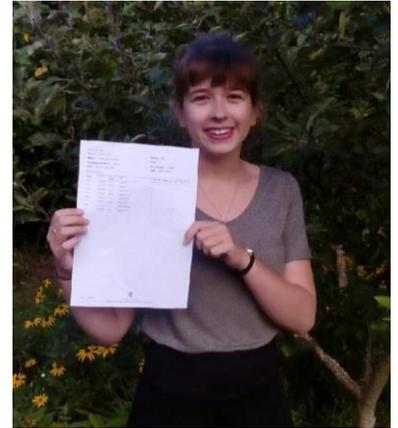


**Dear Parents & Carers,**

## **Learning – Laughing – Achieving**

### **Inspirational role models**

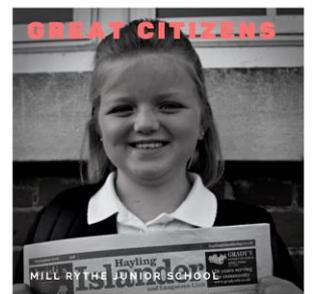
In the summer term of 2017 I had the pleasure of getting to know Holly Plater when she came to complete her work experience in 3NS with Mrs Salter-Vaile. At that time Holly was in year 10 at The Hayling College. When I met Holly I was struck by her composure and superb manner with staff and children alike and I have had the fortune of meeting her on several occasions since then. This summer Holly collected her GCSE results from The Hayling College and was understandably delighted to have achieved nine grade 9's. This is a phenomenal achievement and these results alongside the two A stars and the distinction she had previously achieved in year 10 are the reward for her commitment to making the most of all of the opportunities available to her. This month, Holly has started to study Maths, History, Spanish and Psychology at Havant College and she hopes to continue her studies at University in the future. When I spoke to Holly about her achievements, she spoke with real passion about the commitment of her teachers at the Hayling College and Mill Rythe Junior School alongside the support she has had from her family.



In school this week I have been delighted with the commitment shown by our children to their learning and their desire to grasp the opportunities that are presented to them. In Holly, they have a role model to aspire to in so many ways and I will look forward to celebrating their successes over the coming weeks, terms and years.

### **Great Citizens**

This young lady raised a fantastic amount of money this summer for the Little Princess Trust, when she had her hair cut to make a wig for children who are being treated for cancer. We have celebrated her kindness in school this week and she will be joining Poppy on our Great Citizens board. If your son or daughter is involved in a project that is making a difference to our local or wider community please come and speak to me about it so we can celebrate this with our children and staff in school.



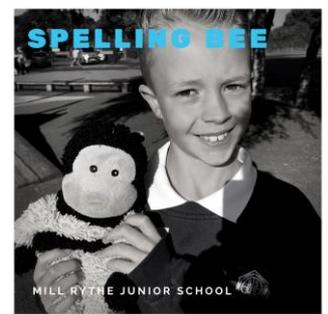
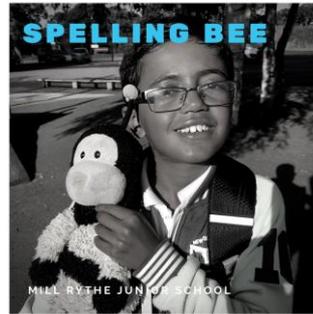
### **Summer Reading Challenge**

I have been blown away by the number of children who have completed the Hampshire Library Reading Challenge this summer. It is lovely to see our children loving reading and doing so in such large numbers. This photograph captures just some of the children who have been to show me their certificates and medals at school. I have given out a lot of house points this week!



## Spelling Bees

Mrs Brydon launched the Spelling Bee programme in school on Monday and it has created a real buzz about spelling. I am being approached by so many children to see if they have mastered the first set already and am delighted to celebrate the achievements of these four children:



I have been equally pleased with the children who have been to see me and made one or two errors but who have committed to going away and investing further time in practicing the spellings until they are mastered. Keep up the great work.

## Reading – Mrs Brydon

On Monday I had the pleasure of listening to some of our children read and to discuss their reading habits. It was an absolute delight hearing their enthusiasm for reading and listening to them tackling increasingly complex vocabulary.

