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UBUNTU

I recently came across a new word, which immediately made me think...

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said, *“One of the sayings in our country (South Africa) is Ubuntu - the essence of being human. Ubuntu speaks particularly about the fact that you can't exist as a human being in isolation. It speaks about our interconnectedness. You can't be human all by yourself, and when you have this quality - Ubuntu - you are known for your generosity.*

We think of ourselves far too frequently as just individuals, separated from one another, whereas you are connected and what you do affects the whole World. When you do well, it spreads out; it is for the whole of humanity.”

When we talk about confident, creative, and caring youngsters, we are talking about Ubuntu, when we talk about belonging to a Community we are talking about Ubuntu. The real point about Ubuntu is that we need to share and celebrate success, but also to understand that another person's unhappiness or underachievement affects us all.

Mr D Linsell, Headteacher

Behaviour Survey

Many thanks to all parents who responded to our recent behaviour survey.

We have undertaken a review of our behaviour management procedures taking into account feedback from parents, students, & staff. This review culminated in a staff meeting last week when we shared the findings of the review and your responses to our survey questions. We are now in the process of making some minor amendments and improvements to our current system and procedures.

Thank you for your comments and taking time to complete the survey. We value your input into this process.

Mrs Wardle, Deputy Head

Ratton School link with Japan

We have been pleased to host Japanese students from Kyoto for the ninth year running. They are “buddied” with Ratton students and follow a tailor-made timetable giving them an insight into British education. This is an invaluable opportunity to exchange cultural lifestyles which are shown in a short presentation by the students from Kyoto Gakuen High School.

Ratton's link with ELAC Educational Studies has been going for over a decade now; also hosting students from Austria.



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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 10th June

Jamie Taylor, George Williams, Amie Woodgate, Thomas Bacon, Amelia Hicks, Luke Nicholas, Ben Hall, and Michaela Message

Week ended 17th June

Joanna Bruce, Aimee Lyon, Lydia Redman, Hamish Porter-Mcrae, Beth Tagg, and Megan Gates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Reminder - trial of split lunches begins
Years 7/8 12.20-13.05, Years 9/10 13.20-14.05*

Tuesday 28th June

Governors' Meeting
Monitoring Committee 5pm

Year 6 Taster Day

Friday 1st July

Year 11 Prom at Winter Garden

Monday 4th July

INSET Day

Tuesday 21st June

Governors' Meeting
Staffing (Pay) Committee 5pm

Thursday 7th July

Art Exhibition (students' work) 5.15pm

Friday 8th July

MUFTI Day
In aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice



Go to:
www.eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk for more information

Today in Eastbourne there are almost 4,000 children living in poverty. Eastbourne Foodbank collects food donated by individuals, schools, churches, and businesses and creates nutritionally balanced boxes of food containing 3 days' meals. This helps local families through a crisis. Ratton School are pleased to be able to support this new charity.

We will be collecting packet & tinned food items during the week beginning 4th July to support this project. Listed below are the items we would appreciate being donated during this week - fruit juice, soup, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, cereals, rice pudding, tea bags, coffee, instant mash potato, rice, pasta, tinned meat or fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits, and tinned vegetables

On Friday 10th June was the Live Lounge Concert. It was an evening of great fun as well as nerve-racking! Megan Thurston, Miss Kirwan and I sang 'Hallelujah' with Miss Kirwan playing the guitar and singing at the same time. It was a very loud night as everyone was screaming and cheering as each act came on stage. It was especially loud after Mrs Wood and some Year 9 boys came on stage to dance to Bruno Mars 'Lazy Song'. The year nine boys' names were Chester, Fabio, Nathan, Jordon and Louie and they were a very popular act.

This was a very fun and enjoyable night and I would do it again!!!

Sophie Wells (Year 7)

STREET DANCE BREAKFAST CLUB

New class on Wednesdays from 8 - 8.30am
in the Dance Studio

JUST TURN UP!

£2 per session

See Mrs Duncan or Miz Wells for more info



Congratulations to Mrs Wood, Miss Kirwan, and the students involved in the production on 10th June, for giving us such an exhilarating evening! Twenty two items were performed and I must confess that only four were familiar to me! I have decided to re-educate myself by listening to the right radio stations from now!

All great fun, with parents and students appreciating all the hard work and commitment that went into the evening. The boys performed from Bruno Mars video and the final item 'Lazy Song' was terrific.

I hope it will be repeated for the whole school to enjoy and, I must add, the sofas and chairs hired in for the event were a lovely touch and very relaxing!

Well done. A completely new venture for Ratton.

Mrs J Williams, Governor

DANCE NEWS

Ratton Boy Dancers at Tollgate School - Year 5 and 6 boys from Tollgate School spent two hours recently with our boys working on Street, Hip-hop and breaking dance styles.

The energy and concentration of all involved was amazing and the dances choreographed and performed formally were as impressive as the informal free-style performances given at the end of the session.

Congratulations and thanks to **Hallum Cousins, Ben Dobbs, Finlay Fryer and Jacob Hopgood** of Year 7, **Aaron Wilder** of Year 8, and **Louie Cannings, Charlie Mackay and Jordan Ticehurst** of Year 9 !

