

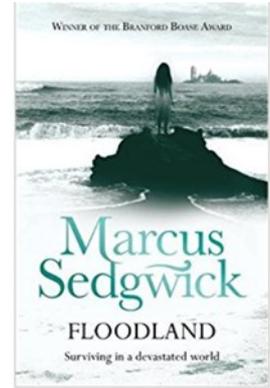


Dear Parents and Carers

**Learning – Laughing – Achieving**

I have been delighted with the progress that I have seen our children making this week in both maths and English. The quality of explanations and resilience shown by children in Mr Erricker’s maths lessons was really special. Harry and Ben’s ability to order a range of decimal numbers and justify what they were doing was excellent. I was delighted to see Erina’s understanding of place value develop within the lesson and to watch Martha and Daisy-Mae explore and apply different strategies when finding the mid-point between two decimal numbers.

Year 6 have been inspired by the plight of Zoe in Marcus Sedgwick’s Floodland. The quality of writing being produced by all children using a range of sentence structures was really exciting to see. One of my favourites was: ‘If Norwich hadn’t become an island, if Zoe hadn’t been abandoned by her parents, if she wasn’t so stubborn, then she wouldn’t be lying here now.’ I can’t wait to read the writing that they produce at the end of this unit and to learn what happens to Zoe.



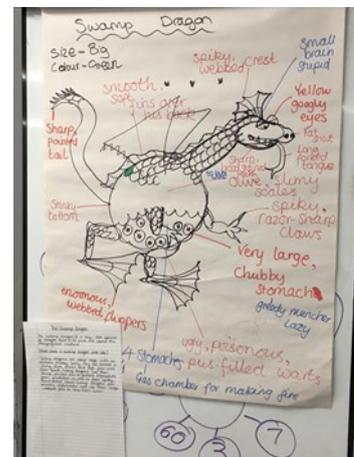
Year 3 are also coming to the end of their work on dragons. 3MI’s Swamp Dragon is certainly inspiring some great writing which I can’t wait to read next week.

**Cake Sale**

Thank you to all of the year 6 parents and children who brought cakes into school today for our first sale of the year. The money raised is a great start to our project to give each class a new class library.

**Attendance**

Good attendance at school is so important as it supports children in becoming happy, confident individuals. The information below is really interesting and just highlights the potential impact even a small reduction in child’s attendance has over time.



How attendance affects GCSE achievement	
Percentage Attendance	Percentage achieving 5 A* - C GCSEs
100 – 93.5%	74.3%
93.4% - 92.5%	60.4%
92.4% - 91.5%	53.1%
91.4% - 90%	44.6%
89.9% - 88%	34.7%
Less than 88%	26.7%

This second table converts percentage attendance over time into the amount of learning time lost during a child’s time in school.

% Attend-ance	By the end of Year 2	By the end of year 6	By the end of year 11
100%	NA	NA	NA
95%	Nearly half a term missed	Nearly a whole term missed	Two whole terms missed
90%	Nearly a whole term missed	Nearly two whole terms missed	Over 1 ½ years missed
85%	1 ½ terms missed	Nearly a whole year missed	Nearly 2 years missed
80%	2 terms missed	One year and a term missed	2 years and 2 terms missed

Thank you for your support in getting your children to school each day.

### Coats

Whenever it is possible we will take our children outside at break and lunchtime so that they can be physically active and enjoy the fresh air. We had one or two children coming into school this week without their coats. With the fluctuating weather that we can expect in the coming weeks please can parents check that children leave the house with a coat each day. Thank you.

### Join the Mill Rythe Lunchtime Team

We are looking for someone special to join our lunchtime team. The role involves supervising children whilst eating and playing at lunchtime – a really enjoyable part of the school day. If you are interested in finding out more about the role please come into the office and see Mrs Winslade.

### Police supporting our local community

Our local PCSOs have visited the Hayling Schools this week at the start and end of the school day to ensure that children are safe at these times. They are concerned about the parking that was observed and have notified me that penalty notices are likely to be issued in the near future. Please drive and park carefully and with due consideration for residents, members of public and our children at the start and end of the school day. Thank you.

### Meet the School Nurses

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the school nurses will be joining us from 9-11am to provide a drop-in session for parents. This is the first of three sessions this year when parents will be able to discuss any concerns that they have around sleep, behaviour, toileting or any other health issues. It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible on the morning. Mrs Cox will have tea, coffee and biscuits ready to share.

### Love Day 12th October

Love of 'Being Healthy Day is fast approaching! The children should come to school wearing their PE kit, and will spend the day rotating round a variety of activities led by the teachers, from healthy eating to gardening, gymnastics and mindful colouring. It should be a really fun day.

### Learning Behaviour Stars

Children receiving the learning bee trophies each week will now have their achievements shared via our school Instagram account. Thank you for the feedback about this account – it is lovely that you and your children are enjoying following what is happening each day in school. If you would like to follow us please search for '**millrythejuniorschool.**'

Have a lovely weekend.

David Bessant

#### **Change of Date:**

*Apologies, we have had to cancel the Harvest Festival which was due to take place at St Mary's Church on Monday 16th October, due to the number of other events taking place in school at the moment.*

#### **Diary Dates 2017/18**

4th Oct	School Nurses Drop In 9.00am
5th Oct	British Food menu
11th Oct	Parents Evening 4.00—7.00pm
12th Oct	Love of Being Healthy Day
12th Oct	Parents Evening 4.00—6.00pm
19th Oct	Y3 and Y4 ACE time 2.00pm
19th Oct	PTA Spooky Disco 6.00pm
20th Oct	Y5 and Y6 ACE time 2.00pm
w/c 23rd Oct	Half Term Week
9th Nov	Year 3/4 Flu doses
13th Nov	Year 6 residential visit to Calshot
23rd Nov	Year 6 Weighing and Measuring
12th Dec	Y3 Christingle at Hayling College
19th Dec	School Christmas lunch
21st Dec	End of term