



Dear Parents and Carers

## Learning – Laughing – Achieving

### Hayling College and Year 6

I had the pleasure of spending Wednesday morning this week with Mrs Leaves, Head of Maths and Senior Year 8 Tutor, from Hayling College. We spent the morning with year 6 watching our children learning in reading, writing, maths and maths morning meetings lessons. Following the morning Mrs Leaves sent me the following email:

*I really enjoyed spending the morning at your school today. The aim of my visit was to gain an insight into the standards of work and the expectations of year six in Maths and English, with a view to strengthening the transition process to year seven. I observed a range of lessons across the ability range, whilst speaking with many children and several staff members about their work. What was very clear was a commitment of both staff and children to achieve the very best outcomes. The children showed resilience when faced with challenging tasks and independence in selecting the most appropriate strategies. Established and effective routines were evident and allowed the pace of the lessons to remain high. Teachers asked probing questions to extract reasoning and quickly intervened to address misconceptions. The TAs were effectively deployed and used concrete examples to demonstrate 3D models. It was very clear that the children are happy, unfailingly polite and eager to learn. They displayed confidence and were unafraid to make mistakes. Peer assessment and discussion occurred regularly and behaviour for learning was excellent. Teachers clearly know the children's strengths and areas for improvement, but the knowledge of them as a whole child allows a truly nurturing relationship. Teachers work hard to ensure that appropriate tasks are set and assessed, with an unrelenting drive for success. The children are making rapid progress and feel well-prepared for their upcoming assessments.*

*I am looking forward to the joint moderation date and feel really excited for the future opportunities to work more closely together. Once again, thank you for your invitation and for your time this morning. I'd be grateful if you could extend that to the staff and to year six, as well as wishing them all the very best for their SATs.*

I know how hard our children and staff work every day in school but it is lovely to hear someone from beyond our school validate that. We will continue to work closely with Mrs Leaves, Mr Rainford and the staff at Hayling College to ensure that the transition from year 6 to year 7 enables our children to hit the ground running in September.

### Greek Myths

Year 6 have been editing and publishing their Greek Myths this week in school. The quality of writing produced is really special. Please take a moment to enjoy the opening to the following Myth written by Harvey Davis 6GE.

#### Icarus and the Cerberus

The light that had given Icarus the hope to take on this treacherous quest started to fade as he trudged through what seemed like a never-ending swamp. The stars watched him, not troubling themselves with the scene below, watching passively as he stumbled further into the unknown. Icarus' legs began to falter and, whilst there was no-one to see it, he forced himself onwards; he forced himself for the deep love for his mother. He couldn't admit his weakness, even to himself. At that moment, it began to rain. It rained harder than he had seen in his life. As the heavy water pounded against his shivering skin, grey clouds formed in the sky, covering the dark canvas that was the midnight and blocking the view of the stars. It seemed to be a warning from the gods themselves, trying to keep him from reaching his untimely demise. However, our hero did not notice this cry from the heavens, hiding behind a mossy rock and hoping that he would survive the ordeal that could haunt him for the rest of his life.



Suddenly, a shower of shimmering sparkles erupted from the void above him, illuminating the once pitch-dark swamp and catching the eye of every creature that resided in the area. He had to block his view with his arm as he stepped into the blinding light, blood rushing through his veins. As he moved aimlessly across the pearl-white terrain, a silver chariot descended from the bright skies, parting the clouds and slowly gliding towards Icarus. He began to tremble. They were getting closer. He was frozen. He wanted to run but he could not move.

"Young hero," a deep, echoing voice called from above. The chariot landed and two blurry figures stepped out. Abruptly, the light faded and the two standing before Icarus were revealed

### Lolly Thursday

As I am writing this newsletter the weather outside looks beautiful and I really hope it is here to stay for the rest of the summer term. At lunchtime on Thursdays this term the PTA will be offering the children a chance to buy an ice lolly after they have eaten their lunch. Lollies are priced at 20p or 50p with all money being invested in new playground equipment for our children.

### Hi-5 Family Fun Day

Saturday is going to be a really special day on the Island with the community coming together at Hayling College from 10am until 3.30pm. I'll look forward to seeing lots of families across the day. Don't forget to visit Mrs Brydon at the rowing challenge!

### Learning Behaviour Stars

Don't forget to look on our school Instagram account to see who the Learning Bee Stars were this week as well as keeping up to date with what our children have been doing. If you would like to follow us please search for 'millrythejuniorschool.'



Have a lovely weekend.

David Bessant  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates 2017/18

28 <sup>th</sup> April	Family Fun Day at the Hayling College
14 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Film Club
18 <sup>th</sup> May	History of Art Day
25 <sup>th</sup> May	House Cinema Reward Day
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Abseiling Challenge at Gunwharf
4 <sup>th</sup> June	House Winners Non-Uniform Day
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Non Uniform Day, £1 donation for PTA
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Yr 3/4 Sports Day and ACE Time
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Yr 5/6 Sports Day and ACE Time
11 <sup>th</sup> &12 <sup>th</sup> July	Hayling College Transition Days
12 <sup>th</sup> July	MRJS Transition Day
17 <sup>th</sup> July	History Day
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 and Parents Leavers Assembly
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the school year
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET day