

YOUR EDUCATION NEWS

Head retires after a dozen happy years

A HEAD teacher, in the Heathfield and Horam district of East Sussex, has retired after 40 years in teaching.

Verity Poole has spent the last 12 years as head of Maynards Green Community Primary School, leading it to an Outstanding OFSTED rating in April 2019. Children, parents and teachers gathered for an after-school farewell assembly to wish her well in her retirement.

Mrs Naylor-Clements, deputy head at the school, said: "Mrs Poole was an outstanding head teacher at Maynards Green because she put the children first.

"We will miss her fantastic organisational skills, eye for details and great ideas, as well as the invaluable support she provides to all the staffing team."

Mrs Poole started her teaching career in London, before moving to the South East, teaching at various schools in the region before becoming a Head Teacher at St Mark's School in Hadlow Down, and finally, Maynards Green.

Over the 12 years as head, she has led Maynards Green from a 'good' to 'outstanding' OFSTED rating.

At the farewell assembly, Mrs Poole reflected on happy memories.

She said: "I have especially enjoyed all the times we spent together as a 'Maynards Green family' - the Golden Jubilee tea party and all the Christmas and summer Fayres."

Len Parkyn, vice-chair of governors at the school, thanked Mrs Poole for her contribution and dedication.

He said: "Verity Poole has served the school and community in an



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exemplary manner. When she first arrived over a decade ago, Verity put passion and determination into the school and gave firm direction with sensitivity. Verity's vision combined with strong leadership has made the school what it is - outstanding."

Interim head teacher Simon Hughes, on secondment from Battle

and Langton primary school, has taken the reins for six months up until the summer holidays.

Over this time, the governors plan to recruit and appoint a new head teacher who will ensure the outstanding education and support pupils currently receive at the school is maintained and built upon.

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St John's C of E Primary School held an 'India Day'

Pupils love their ladoos and dance on 'brilliant' India Day

ST John's CE Primary School in Tunbridge Wells held a very special 'India Day' recently for its Year 2 pupils. The school was visited by Kalpesh Zalavadiya from K'z Dance Entertainment Ltd for a Bollywood dance workshop.

The children looked amazing in their brightly coloured clothing and really enjoyed dancing, henna painting and eating Indian sweets.

April Shepard in Year 2 said: "I loved making the ladoos. The

coconut smells very fresh and smells a bit like home-made cakes. I also liked doing Indian Bollywood Dancing. Once we had done two songs the man said to the mums and dads and uncles and aunties that they could come and dance with their child. It looked very hilarious. Plus we had Indian snacks in a cup-cake bowl while we were watching the Jungle Book. We had a brilliant India Day."

Professor Bubbleworks thrills pupils in STEM week

RIVERHEAD Infants' School had a fantastic start to the new term with pupils taking part in STEM Week.

The week was packed with exciting learning opportunities for all the children.

An architect workshop encouraged teamwork to solve mathematical problems to build small and large triangular shapes which are the strongest to use for building structures.

In the Lego Robotics

workshops, pupils worked in pairs learning about algorithms to design and bring to life working models of fairground rides. Professor Bubbleworks visited, bringing a fun filled day of science with everyone joining in with exciting and sometimes messy experiments.

Some children invented their own maths games which they played with their peers. There was space bingo, animal top trumps, mazes and world maps.

A school representative said: "We were so grateful to the parents, aunts, uncles and friends who visited us and spoke to the children who have been inspired by their interesting jobs in the science, technology, engineering and maths industries.

"They really enjoyed learning about the different industries, asking lots of questions and thinking about their future careers."



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