



Children have become immersed in their new topics for the term, and there has been some exciting learning across the school. In Year 1 children have been inspired to write after a possible giant sighting last week, they have also been involved in making some lovely puppets, many thanks to parents/carers who have supported the children with this. Children in Year 6 have started to work on their penguin animations, as part of their Antarctica topic. Reception had an exciting parcel from space with instructions on how to make moon sand and some interesting rocks to explore. There has been other fantastic writing this week, with Year 3 writing some great stories about Anglo Saxons and Year 2 writing their own Little Red Riding Hood stories and Year 5 children starting to plan their own myths having read lots of myths as part of their Ancient Greece topic. Year 4 have read and performed some playscripts based on Romans. The Language Unit have enjoyed exploring the topic of crime and punishment and linking it to Children's Rights as part of their Victorians topic.

At half term Fiona Escott will be leaving us, she has been a part of Wallands since 2005 working as Special Needs Coordinator, Acting Deputy and more recently teaching in Year 6. For many years as part of her role she has also been working one day a week for the Communication, Learning and Autism Support Services (CLASS) in an Outreach role, and she has now secured a full-time role with this service.

Ruth Bryant, our finance assistant will also be leaving us at half term, she has secured a new role as an Administrative Support Assistant with East Sussex County Council. Ruth has been at Wallands since 2010, where she initially started as our Clerk to Governors, she has since worked in a finance assistant role as well as providing admin support to the Language Unit. I am sure you will join me in thanking them both for all their hard work with Wallands over the years and wishing them every success in their new roles.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 1st February 9 a.m.	Year 1 Mrs Hurlock's Class Sharing assembly
Week beginning 5th February	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 8th February 9 a.m.	Year 1 Mrs Mickelburgh/Miss Scanlan's Class Sharing assembly
Thursday 15th March 9 a.m.	Year 4 Miss Ginn's Class Sharing assembly
Week beginning 19th March	Open Classrooms
Tuesday 20th March 9 a.m.	Parent Forum
Thursday 22nd March 9 a.m.	Year 3 Mrs Clark/Mr Gunningham's Class sharing assembly
Thursday 29th March 9 a.m.	Year 3 Miss Dickson's Class sharing assembly
Thursday 24th May 9 a.m.	Year 4 Miss Mynott's Class Sharing assembly
Monday 4th June–Friday 8th June	Year 6 Carrot Wood residential
Thursday 21st June 9 a.m.	Year 5 Miss Gibney/Miss Gulland's Class Sharing assembly
Thursday 28 th June 9 a.m.	Year 5 Dr Lerner's Class Sharing assembly
Thursday 5th July 9 a.m.	Reception Mrs Hart and Mr Jones's Class Sharing assembly

Congratulations to Samuel Back Y6 Language Unit who has been awarded the Chief Scout's Silver Award.

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Patina Moving On 2018

Tesco: Patina is one of three charities competing for £4000 from Tesco in January and February. Please vote for Patina Moving On with your blue tokens - winning this would significantly help Moving On this year and support the sustainability of Patina Moving On into the future. Ditch the Detox, the annual Patina Moving On fundraising party is in the Town Hall on 10th February 2018. Come on down for a great night out and to support the cause. Tickets are £8 in advance or £10 on the door and are available at the Friday Patina Cafe as well as Si's Sounds, King's Framers and Hannah's Van.

Basketball for U12s

Force Basketball is starting a new session this Saturday in Lewes (Leisure Centre). First session FREE of charge. 27th January 10.30-11.30am, boys and girls aged 8-12 yrs, all abilities welcome. Further information: <https://seahavenforce.com/force-basketball-u12/>

Multi – Skills

Optimum Coaching is a Multi Sports coaching company based in East Sussex. They specialise in coaching Multi Sports across Schools in East Sussex. February Half Term Multi Sports Club will be running from Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February and times will be 9:15am – 3:30pm. There will be lots of fun and varied games for all to enjoy! Please contact: Louis Munnery/ Charlotte Munnery Optimum Coaching 07528178969 .

Judo

This weekend Lewes Bridgeview Judo Players Mia Goode and Joss Kearley-Light both fought in two competitions. Last Saturday they represented Wallands at the Southern Area British Schools Regional Qualifiers in Gillingham, Kent, and then took part in the South Coast Green & Under competition on Sunday. Joss had a great weekend, with some real improvements in her judo. She won 3 of 6 fights on Saturday at the qualifiers to take a well earned bronze medal and then fought some very tough opponents on Sunday to gain another bronze. Mia had a fantastic weekend, beating all 3 opponents at the qualifiers to become Southern Area champion and then fighting some tough opponents in a combined weight group on Sunday, she won 1 and lost 1 but took home the gold medal for her weight!

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