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'BANNERED'

As a result of our learning communities' success which has increased students' sense of belonging and happiness we have redesigned our school banner in recognition of this improvement:



The banner has a core which represents our Vision and Core Values - the non-negotiable principles at the heart of Ratton School. Wrapped around this core are the strands that represent our students and our five communities: distinct and individual but united by the core.

Love it or hate it - at least you know what it means!

*Mr D Linsell
Headteacher*



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Last Monday all students in year 7 took part in the European Day of Languages with the aim of raising awareness of foreign language and culture. Students participated in a wide variety of activities including: learning Italian; German PE; European Geography; quizzes; food tasting; salsa and many more. One group of students set up a European Cafe and served coffee and cakes to staff and students at break time.

The day was a great success - thank you to all involved!

Miss Dean, Curriculum Leader German



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 16th September

Karise Sewell, Natty Phillips, Keenan Poolton, Emel Ipek, Chanel Crowhurst, Megan Mundy, and Harry Jensen

Week ended 23rd September

Olivia Marriott, Lauren Johnson, Natasha Duursma, Rachael O'Connor, Fraser Hicks, Harry French, and Paul Dyer

GoGetInfo

Many teenagers rely on their mobile phones for social networking, downloading music, and playing games but more and more are also using them to access information.

GoGetInfo is a pioneering mobile information service for young people that's responding to this need. GoGetInfo works by delivering practical text content, images and video clips to mobiles using WAP technology. Its makers have worked with technology partner O2 for two years in research and development.

For the first time, sending a single text to a dedicated number will give young people instant access 24/7 to confidential help and advice on one of the top 10 issues they're likely to face.

East Sussex is offering this service to young people for FREE. The mobile phone "downloads" cover a wide range of topics around sexual health and well-being. For a young person to access the service their phone needs to be data enabled but they will not be charged for using it.

The ten topics covered by the service are:

- Abuse
- Am I Normal
- Bullying
- Condom Use
- Contraception
- Emergency Contraception
- I think I'm Pregnant
- Pressure to have Sex
- Self-harm
- STIs

Young people can access this service for free as long as their phones are data enabled and they are able to receive data.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4th October

Inset Day

Monday 10th October

PFA Committee Meeting	6pm
PFA Meeting	7pm

Tuesday 11th October

Governors' Meeting	
Teaching & Learning Committee	4.30pm

BOX TOPS FOR BOOKS

Nestle Cereals are once again working with publisher Dorling Kindersley to offer schools the opportunity to build a fantastic collection of high quality educational books for free with 'Box Tops for Books'.

Please help us to get as many books as possible by collecting the tops from the special packs and bringing them into school, where there will be a collection box in main reception.

Thank you!

MEDICINES



We would like to remind parents and carers of our school policy regarding medicines that students need to take during the school day.

Prescribed medicines should only be brought into school where it would be detrimental to a child's health if it were not administered during the school day, and must be accompanied by a medical administration consent form completed by the student's parent/carer (available from the Finance Office from 8am daily).

Non-prescription medicines will only be administered if there is a specific prior written request from the parent/carer for a specified time period and reason.

In either case, all medicines must be handed in to General Office and not carried around school by students.



@rattonschool

Learning Resource Centre

I have taken over as the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) Manager from Mrs Beck who retired after many years at Ratton School. The LRC is more than a library; we hold many books which are both fiction and non-fiction and there are eighteen computers for the students to use. We also have magazines, newspapers, DVD's, a full range of careers information, and information about our Peer Support Service within the LRC. During the school day the LRC is used for teaching, students working independently, reading, meetings, and other activities. It is open from 8am until 4.15pm Monday to Friday. From 8am until registration students can use the LRC for reading, homework, coursework, and to buy equipment such as scientific calculators, pens, and pencils. It is also open at break and lunch and all of these facilities are available. After school the LRC remains open until 4.15pm. All of the LRC facilities are still available plus there is a member of staff available to help with any homework queries or questions. There will be many events taking place in the LRC and resources will evolve to meet the needs of the students. I would welcome any queries, comments, or suggestions and can be contacted on 514312.

