**Moving On 2019**

**Feedback**

Best [#Lewes](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Lewes?src=hash) "Moving On" parade ever. Big congratulations to every child, parent, teacher, artist, organiser and steward who did their best, in every way. [#PatinaLewes2019](https://twitter.com/hashtag/PatinaLewes2019?src=hash) [@PatinaLewes](https://twitter.com/PatinaLewes) [@moresussex](https://twitter.com/moresussex) John Warburton

It's today, the most uplifting event of the year! [@PatinaLewes](https://twitter.com/PatinaLewes) moving on parade, celebrating the district's young people moving from primary to secondary school. Expect amazing costumes, smiles and plenty of tears. Don't forget your hanky! [#community](https://twitter.com/hashtag/community?src=hash) [#Sussex](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Sussex?src=hash)

A much-appreciated [#Lewes](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Lewes?src=hash) tradition: the [@PatinaLewes](https://twitter.com/PatinaLewes) "Moving On" parade, where children progressing into secondary education create (with artists, parents and staff) mobile art and march, dance and smile through the town's streets before a festival the same day John Warburton

“One of my favourite of our wonderful traditions” Laura Rose

“Such an inspiration and a joy to behold!” Birth House

“thank you so much for organising such a fabulous and special event” Tory, parent

Just wanted to say what a great job you did on Friday.

The crew thoroughly enjoyed being part of it and  I may have enjoyed watering the kids a bit too much. We have had some great feedback from parents at South Malling school when we attended their fete the following day and I hope you feel the same. Andy Watson, Lewes Fire Station

So excited for [@PatinaLewes](https://twitter.com/PatinaLewes) Moving On Parade today. Both mine moving on further up the education ladder so today is especially poignant. I'm the one with the hankie. [#Lewes](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Lewes?src=hash) [#MovingOnParade](https://twitter.com/hashtag/MovingOnParade?src=hash)

Today I’ve been mostly marching around town with Bilbo Baggins, a dragon & a samba band. Only in [#Lewes](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Lewes?src=hash) . Well done to all the Year 6 kids that took part in the 2019 ⁦[@PatinaLewes](https://twitter.com/PatinaLewes)⁩. A superb day! Claire Hawes

The wonderful 'Moving on Parade' in Lewes today thank you [@PatinaLewes](https://twitter.com/PatinaLewes) you are amazing. Ovesco

A superb one. Congrats to everyone & to marvellous [@PatinaLewes](https://twitter.com/PatinaLewes) organisers, as ever. Lewes Nibbler

Great fun volunteering at [@PatinaLewes](https://twitter.com/PatinaLewes) [#**movingon2019**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/movingon2019?src=hash) Ty to all the teachers, carers + helpers that made it happen + congrats to the yr6 students for finishing primary school!! Eleanor Earl

“Well done on another Patina success” Cllr Janet Baah

I think all the town needs to be part of the moving on   
And it's only once a year ! Jane Sallis

I left primary school in the sixties and goodness how I wish we had a Patina then. I would have loved it. Stopping the traffic to celebrate our young Lewesians, I can't think of a better reason. However, I never manage to see it as I always burst into tears as soon as the first wave hits the street, it's very emotional. Belinda Chapman

It's a rite of passage. Rites of passage have psychological benefits for the community and those going through a change. It helps them grow and separates one stage from the next. Gary Offley

Totally awesome, well done to all for amazing costumes and all your hard work, wonderful celebration. Sue Payea

Wonderful celebration. Well done. Suzie Edwards

Such and incredible community event weekend : and it’s not even over! So happy to be a part of it and thank you for creating wonderful memories xxx Katie Griffiths

Somebody please explain to me why these guys aren't running the country? Vote Patina! Thank you Raphella & Caroline for all of the wonderful work you have done for the young people of Lewes. The positive impact of what you do will be felt for generations to come! Xxx Leo Sedgely

Cor blimey Mary Poppins!! Look at you with Miss Red Riding Hood - what an utterly awesome dream team xx

Brilliant!!! What an amazing day - well done guys for all your hard work. Trish Suffield

Fantastic day Emily Matheson

Thank you all. Amazing Jo Williams

An amazing parade! Thank you all Ruth Simon- House

What an amazing group of women!! Thank you for sharing your talents with Lewes! Wendy Maples

Wow well done all you are just aMAZing!!!xxx Nuala Nova

Katie has been an inspiration and super star at Hamsey tonnes of thanks Katie Birth House

Sandrine, you have done a brilliant job!  Marina Winsor

Dear Caroline

It was a truly wonderful experience. I swelled with so much pride watching every single marcher. It was an emotional moment knowing the work and dedication that goes into the parade and the communal feeling of a job well done. A significant rite of passage completed for my son and so many others and marked in such a joyous and creative way.

