

Learning – Laughing – Achieving

A week in the life of 4AT

4SH have been very active in their learning from performing a rounding rap in Maths: 'Slip to the side and look for a five' to hot seating each other in role as James, from James and Giant Peach, in English. We have particularly enjoyed our science unit: Living things and have learnt actions to help us classify different vertebrates. You can see our actions below for fish (fins and gills) and amphibians (cold-blooded with wet and slimy skin). We have then moved on to studying invertebrates.



We loved making our own insects and arachnids and we learnt that an insect has a head, thorax and abdomen but an arachnid only has a head and abdomen.



Wildflower Island

A group called Wildflower Island are starting an exciting new project on the Mill Rythe copse outside the school in order to promote bio-diversity on the island. They will be planting a range of wildflowers including snowdrops, crocuses and bluebells in order to attract all forms of wildlife including bees and butterflies. Clearing and planting will begin on the 15th October so please do take care not to tread on their work in this area. You are more than welcome to have a look at what is going on over the next few months and speak to the people involved. There are also leaflets in the office if you would like any more information about how you can make some small changes in order to support wildlife in your own gardens.



School Council - Democracy

Throughout last week brave individuals delivered their election speeches to the rest of their class in the hope that they would be voted as their class' representative in the school council. On Friday afternoon last week, each class member went into the 'Polling Station' and voted for the person who they wanted to represent their class's thoughts and ideas. Votes were counted and our school council has now been formed. Mrs Salter-Vaile delivered the good news to each class on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to everyone who showed an interest by delivering speeches and congratulations to our new school council!

3IC - Sam Birmingham
3SW - Scarlett Tucker
4MC - Evie McBride
4SH - Alice Burroughs
4AT - Erin Hartman
5AF – Tilly Howard
5JH - Emmy Day
5MD – Finley Hill and Katie Yates
6SG - Ada Luckos
6GR - Henry Seddon
6SB – George Bennett and Grace Harding

Harbour School

Year 3 were all really excited to hear that we would be having some special visitors come into school to work specifically with them this half term. Kate and Angela, from the Chichester Harbour Conservation Society, have kindly given up some of their own time to work closely with our year 3 children. They shared their wide knowledge with the children and showed them some key skills which in turn would help them understand about the area of outstanding natural beauty which surrounds our school.

On the first visit the children learnt key Geography skills including how to read and interpret an aerial photograph and map. They also drew sketches of the landscapes and detailed key areas such as the boat yard and the mud flaps. As they walked along the lush green footpaths beside the school, they collected items to create a sticky time line to remember everything they had seen.

After an action packed first visit the children were excited for the second visit which saw the children venture down on to the shore line. They were looking for the different creatures that inhabit the mud flaps. They became budding biologists, identifying various birds, creatures and plants. The children were brave enough to have a close encounter with some crustaceans.

The final visit saw the children investigating how different plants have their seeds dispersed across the surrounding environment. They were able to identify airborne, digested and sticky seeds. The children collected as many examples of these seeds as possible along with



different types of leaves and berries. This culminated in a fantastic piece of work where the children used their artistic skills to crush and bash what they had collected on to a piece of white cloth. This created some unique patterns and artwork which the children were thrilled with. Many took the home excitedly to show friends and family.

This was a fabulous experience for the children of year 3 and it was a privilege to be part of it. The children learnt so much about how to be responsible for the local environment that is on their doorstep. We would like to say a big thank you to Kate and Angela from the Chichester Harbour Conservation Society for their visits to year 3 at Mill Rythe Junior School.

Mrs Jenner and Mr Price



Culture Club

We learnt a lot in culture club today about the history of football. We used the gigasetts to find the answers to a quiz in order to win a prize. Along with many other facts, we found out that footballs used to be made out of pigs bladders and that the red and yellow cards were inspired by traffic lights! We then designed our own football strips.

Multiplication Parents Workshop

It was lovely to see so many parents at both the workshops run by Miss Vousden yesterday. She has written to parents today to provide a little more guidance around arithmetic homework. Within this email, she has also shared the resources that she looked at with parents as part of the workshop.

