



Dear Parents and Carers

Learning—Laughing—Achieving

On Monday, we took 36 athletes from across years 4, 5 and 6 to Havant Leisure Centre for the Havant Schools Indoor Athletics Competition. Our athletes have been working really hard in recent weeks to improve their personal bests and this hard work resulted in some fantastic individual and team performances on the day. As a school our performances in long jump, triple jump, speed bounce, chest push, target throw and javelin were the strongest on the day by quite some way and we backed this up by also running brilliantly on the track.

Two performances which really stood out on the day were Jasper's triple jump, which at 6.80m is the largest triple jump I have seen in 18 years of coaching indoor athletics. Inspired by this, Saba claimed the school long jump record with a huge leap of 1.88m.

The real highlights of the day for me though came from Daisy-Mae and Lucy, who both tumbled on the track whilst leading their races. While many children in this position may have remained on the track, both girls jumped to their feet and finished their races as strongly as possible – a truly great example about how to respond to adversity.

A great afternoon of athletics saw our C team finish in 12th place, our B team in 6th and our A team crowned Havant Indoor Athletic Champions. We were the only school to take more than one team to the competition and all of our staff and parents returned to school feeling incredibly proud of what they have achieved. As a school, we will now represent Havant at the County finals on Monday 26th March.

On Wednesday, we took seventeen children to an indoor athletic club competition in Fareham. The opportunity to compete against athletes from across Hampshire is always exciting and we were delighted with the performances from all of our children. Ethan had his most consistent competition to date finishing in an excellent 5th overall with Ella claiming the bronze medal position as she finished just one point behind the winner.

Great Citizens

Last Friday, we joined children from the other Island schools to start to make a difference to the local environment. The event, which was organised by Andy Warner on behalf of FatStick, saw the children learning about the damage that plastic is doing in our oceans before leading a sweep along a stretch of the beach to remove as much litter as possible. The amount of waste found during the afternoon was a concern, but by developing great habits in our children now and in turn educating future generations we all hope that we can start to make a real difference to our oceans. If you haven't already seen it, have a look at the video on our Instagram account.



Ace Time

It was lovely to have so many parents and grandparents in school this week for ACE time. Whether you were entertained by our year 3 dancers or educated about scratch by year 6, I hope you had a lovely time looking at the progress your children have made this last half term.




Victory	Trafalgar	Hardy	Nelson
Miss Gray	Mr Darby	Mrs Cox	Mrs Howard
275	398	275	292

Bee Independent	Bee Brave	Bee Ambitious
Bee Resilient	Bee Creative	Bee Caring
Bee Collaborative	Bee Thoughtful	Bee well mannered

House Winners

Congratulations to Trafalgar house on claiming their first termly reward! They can come to school in non-uniform on Tuesday 20th February (Monday 19th is an inset day) and will also be rewarded with an iced bun at break time. The scores have been re-set at 0 and everyone in Victory, Hardy and Nelson are determined to outscore them next time.



Mrs Salter-Vaile

This week was Mrs Salter-Vaile's last week with us before she and her husband Jack become parents for the first time. She enjoyed a surprise baby shower on Tuesday lunchtime and I hope can now look forward to a few weeks rest before Baby Salter-Vaile arrives later this term.

Clothes Bags

Have you spotted our new clothing bank in the car park? This has been arranged through the Salvation Army, and will benefit the school as well as their good work as we will receive cash for each full bin, as well as keeping textiles out of landfill. The children are bringing home bags today, and we would be grateful for all donations, now and in the future. Thank you.

Enjoy the half term holiday, and we will see the children back in school on Tuesday 20th February.

Best wishes, David Bessant

Diary Dates 2017/18

12th Feb	Half Term Week
19th Feb	School closed for training
20th Feb	First day back after half term
28th Feb	Book Fair in school for one week
5th Mar	5MD visit to Dell Quay
12th Mar	Mock SATs week
12th Mar	Bikeability for Year 5 children
16th Mar	Film Club
21st Mar	5RV visit to Dell Quay
22nd Mar	PTA Easter Disco
27th Mar	Year 3 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace
28th Mar	Year 5 visit to Marwell Zoo
29th Mar	Winning House cinema and popcorn day
14th May	SATs Week