekend, his time ranked him at **#19 in the UK**.

This was Matt's last indoor appearance of the season, and he continues his preparation for the forthcoming outdoor season, starting with the Hercules and Wimbledon Open on Sunday 3rd April, which will be held at the home of British Athletics, Crystal Palace. He will be competing in the 100m and 200m.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Many congratulations to our highest achieving students whose hard work and commitment we are proud to recognise.

These students are identified due to having received the highest number of rewards allocated by all staff for the relevant week and are awarded for various contributions - such as outstanding work on a longer project or coursework, good effort in class, effort in tutor time and participation in an extra-curricular activity to name but a few!

Week ended 18th February

Ewan Toner, Cerys Simpson, Ella Hide, Beth Tagg, Rebekah Hadland, Georgia Daltry and Noah Gibson

10 weeks to 18th February

Sarah Holden, Sarah Benaïssa, Elena Clayton-Harding, Beth Tagg, Jamie-Leigh Rae, Cerys Simpson, Megan Dennis, Ellie Chapman, Charlie Lloyd-Buckingham and Michael Roberts

1st to 3rd March

Isabella Simpson, Lucy Ginn, Chanel Crowhurst, Megan Dennis and Ruby Hilton

World Book Day

Many thanks to Ms Penna, Ms Bryden, Mrs Stoyanova, and Mr Reed who read extracts from their favourite books in the LRC on World Book Day. An attentive audience was introduced to *The Twits*, *Animal Farm*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night* and Bill Bryson's *Notes from a Small Island*.

A secondhand bookstall has currently raised over £20 for BookAid and will remain in the LRC for the next couple of weeks - please come and buy!

Mrs Beck
Learning Resources Manager

Girls' Inter-Schools Tennis Tournament

Any girls wishing to enter this tournament (to be played in June) please give your names to Mrs Buckland as soon as possible.

South Downs Schools' Partnership Rugby 10's Tournament at Eastbourne Rugby Club

Mon 14th March - Year 8
Tues 15th March - Year 9
Weds 16th March - Year 10
Mon 21st March - Year 7

Games start at 3.30 and finish at around 5.30
All are welcome to come and support!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14th March

Year 11 Consultation/Review
Meetings with Tutors 3.20-4.45pm

Tuesday 15th March

Neighbourhood Panel Meeting 4pm

Governors Meetings -

Premises, Health & Safety Committee 4pm
Budget Committee 5pm

Wednesday 16th March

GCSE Dance Evening 6.30pm

Tuesday 22nd March

Governors Staffing (Pay) Committee 5pm

Year 11 Revision Evening 6pm-8pm

Wednesday 23rd March - Wednesday 30th March

German Exchange - Ratton go to Germany

Thursday 24th March

Parent Voice 6pm

SPORTING NEWS

Please see the school website for a list of all the extra-curricular clubs running, not forgetting the **Cheerleading Club** running after school on Wednesdays which is very popular (£2 per session as taken by outside coach).

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 16th March

Year 7 Girls' Football Seaford (away)

Thursday 17th March

Year 9 Girls' Football Causeway (away)

Wednesday 23rd March

Year 9 Girls' Basketball Seaford (home)

Thursday 24th March

U16 Girls in Sussex 6-a-side finals tournament

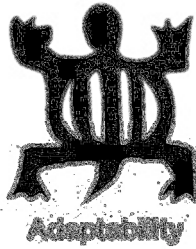
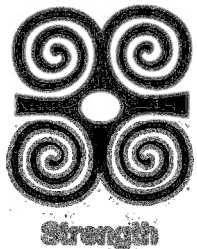
Wednesday 30th March

Year 11 Girls' Netball team in County Championships

Good Luck All!

MEL'S MILERS

The Mel's Milers 10k race takes place annually and this year is on **Sunday 3rd April**. With around 300 entrants it is has a friendly atmosphere and a fantastic setting, starting and finishing in the avenue next to the quadrangle of Christ's Hospital school. Each year a donation is made to a charity from the proceeds of the race. The 2011 charity is the **Sussex Air Ambulance**. Students who would like more information and an entry form please see Mrs Buckland.



Celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight at Ratton School

This year there are two main themes to the fortnight. One is to show off about Fairtrade! So I would like to start by showing off that Ratton is a Fairtrade school and we are proud of this. The second theme is Fairtrade cotton. Students have been busy decorating Fairtrade cotton bunting with Adinkra West African symbols. So far, we have decorated 200 flags to contribute to the main goal of 12,500 which will make over 2½ miles of bunting if the world record is broken.

