



Dear Parents & Carers,

Learning – Laughing – Achieving

A day in the life of Year 4

On Wednesday, Year 4 went on an exciting school trip to Southampton Art Gallery as part of their art unit on painting and drawing. For many children, it was a first opportunity to look around an art gallery and it did not fail to disappoint. The children loved going on a scavenger hunt around the gallery, looking at different pieces of art across the ages, including a painting by Lowry. The modern art room caused lots of fascination, especially a giant sculpture of a bed and a piece of art made of elephant dung! Another highlight was being able to look at some of Leonardo Da Vinci's drawings, a once in a lifetime opportunity. All children also took part in a watercolour and drawing workshop and produced some beautiful tree sunsets. We were so proud of the children's behaviour and enthusiasm around the museum and the museum staff commented on how polite and well behaved the children were. Well done Year 4!



A week in the life of 6SE

In English, children have been redrafting and writing up their own entry for a compendium based on the book, 'Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them' which links to the Greek myth writing we have already completed. These look absolutely brilliant and will be compiled into our very own book entitled 'Mythical Creatures & Where to Find Them.'

Making predictions in reading, we have been using evidence in the text and our inference skills, along with our knowledge of themes and conventions, to predict the most likely events to occur next. They have got really good at this skill although a few of the children are still upset at the thought that Mr. Nibbles days are likely to be numbered due to the 'Killer 5000 mousetrap!'

In Maths, we have been finishing off our algebra unit by looking at the 'dreaded' nth term! This is one of the hardest topics we do in year 6 and we have been really pleased with how well they've approached this.

In afternoon subjects, the children have enjoyed continuing to learn the ukulele (although we're not quite orchestra ready!) refining their sewing skills while making their own mobile phone cases, along with making periscopes in science to help them understand the way light travels.

Hi-5 Family Fun Day

This was an amazing event last year and the plans for this year suggest an even more exciting day for everyone involved. The gates open at 11am with the final activities finishing at 4pm. I'll look forward to seeing as many of you as possible tomorrow.

Governor Update

I am writing to update you with some of the recent work the governors have been involved with in supporting the school. The governing body recently reviewed our new school values and vision statement which has had input from all parts of our school community and sets out what we will be working towards in the medium term. This will be available on the website soon.

One part of the governor's role is to undertake monitoring visits and these play a crucial role in supporting the school to achieve the best outcomes for the children. Last term our visits included looking at safeguarding, school finances, pupil progress and health and safety. Governors have also been kept informed about the exciting work that is ongoing in reviewing the curriculum foundation subjects and the changes that will be made from September 2019. The changes will lead to the children having greater knowledge in all areas of the curriculum and will be built on in subsequent years resulting in them having more highly developed skills.

Governors are aware of the fantastic work that our PTA undertakes and together with your support is helping to improve outcomes for the children by funding resources that enhance their learning and playtimes. School funding is extremely challenging and the governors recognise and really value the efforts of the PTA and all that parents and carers do to contribute to our school. On behalf of the governors, I thank you for this continued support.

Finally, we are extremely lucky to have staff who give up their time to run extra-curricular clubs that are giving the children the chance to try a wide range of activities over and above the usual school subjects. The clubs are very well attended and really do enhance a child's school experience and sometimes, having tried something different, are leading to a life-long passion for some pupils who have now left the school.

The summer term is always a busy one and we look forward to seeing you at one of the many events planned.

Lisa Charlton
Chair of Governors

Sunshine!

The weather has been beautiful this week and I am sure this will continue across the summer term. Please can children come to school with sun cream already applied before they leave home. Children may also bring their own sun cream into school to re-apply as needed during the school day. If your child is unable to do this for themselves please bring a letter into the office which gives staff permission to apply sun cream for your child. I would also like to encourage all of our children to come into school with water bottles and hats so that they remain well hydrated and can keep the sun off their face and neck during the day. We've had a lot of requests for cups this week from children who have not had their own water bottles with them.

Ice Pop Wednesday

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 Wednesdays this term the PTA will be offering the children a chance to buy an ice pop for 20p after they have eaten their lunch. All of the money raised from the ice pops will be invested in new playground equipment for our children.

Henry – Healthy Start, Bright Future

Please find attached to this letter an information leaflet about the Growing Up Henry programme which is run by Havant Family Support Service. This looks like a great course focused on developing healthier lifestyles for families. If you would be interested in attending please speak to myself, Mrs Ginn or Miss Vousden.

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:

Summer 1

27 th April	Hi5 Family Fun Day
7th May	Yr3 Harold Hillier Gardens
13 th – 16 th May	Yr6 SATs week
17 th May	History of Art Day
17 th May	Film Club
23 rd May	Yr 5 Marwell Zoo

Summer 2

3 rd June	INSET Day
13 th June	Yr 5&6 Matilda
14 th June	Fathers' Day Sale
14 th June	Film Club
1st July	Yr 3/4 Sports Day
2 nd July	Yr 5/6 Sports Day
4 th July	Yr 5 Winchester Science Museum
17 th July	Yr 6 Leavers Disco
23 rd July	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 10am