Reading Workshop

Please come and join Mrs Brydon at 9am or 5pm next Thursday at school to look at different approaches to supporting your child with reading. This is a chance for Mrs Brydon to share a range of strategies that we use in school that can also be used at home. The sessions will last for about thirty minutes.

Safeguarding – County Lines

Attached to the email with this week's newsletter is a guide to County Lines. County Lines has become increasingly prominent in local and social media and I hope this will provide some useful information to parents and carers. If having read this you have any concerns or would like to discuss this with me further please come and see me or give me a call at 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 2019 – 2020 confirmed so far:

(Changes/additions are in bold the week they are added)

Autumn 1

- 15th October Flu Immunisations
- 17th October 9am and 5pm Parent Reading Workshops with Mrs Brydon
- 17th October Year 4 QE Country Park Trip
- 18th October Year 6 Routine Weigh and Measure
- 21st October Non-uniform in return for toiletry donations – details to follow
- 23rd October Parents evening 4-7pm
- 24th October Parents evening 4-6pm
- 24th October Year 5 World War 1 Day – parents welcome from 2pm

Autumn 2

- 4th November Inset day
- 5th November Winning House ice bun and non-uniform
- 6th November Spooky Disco 5 – 6.15pm
- 9th November Hi-5 Fireworks Display – tickets available at school office
- 12th November Year 5 Citizenship Day
- 18th – 22nd November Year 6 Calshot and Art Week
- 22nd November Art Week work display**
- 25th November Non-uniform in return for chocolate donations – details to follow
- 25th November PTA Film Club
- 28th November Year 3 Portals to the past (in school)
- 28th November Year 2 Parents Open sessions 9am and 6pm
- 2nd December Love of Christmas Day, Christmas Shopping and Christmas Fair
- 6th December Final day of clubs for the Autumn term
- 18th December Year 4-6 Christmas Performance at St Mary's Church
- 19th December Celebration Assembly 9am
- 19th December Christmas Dinner
- 20th December Assembly Last day of term and Winning House Swimming Reward

Spring 1

- 6th January Inset day
- 9th January Calshot information meeting for year 5 parents
- 13th January Spring term clubs start
- 17th January PTA Film Club
- 22nd January 4-7pm Parents Evening
- 23rd January 4-6pm Parents evening
- 23rd January Love of Inventors Day
- 30th January Year 6 SATs information meeting 2.30pm
- 14th February Love Day

Spring 2

- 24th February Winning House Ice Bun and non-uniform
- 2nd March PTA Film Club
- 5th March World Book Day
- 19th March 9am and 5pm Parents Forum
- 20th March PTA Shopping day for someone special
- 23rd March Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip**
- 27th March Final day of clubs for the Spring term
- 31st March Easter Disco
- 2nd April Intervention Celebration Assembly 9am
- 3rd April Winning House Cinema and Popcorn

Summer 1

27th April Summer term clubs start

4th May PTA Film Club

7th May Year 3 Harold Hillier Gardens Trip

8th May Bank Holiday

11th – 14th May SATs week

15th May Love of History of Art

Summer 2

1st June Inset day

Week beginning 1st June **Year 6 Bikeability**

2nd June Winning House ice bun and non-uniform

5th June Art Exhibition in School

19th June PTA Shopping day for someone special

29th June Year 3 and 4 Sports Day and picnic

30th June Year 5 and 6 Sports Day and picnic

1st July Year 2 Parents Welcome Evening

3rd July Final day of clubs for the Summer term

6th July Year 5 and 6 Reserve Sports Day and picnic

7th July Year 3 and 4 Reserve Sports Day and picnic

7th & 8th July Hayling College Year 6 Transition Days

8th July MRJS Transition Day

13th July Year 6 Paultons Park Reward Day

15th July Art Exhibition

16th July Year 6 Leavers Evening

17th July Year 6 Enterprise Day

21st July Winning House BBQ and water fight

22nd July Year 6 and Parents Leavers Assembly 10am

22nd July Last Day of Term