Rambert Dance company workshop with Year 9 - last week saw 30 of our dancers working with Sarah Alexander from Rambert. 'Military discipline' is the way the session was described by one student and the fast paced technique and repertoire that was covered certainly required mental and physical discipline.

As ever, our students rose to the dance challenge putting into practice the performance skills acquired in school lessons and, although all agreed it had been very hard work, the final verdict was that it had also been inspiring and fun.

Ratton dancers from Years 8, 9 and 10 may be interested in the **Chelsea Dance Summer School**, a summer course in Contemporary Dance at the University of Brighton - call 01273 643707 or e-mail chelsea@brighton.ac.uk for more details.

*Mrs Duncan
Curriculum Leader, Dance*

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

A number of personal belongings have been handed in. Amongst them are these items that might belong to you?

Come and make your claim from Mrs Huggins in the Care and Guidance office



SPONSORED FANCY DRESS SACK RACE!

Ellen Gee, Molly Potter, and Ellie Clayton-Harding are having a sponsored sack race in fancy dress! Guess what they will be dressed as...??

The event will take place on
Saturday 9th July at 2pm in Motcombe Park

All monies raised will be split equally and given to the girls' community charities, so please come along and support them and have a laugh!



CORE VALUES IN ACTION

At Ratton School we have six core values of which **enjoyment** is one. We demonstrate this value by encouraging students to get involved in all aspects of school life, in and out of the classroom. Students describe this value as...

- Having fun
- Loving and sharing what you do and supporting others to do the same

In school recently there have been several performances, within the Performing Arts department, that demonstrate enjoyment of the subject and commitment to extra-curricular activities. The Key Stage 3 Drama Festival and the Live Lounge Music Evening involved many students in performance, and audience members and participants alike enjoyed the experience. We celebrate the excellent art work of GCSE students by exhibiting the work in the hall for visitors and students to see; the enjoyment of the subject enables students to produce high quality work.

Towards the end of term 6 we celebrate the enjoyment of success and invite students and parents to the Winter Garden to collect rewards and cups for excellent progress and achievement. It is fair to say that if you enjoy what you do there is a much greater chance of success, and as a result we actively encourage all students to participate as fully as possible.

England vs Australia - 5th July 2011
Women's One Day International
Match

Free tickets are available for this event; please see Mr Brooke or Mrs Buckland asap to get your name on the list. Come along and see the POMS get beaten!!

Please note that we will be taking a coach to this event so tickets are limited - first come, first served.

Mrs Buckland, (Australian!) PE Teacher

Junior Badminton U13, U15, U17
County Trials

If you would like to participate in the above tournament on the 9th July please see Mrs Buckland for more information and/or an application form.



A poster for Community Tennis Year 7. At the top and bottom are five colored squares: red, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The text in the center reads: "Community Tennis", "Year 7", "Every Thursday", "Lunch Time". Below this, it says "To enter please email your name to tennis@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk" and "COMMUNITY POINT AWARDED FOR ATTENDANCE".

SPORTS NEWS

Year 8 Cricket vs Hailsham
Tuesday, 14th June 2011

Hailsham Community College: 88-3 (12.0 overs)
Ratton School: 66-7 (12.0 overs)
HCC beat Ratton by 22 runs

The Year 8 Ratton XI looked to get their first win of the 2011 campaign at home to a strong Hailsham side. The visitors won the toss and chose to bat first. Ratton bowled well to start, showing a boost in confidence after last week's disappointing loss to local rivals Cavendish. It didn't take long until HCC's opening pairs partnership ended, as **Freddie Black** caught the opponent's opener after a fierce **Tom Hawkins** ball. Ratton found it more difficult to stop HCC's other opening batsman who ended up with a respectful score of 29 not out. Only two more wickets fell during Hailsham's 12 over innings; both were caught and bowled by **Hawkins** and **Hartigan-Jeremiah** respectively. Hailsham finished on a total of 88-3.

Ratton were confident in hitting their target of 89, but this was soon shattered. Opener **Weblin** was unable to do anything with the visitors' first bowler's second delivery, as it crashed into the stumps behind him. **Khevane Byroo** almost managed to last the whole of the innings, but was unfortunate to be run-out with a total of 12. Wickets started to fall in quick succession with **Baker**, **Black**, **Myers** and **Hartigan-Jeremiah** only scoring 6 runs between them. The target score seemed to be slipping away quickly, but **Hawkins** was run-out in the 11th over. **Botting** and 'guest player' **Hover** were left with a mammoth task to get near HCC's 88. Some confident batting from the pair saw a partnership of 18, but this was too late. Ratton finished their 12 overs with a total of 66 runs.

A slow start to Ratton's innings made it a difficult challenge to pull off, but the Year 8 XI should be happy with their grit and determination with the bat after this game.

Year 8 XI - Garratt Weblin, Khevane Byroo, George Baker, Freddie Black, Ross Myers, Tom Hawkins, Christian Hartigan-Jeremiah, Jake Botting, James Stone, Lewis Cole, Nathan Hover.

Mr Brooke - PE Dept