The Fairtrade team have had a busy 2 weeks! On Wednesday the LRC was transformed into a Fairtrade café with a delicious selection of Fairtrade cakes, tea and coffee. Year 7 students were excellent waiters and year 11 students ensured that there was a lovely atmosphere and an abundance of cakes. This event raised £95 for Book Aid and Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and hydrocephalus (SASBAH) in connection with the Rotary Interact group. Year 7 took part in a Fairtrade quiz to see who has the best Fairtrade knowledge and had to guess how many coffee beans were in the jar (1967 in total). Year 9 and 10 have been playing the 'trade game'.

All students were able to see Mr Taylor, Ms Bryden and Mr Linsell do blind tasting of Fairtrade chocolate in the different community assemblies throughout the week. Students were able to win prizes if they could correctly guess Mr Prodger's favourite Fairtrade drink, Ms Kirwin's favourite Fairtrade snack and how many Fairtrade bananas they thought Miss Penna weighed!

Overall, an excellent week. Thank you to everyone who took part, especially the Fairtrade team!

Miss Penna



NEW YORK, NEW YORK!

On Wednesday 16th February forty five very excited Year 10 and 11 students, together with six members of staff (including me!), jetted off to New York for the Performing Arts trip.

Upon arriving in the Big Apple we dropped our bags at our very central hotel and dashed to the top of the Empire State Building which was awesome.

During our stay we were lucky enough to visit Liberty and Ellis Island, Ground Zero, China Town, the Museum of Modern Art, Grand Central Station, Central Park, the Lincoln Centre, and Times Square.

We had time for a little bit of shopping but had many disappointed faces when we discovered that Abercrombie & Fitch was closed! However, the kids certainly made up for it in Hollister!!

We were also fortunate enough to see 2 shows whilst there; Wicked and Billy Elliott although I think a few '40 winks' were taken in the theatres!!

All in all we had the most fantastic time and my colleagues and I would like to thank the students who came with us. We could not have asked for a better group. I truly believe that this was a trip that none of us will ever forget.

Mrs Jones, Community Care & Guidance Leader



Community Campaign Competition, Enter Now, Win Big!

Just a reminder that Brake, the road safety charity, is running a competition called **2young2die** which is aimed at young people between the ages of 11 and 25.

Entrants are required to create a road safety campaign and to run a fundraiser for Brake. Submissions can include anything from developing a road safety advert to running an event promoting the importance of being safe on the road. Loads of great prizes are up for grabs, including an all-expenses paid trip to the Houses of Parliament.

2young2die is Brake's campaign to stop the devastating carnage involving young people every day. Katie Shephard, Fundraising Manager at Brake, says *"Road deaths are the biggest killer of young people. Each death needlessly cuts short a young life and causes untold trauma to family and friends - yet almost all are preventable. Brake launched its 2young2die competition to empower young people to make a difference in their community, highlight the appalling carnage on roads, and raise funds for our work to support families devastated by these tragedies."*

The competition is open to people aged 11 - 25 and entries will be split in to three categories; • 11 - 15 year olds • 16 - 18 year olds • 18 - 25 year olds and you need to get your entry in **before the end of April**.

Visit www.2young2die.org.uk for more details

ARLINGTON ARTS GROUP

Art Competition - Paint me a Spring Woodland

Open to all ages, any medium any size, 5 x 7" photos of original work to be submitted, 50p entry. All entries are displayed at, and judged by, visitors to the Arlington Bluebell Walk in April.

CLOSING DATE 31st March 2011

Full details on <http://www.arlingtonartsgroup.co.uk/2011/02/competition-time-paint-me-spring.html>

Children's Art Show - Arlington Village, part of the first ever Arlington Arts Festival
Open to all school aged children, one piece of work per child, artwork to be displayed in a marquee alongside the Arlington Art & Craft Show over the weekend of 9th & 10th July.

CLOSING DATE 15th April 2011

Anyone interested in showing work should contact Josie on 01323 485153, email info@arlingtonartsgroup.co.uk or check for updates on the website - www.arlingtonartsgroup.co.uk

SUSSEX POLICE SURVEY

Over the next few weeks staff and neighbourhood officers will be out on the streets carrying out a short survey with members of the public to ask how they would like to contact Sussex Police in the future. Through this consultation, Sussex Police is looking to find new ways to provide policing that is in tune with the modern world, while helping to meet the national financial challenge. It will help to provide alternative, convenient contact locations in the heart of communities and will also look at what people would like to be able to do online or using their mobile phones.

You can also log on to their website at www.sussex.police.uk to complete the survey online and ensure that your views are captured by the consultation team.



This Youth Dance Company is looking for recruits to form a new dance company to perform and create a film - a fantastic opportunity for any young person interested in contemporary dance and movement. 10 - 12am Sundays in the Dance studio at Ratton School, plus full day workshop in the Easter holidays and performance on 13th May. £30 for whole course plus 50% discount on Thursday classes!

YOU MUST SIGN UP BY 3pm ON SATURDAY (tomorrow!)
Contact Jess Lloyd - hedstrong@hotmail.com / 07968 295 862