



Dear Parents & Carers,

Learning – Laughing – Achieving

Year 3 and 4 Multi-skills festival

On Wednesday Mr Robinson and Mr Miles accompanied these six children to Southdowns College for a multi-skills festival. They had a brilliant morning experiencing a range of sports including golf, curling, basketball and football tennis. The children were a credit to MRJS and came back bubbling with enthusiasm for the sports that they had experienced for the first time. I will look forward to watching them continue to develop their passion for sport within our PE lessons this year.



Up for it

This week Portsmouth University spent the day with year 5 and gave them a taste for what university life would be like. The children were really enthused by this, and it allowed them to see what all their hard work in school could lead to, from SAT's, to GCSE's, college and beyond. It expelled a lot of myths about who can go to Uni and why they go. The children participated in numerous interactive, fun and inclusive activities to excite their minds, giving them a glimpse of the countless possibilities to come. Year 5 were also able to ask students and lecturers insightful questions about University life, which corrected any misconceptions or fears they may have had. University is a place where anyone can thrive, regardless of background, to pursue their interests and passion and hopefully turn it into a career or life they will feel truly happy in. No matter what anyone wants to study, master or become, as long as you have drive, motivation and passion, you can do it. At this time in their lives, the children can become anything they want to, and today allowed them to see how it could be done. Of course, you don't have to go to University to get the life you want, but if it's something you want to do, you definitely can.

Dell Quay

Last Friday, some of Year 5 had the chance to participate in a workshop run by Chichester Harbour Conservancy. During the workshop, the children went on guided walks to learn about the local environment and why it is considered to be an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). They were split into groups, taking on the role of: farmers, local residents, path users, marine businesses, conservationists and the organisation Natural England. In their groups, they discussed the impact a proposed coastal path would have on their community. Both the positives and negatives of this path were discussed from their differing viewpoints. Each child wrote down their own statement ready for debate. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed getting in role, the props and costumes helped too!



In the afternoon, the formal debate took place in the Council offices in Havant. Cristina was selected to chair the debate and to mediate the discussion taking place. Everyone had the chance to express their views. Natural England had to respond to any queries regarding their path, which they did confidently and thoughtfully. It was a lively discussion and the entire group enjoyed their first-hand debating experience.

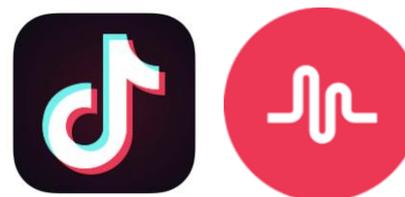


Keeping children safe online

Musical.ly has a new name - TikTok

The social network app Musical.ly has often given parents cause for concern, because of the way that children use it to generate and share their own short videos and lip sync to popular audio clips. The app has a new name and new features, and now includes live streaming.

Although the app has an age-limit of 13 years old, I am aware that younger children are using it, and the content may not be suitable.



Profiles on TikTok are automatically set to public, so that any content children post can be seen by anyone within the app. There is also a restricted mode which can help to filter out inappropriate content and prevent the user from being able to start their own live streams. Even with the restricted version, children can share videos with friends only. In this situation, I would urge parents to consider that children's videos shared with friends, can then be shared more widely.

You can find out more here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-tiktok-looking-latest-lip-syncing-app>

Lego Club

Mrs Ayling has been really impressed with the creativity and progress Lego Club are making in working together to follow a series of instructions as they construct a range of different models. This photograph captures their pride beautifully.



Lidl Grand Opening!

On Thursday morning, Mrs Hext and I had the pleasure of watching ten of our children cut the ribbon as they took part in the official opening of the new Lidl Superstore. Prior to opening, they were given a tour of the store where they learnt about the bakery, chose their favourite foods and were taught about the stores approach to specially discounted items.



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 2

6 th December	Love of Christmas Day and Christmas Fair, also Festive Jumper Day
11 th December	Yr 3 Christingle Service at the Hayling College
15 th December	Hi5 Christmas Market
19 th December	Yr 4-6 Christmas Performance am
20 th December	School Christmas Dinner
21 st December	Last day of term

Spring 1

7 th January	INSET day
23 rd January	Parents evening 4-7pm (booking available week before)
24 th January	Parents evening 4-6pm (booking available week before)
28 th January	Yr 6 SATs Parents Information meeting 2.30pm
1 st February	Film Club
14 th February	Love Day

Spring 2

11 th -14 th March	Yr 6 Practice SATs week
21 st March	Yr 5 Parents Calshot Meeting
29 th March	Mothers' Day Sale

Summer 1

3 rd April	Easter Disco
27 th April	Hi5 Family Fun Day
13 th – 16 th May	Yr6 SATs week
17 th May	History of Art Day
17 th May	Film Club

Summer 2

3 rd June	INSET Day
14 th June	Fathers' Day Sale
1 st July	Yr 3/4 Sports Day
2 nd July	Yr 5/6 Sports Day
17 th July	Yr 6 Leavers Disco
23 rd July	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 10am