

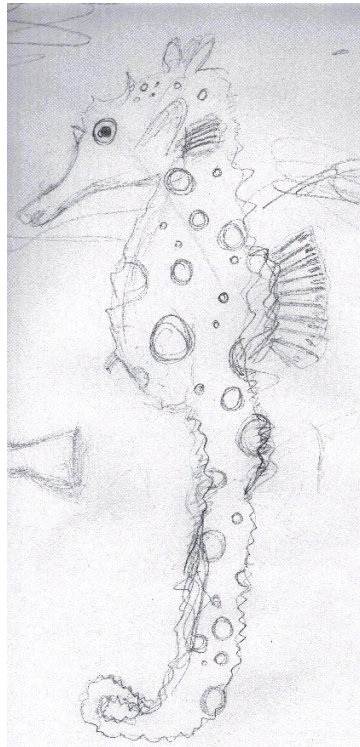
Lewes newbies - in the pink

We are delighted to welcome to the school, Louis Blee [Class 2], Ruby and Rosa Bradshaw-Ryan [Class 1], Oscar Richardson [Class 3] and Manu Thompson [Class 2]. With so many new faces it seems a good time to dust down the address list – if you would like an updated list please go to the office where you will find a supply [in pink] in a box just inside the office. Or, if you would prefer a digital version, email Cath [office@lewesnewschool.co.uk].

Cracking weather

You will have noticed that some of the plant pots in the playground have suffered in the recent cold weather and are cracked and even broken. Adrienne has very kindly offered to restore the plantings and would be greatly helped in this by the donation of some pots for this purpose – if you have any, particularly large, pots, which are surplus to requirement, we can put them to very good use. Please let Cath or Mandi know.

*Martha C [Class 2]
Under the Sea – Class Project*



Open Forum Tuesday 3rd March 2009, 7 - 9pm Another chance for us to gather and share our thoughts, feelings and ideas about our school. Everyone is welcome to come along and contribute to the ongoing development of Lewes New School.
Hope to see you there, Leo [Parent Governor]

Like the wind, Mills

Some of you probably know that Adrienne, school founder and, for many years, school manager, has breast cancer. During her time at the school Adrienne put her heart and soul into the community and I would like now to support her during this time. I spoke to Adrienne recently and she said she would really like to treat her family to something nice! So, to raise some money, I'm going to cycle 100 miles on Saturday 14th March - please sponsor me! You can do this by either filling in the form in the office or making a pledge to mattcycles100@googlemail.com. Thanks and let's all make it a big one! Matthew [Class 1 teacher]

Pottery Club

As you may be aware, Pottingle Clayworks has been based at the school since September, offering pottery equipment (kilns, wheels and clay work accessories) and providing the chance for the children to do more clay work within their projects. Colin is now in a position to offer an after-school club too. In the first instance, there will be a short introductory course. The first 3 of 4 one hour sessions will run from 3.30 on Monday 9th/16th and 23rd March with the final session shoe horned in on **Thursday** 26th

The cost will be £30 for the 4 sessions, with an additional £0.75/kg unfired work; £1/kg fired, unglazed work; and £1.50/kg fired/glazed work. There will be a maximum of 8 places available for this trial run, for children from any of the school's classes.

If this introductory club proves successful, Colin may be able to propose some dates for the summer term too. Wheelwork/throwing could be part of such future courses for older children, but will not be included in this trial introduction.

For further information, and to register your interest in this club, please contact Colin at tc09@gn.apc.org or phone on 474077 by Wednesday 4 March at the latest.

Lunch Menu

Mon	Sausage, mash, veg & gravy	Fruity jelly
Wed	Class 2's'You Choose' meal	
Fri	Spanakopita & salad	Oaty crunch banana and yoghurt

We had a flipping marvellous feast on Tuesday and, thanks to the huge contribution of pancakes and cakes, and the concerted efforts of everyone in the kitchen to flip, fill and bake everyone had plenty to enjoy! Than you to all who helped on the day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 3	9am-3pm Class 2 visit to Sea Life Centre 3.15-4.15 Premier Sports Multi-sports club 7-9pm OPEN FORUM
Wed 4	Drama club 3.15-4.45 [bring that snack...] Class 3 to Michael Hall garden Governors' meeting 6pm
Thurs 5	9.30-11.30 PET Further Skills course at Karen Dobres house 3.30 Class 3 Tea

Mon 9th Parent Consultation week [late eve Thursday]
Weds 11th Trustees Meeting

Weds 18th OPEN MORNING
Fri 20th 2pm Music Concert with Pedja, Ollie & Stefan

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I hope you enjoy this week's handout from our new friend Nick Kettles and the Ecologist magazine. The subject is sustainable schools - perhaps you've heard something about this issue already? I ran out of fingers and toes when counting the years that I've been reading about the need for more sustainable schools. The idea was that if schools were really green then all that good practice would rub off on surrounding communities and pretty soon the world would be saved!

So what went wrong? There's no lack of 'green' activity in schools, certainly enough to write a fine article about it. But that's also the problem. Lists of green things to promote and green things to teach, all with attention-grabbing, low-carbon sustainable buzzwords. Meanwhile life goes on more or less as usual, without buzzwords and without deliberately planning for the unsustainable mess that we've made.

Lewes New School has respectable green credentials but it has something else so magical that if education everywhere was like this then the ecological and financial collapses wouldn't be happening. If crises are caused by people falling into the ruts carved by established thought, then sustainability comes from communities that together pursue their curiosity and enthusiasms.

Would government understand better with a few buzzwords? How about an eco-friendly garden of fertile ideas? A low-carbon politics that engages people instead of sorting them into successes and failures? If government catches on, we'd also appreciate a sustainable economics that supports 'new school thinking' rather than making people pay twice, though both taxes and fees.

James Greyson (Ruben and Eartha)