In Year 4, Betty Casey read with a good, clear pace while paying close attention to punctuation. Gabriella Nesbitt-Jones chose her favourite author, and her reading of David Walliam's *Worst Children 2* kept us both entertained. In Year 5, Oliver Morgan Griffiths read *The Iron Fist*, and he wowed me with his ability to decode difficult language while keeping me entertained with his good pace and expression. Sophia Owens' love of reading was very clear as we discussed her favourite books. Sophia described how she loves to curl up on her mum's bed to read, as she likes the peace and quiet! In Year 6, Lily-May Lemin read *Jacqueline Wilson* beautifully, and we had a good discussion about what we had read and what steps Lily-May was going to take to make sure that she continues with good reading habits. Adam Hatrak brought along his favourite book by David Baddiel, one of many books he enjoys. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to him and he clearly demonstrated a love of reading.

Our reading focus this year is to develop reading fluency - reading with expression and intonation, at a good pace and at a level where the children are able to decode unfamiliar language with increasing ease. If you need any tips to help support your child, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

## 5AF Maths

This week year 5 have been settling back into work and getting stuck into learning about place value with numbers up to 100,000. I have again been impressed by year 5's learning behaviours. The pupils of 5AF have shown high levels of focus and a real determination to succeed even when the problem solving was a little tricky. Pupils have learnt to size order numbers, partition numbers in different ways and place numbers on an empty number line. Some pupils even managed to complete the 'Nrich' problem, 'Which scripts' where there are six numbers written in five different scripts and pupils have to work out which script is which. The end result of their hard work can be seen here. Well done to 5AF for such a successful start to the new academic year.



## Clubs

Thank you for the positive feedback about the range of clubs available to our children this term. I am really pleased with the variety of opportunities that are there for our children and will look forward to seeing them developing their passions across the Autumn term. I am lucky to work with a staff team who have the energy and desire to share their passions with our children beyond the school day.

## Parent Pop Ins

It was lovely to see so many parents in school on Wednesday evening as you came to look at your children's classrooms and say hello to class teachers. We will look forward to seeing you again at parents evening in October.

## Lost Property

Don't forget to check the table this Friday after school by the gate before Mr Miles stores any remaining items away.

## Staff Abseil

Mr Darby, Mrs Brydon and I would like to thank the children and parents who came to support us as we leapt from the Spinnaker Tower last Sunday. It was an amazing experience, in gusting winds, which challenged all of us to approach the leap with a Growth Mindset.



## National Beach Clean and Survey information

If you are looking for something to do as a family this weekend, the Marine Conservation Society are organising a national beach clean and survey along a variety of stretches of the Hampshire and Dorset coast line.

You can find out more information and register to volunteer to help with a beach clean and survey here: <https://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/events/gbbc>

Each clean and survey typically takes around 2 hours and they suggest bringing a decent pair of gardening gloves! Please note this is not a school organised activity. Children attending must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Come and speak to me next week if you go so we can celebrate this in school.

### And finally...

We have an Instagram account for the school which will enable family and friends to follow on a regular basis different aspects of school life. The account can be found by searching for **millrythejuniorschool**. There is another account called millrythejunior but this **is not** the current account for our school. **The school account is not for children to follow on their own Instagram app as this is not meant for children under the age of 13.**

Have a lovely weekend

David Bessant

Headteacher

### Key dates for the academic year 2018 – 2019 confirmed so far:

#### Autumn 1

24 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual School Photos
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	NSPCC online safety parent workshop 1.50-2.50pm
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening 4-7pm (booking available week before)
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening 4-6pm (booking available week before)
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 4 ACE time 2pm
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 3 ACE time 2pm
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 5 and 6 ACE time 2pm

#### Autumn 2

29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET day
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr 6 Calshot Activity Week
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Art Week
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Love of Christmas Day and Christmas Fair
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 3 Christingle Service at the Hayling College
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Hi5 Christmas Market
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 4-6 Christmas Performance am
20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Dinner

#### Spring 1

7 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET day
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Parents evening 4-7pm (booking available week before)
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents evening 4-6pm (booking available week before)
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 6 SATs Parents Information meeting 2.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Love Day

#### Spring 2

11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 6 Practice SATs week
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Yr 5 Parents Calshot Meeting

#### Summer 1

27 <sup>th</sup> April	Hi5 Family Fun Day
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr6 SATs week
17 <sup>th</sup> May	History of Art Day

#### Summer 2

3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET Day
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Yr 3/4 Sports Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Yr 5/6 Sports Day
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Leavers Disco
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 10am