I can't thank you all and Sally our truly wonderful, patient, funny artist enough. Best regards Emily Salisbury (parent rep)

I’ve enjoyed every moment of it and working as a team with the other mums. Mira Patel

Dear Caroline

Friday was wonderful

Thank you so much for all your amazing hard work.

I did a stint on the cafe in the morning and I jumped in again in the afternoon when the parade finished as the queue was so big - I enjoyed volunteering at the cafe and although it was crazy busy it’s was great. I felt like you had everything covered so thank you!

An amazing memorable day!

Kind regards

Ruth

Thank you to you, Caroline ! I don't know another event that comes close to capturing the essence of celebrating finishing primary school and entering a new chapter ! Patina is full of heart and all for the kids.  And they feel it, too. If only we had more Patinas around the UK, the world...then we would reconnect with the deep and joyous spirit that is community. Julia Bell (parent rep)

They were all amazing came all the way up from Dorset to see Jacqueline Ullah

Always makes me cry! Jane Holder

If you had told me a 5 metre high Converse boot with wings was making its way past your house, you know, I just might not have believed you. Peter Mobbs

One of the best two days of the year - and that wonderful procession goes right past my front door!!! Love it! Shirley Collins

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Amazing day thanks so much patina, and loved the finishing flourishes the air balloon which passed over and lovely red sky sunset  Joanna Hook

Thanks Caroline and team for an amazing Patina. What a fabulous  thing to Amy Junker Heslip

What a special day. Loved every minute of it! Amy Bell

Hello Caroline,

I loved Twilight tales and would happily do  it again. I'm really glad the feedback has been positive. Thank you so much for all your hard work organising it, and PATINA, and the exhibition, and just generally working tirelessly for the greater good. Sally

It was super lovely to be part of Team Patina! I was so impressed with the grace by which you held everyone. Julia

Wonderful Rafaela. What a great event 🤗. Congratulations Danae

Twilight Tales

"Twilight Tales was a really magical event. The staging and setting made for a beautiful atmosphere, and it was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the summer evening together. It was a real treat to be at such a large event focussed especially on storytelling, too - and with a varied team of performers we covered a whole kaleidoscope of tales between us." Jon Mason

PATINA drew on a strong pool of talent among local artists, writers and performers to create a wonderful event that has helped to raise the profile of spoken-word storytelling, stories and literacy for children. Having told stories at many festivals and gatherings, I can say that Twilight Tales had its own very special magic: as the shadows deepened among the trees of the Paddock and coloured lights began to cast their glow on the children’s creations, listeners of all ages were drawn ever closer into the stories’ imagined worlds. It was a great evening! " Jamie Crawford

Twilight tales was a joy to attend, the atmosphere was relaxed and the audiences eager for stories. I loved performing in the magical forest created by characters from the Gruffalo, the Hobbit and Winnie the Pooh - such a perfect backdrop to a magical evening.

Sally Miller - WishWorks

Firstly congratulations on such an amazing day, you all worked SO hard and it really paid off. We all had a fantastic day and I was so proud of the kids' spirit- chanting all the way around- I hope they didn't give anyone a headache (I did have a slight one I must admit!) They all had a great time and makes me realise that when in their peer group they all pull together so well and 'bolster' each other and helped each other carrying the 'big make' when they got tired- I LOVED seeing that!

I was bowled over by Bill's generosity- SUCH a lot of delicious variety of fruit. Jacqueline Bisset

Year 6 children’s feedback

" I liked it a lot, i really liked marching through the town."    Sam

" I loved all the singing, it was really uplifting."   Stephen

"The costume making was really fun and I liked that we were the loudest school."   Oliver

"I loved the atmosphere, everyone was really happy. It was one of the best days of my school life."   Jasmine

"The making of the costumes was really fun and I liked that the whole town came out to watch."  Hayden

"The best bit was when the Firemen sprayed us as it was really hot and someone was giving out free cherries".    Moataz

"I liked meeting up with the other schools and seeing their costumes. I also liked that we were allowed to sing all the way round."   Callum

"The whole day was really fun"   Ben D

"It was a nice way to move on from Primary School to Secondary School."  Joss and Jack C

"The best bit was making the costumes, that was really fun."  Anna

"It was good exercise."   Rocco

"I think we stole the show, even the Mayor joined in our dance."   Henry

"It was nice to see the whole thing and all the costumes gathered together."    Lucy

"It was brilliant that the whole town came out to see us."  Iris

"Simply, it was great fun."    Ben W

"The whole thing was really heartwarming and uplifting, it reminded me why I do this job."  Miss Gibney (year 6 teacher)

"The parade was exciting and colourful, a joyous occasion."    Mr Clay (year 6 teacher)

Someone asked a question on the Lewes Present Facebook page with a few questions about Moving On, the traffic problems etc. The town rallied!