Mrs F Jenner, LRC Manager



School Nurse Service

Just a reminder that there is a confidential drop-in service on Thursdays from 12-2pm. Contact can be made via tutors, welfare officers, or reception staff.

Contact details - julie.allistone@esht.nhs.uk
or 07500 064765

Music Activities at Ratton

There is a variety of music activities available at Ratton. To find out more, including the times of rehearsals, please visit our updated section on the school website at Ratton School Website / Extra-Curricular / Music Opportunities. This page will be updated regularly with information about upcoming concerts as well as any changes to the rehearsal schedule.

Live Lounge 2

The next Live Lounge Concert will be on **Friday 14th October** in the Hall. If you would like to sing or play a cover of a recent song from the charts as a solo or as part of a group, please see Mrs Wood for more information.

TRUST PARTNER NEWS

St Bede's seek to award a number of scholarships, which can be augmented by means-tested bursaries, to students joining Year 12 in recognition of their exceptional talent and potential.

To find out more please go to -

<http://www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk/files/documents/StBedesScholarships16+.pdf>

REFRESHING NEWS!

We are delighted to inform you that Refresh, our in-house catering service, has been awarded a level 5 food hygiene rating (the highest rating available under food hygiene law) by Eastbourne Borough Council, meaning the hygiene standards are very good.



Very good



Birthday parties can be held at lunchtime and the birthday student has a nicely decorated table with balloons and banners and can invite friends to join them.

The prices are as follows and include a birthday cake and free lunch for the birthday student -

5 students £7.50
6-12 students £10
12+ students £12.50

Year 7 Football 15th September 2011

Ratton 1 - 4 Bishop Bell

The newly formed year 7 team looked to start off their Ratton career at home to Bishop Bell. On only a handful of occasions did the visiting team find themselves in the Ratton half of the pitch, after the home team demonstrated a solid first half. Ratton almost took the lead after a quick succession of corners, but were unable to find the back of the net. A goal conceded seconds before the break dented a well battled first half performance by Ratton who had to start the second half 1-0 down.

After the break, it seemed that there were plenty of goals coming - but it was the visitors who doubled their lead with the counter-attack. After countless occasions of Ratton forcing their opponents backwards, some hard work and an error from the visitors centre-back gifted substitute **Charlie Venner** the chance to score the first goal for the Ratton Year 7 team. **Venner** placed the ball into the corner to peg back the score to 2-1. Ratton needed to push forward to find more goals, but were unfortunate to concede twice more on the counter-attack. The team should be pleased with their performance and more eager to win their next game against Seaford.

Year 7 Team: Jake Worrell, Mason Dowle, Henry Wilder, Jamie Cullen, James Smith, Chris Hayward, Harry Colbran, Louis Harrild, Kai Fern, Dante Hutchinson, Joel Redgrave, Dion Vale, Danny Butt, Charlie Venner

Ratton Sporting Superstars List

Please visit the website to view the record we hold of our Sporting Superstars here at Ratton. We are very proud of the students' successes and would love to hear of any sporting successes both in school and outside, especially if you compete at County Level or above. Please read the list and let me know if your name / achievement have been missed off. There are opportunities for extra funding to support our top athletes. Applications will be invited from all sportsmen & women who are on the list!

You must see me before the end of September to be included on the application list.

Mrs J Upton

Eastbourne District Schools Cross Country Championships

If you are in years 9-11 and would be interested in representing Ratton School in the local Cross Country Championships in November, then please speak to Mr Brooke in the PE Department for more information.

Mr Brooke
Teacher of Physical Education

Free-to-play
fantasy football
for schools is here!



www.schoolsfl.com

Ratton League code: **6819**



LOST PROPERTY

Since the start of this term these items have been found in school.

If you recognise any of them please go to the Care and Guidance Office for collection.

Thank you!