It’s something they spend weeks preparing for; creating the most extraordinary celebration with the town. It’s not an end of school prom/ party equivalent, but a valuing and celebration by the whole community of our young moving on from primary. It’s the most wonderful thing and I honestly think every place should have one!

They prepare for it  
They look forward to it  
Lewes does street processions well  
They need to be...  
Encouraged  
Supported  
Appreciated  
...what is the harm in applauding your local youngsters?  
Life is hard  
Life is competitive  
Life is a struggle  
Give them something simple to remember and be part of and be proud of  
  
Block the streets for an hour  
Who cares  
Let the youth have something that that have been part of to remember  
  
Wait till tomorrow to do whatever seemed urgent today  
  
Life is too short to bitch about Patina Lawrence Green

Patina is a fantastic event that kids remember for life. It has to be on a school day and it's not long. It's less disruptive that bonfire and is unique. I believe we should celebrate and encourage it.

I had a great time. I'd gone to enjoy a celebration of everything that is good about our town. Inclusivity, working together to put on something that the kids will remember for a long time. Just like bonfire there's been months of planning, hard work by EVERYBODY to get the costumes ready on the day and the infectious enthusiasm of the kids, (our kids, even though I'm not a parent). made it really special. Someone had to get road closures in place, someone had to supervise/ chaperone, someone had to carry the can if it all goes pearshaped. I was bit surprised at the miserable attitude of the few drivers who felt a little inconvenienced by the hold up but I can understand that they've got somewhere more important to be and couldn't wait for about half an hour as the procession went through. I'd just like to thank everyone involved for making this particular Friday just a little bit special. Long may it continue. Nick Jarvis

I don't have children but was walking through town during the parade. It was lovely to see such a spectacle. I think it would be great if we had more joyful events like this. David Felton

well guess what.... patina is now a tradition too!!!! Lisa Bowie

Because the community of Lewes loves to celebrate this rite of passage - it’s such a joy to see the pride and excitement on their faces and feel a sense of belonging. Friday lunchtime is a perfect time for this wonderful “ hullabaloo” - and long may it continue! Tanya Borowski

this is a lot of good people flogging their guts out to make something good happen. I salute them all. Nick Jarvis

My kids still have their Patina masks. They LOVED their day so much, worked really hard and felt very proud to be part of a tradition THEY can feel part of and helped create. The town is snarled up all the time. What does it matter? So you are stuck in traffic for an hour or so. Sit by and watch all those smiling faces go past. This world is so bloody confrontational, let a bit of their youthful spirit and innocence rub off on you. Del Day

 We have 3 head- dresses in the loft.. from 27, 25 and 23 year olds for whom Patina was the best shared, equality event of primary school... and they will be shared with the grandchildren. I also remember the treat feeling as a primary teacher at Western Road School of having a ‘real’ artist in working with withies and tissue in delicate, talented frames... Tanya Kemp

It's the sort of barmy thing that makes living here fun. It's not sensible or rational or especially good for business but there is every other town for that sort of thing....David Baker

I love PATINA and I love it when there is no traffic on the high street Su Mitchell

PATINA is fantastic and attracts crowds into the town. It happens during school time when all the children and staff can be there. It wouldn't be the same on a Sunday when staff want to be with their own families, and sadly some kids would not be encouraged to attend. Next year, leave the car elsewhere and go and enjoy a unique and wonderful rite of passage. Dave Evans

Part of the reason Patina was set up 18 years ago was due to growing concerns by teachers and parents that the arts were being squeezed out of the curriculum. Having taught Year 6 this year, I know that most of the year is spent preparing for gruelling SATS. What a lovely few weeks the children, parents and staff have had creating works of art to be proud of and building relationships in the process. Lewes is absolutely unique in having this annual event, where children can not only celebrate the end of one season of life and the beginning of a new one, but feel like their town values them and celebrates with them. It's a part of building community. Many people come to watch it who don't even have children in the parade. Why is it celebrated on a Friday? It's a school event that we want all the children and staff to attend. Most schools start their parades by leaving their schools with all the other classes waving them off from the playgrounds. The younger ones cannot wait until it will be their turn in a few years!   
  
I know the roads need to be shut for a couple of hours, I know that the town becomes busy and everything comes to a bit of a standstill. But I can guarantee you that it's joyous, fun and beautiful to watch. It may even put a lump in your throat and a tear in your eye to see children so happy. Above all, it allows the whole of Lewes and its surrounding villages to show pride in our young people and gives them a sense of belonging. Children who feel connected to a town care for a town. Come and join in the fun next year!!! Layla Dyer

I used to be in the initial fund raising team – Moving On is nit cheap! But local sponsors, arts council funding and schools pay into it as part of their art budgets - education like this is really valuable and the memories as we can see are great - my kids all remember their Themes and their patina day Stevie Freeman