



Beautiful Work – 5AF

Our Oceans are Dying

Over the last decade, plastic has been polluting our precious planet. As a result of our actions, our oceans are being consumed by plastic. Marine creatures are becoming entangled, they are choking and dying. Our oceans are perishing.

Our wonderful sea-life is perishing. Species are in danger and their lives are fading away. If we don't act now, there will be no turning back. We need to ask, what can we do to help?

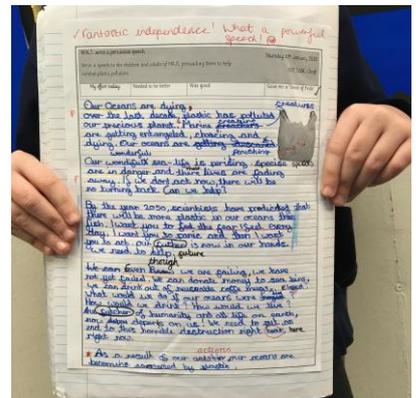
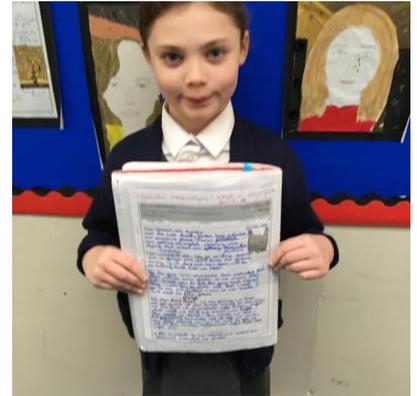
By the year 2050, scientists have predicted that there will be more plastic in our oceans than fish. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day; I want you to panic and then I want you to act. Our future is now in your hands. We need you to help.

Even though we are failing, we have not yet failed. We can donate money to sea bins, we can drink from reusable coffee mugs. The future of all life on Earth, including humanity, depends on us. We need to put an end to this horrible destruction right here, right now.

Just one of so many amazing examples of the speeches being written by children in year 5.

Chichester Conservancy

On Wednesday, some Year 5 pupils journeyed to Chichester harbour to work with members of the Harbour Conservancy team. The children learnt all about why the harbour is protected as an A.O.N.B (area of outstanding natural beauty). Walking around the harbour, the children were able to identify many birds and other creatures living in the local area and they even got to create their own 'sticky pictures' with the natural things they found! The purpose of the visit was to debate the issue of a coastal path which is set to be built around the whole of England's coastline later this year. The children were put into different groups and had to decide, in role, whether or not they were for or against the path's construction. The children then had the opportunity to deliver their opinions in Havant Plaza using a room where local council debates are held. Using the microphones was exciting! The staff from Chichester Harbour Conservancy were blown away by the quality of the children's speeches and the thought behind issues raised. A fantastic day was had by everyone – well done Year 5!



A week in the life of 3IC

3IC have had another busy week of learning, In English, they have been writing their final hot writes describing the forest in the story 'The Tin Forest'. They have been writing from the point of view of the one of the animals in the scene and using a range of descriptive language, prepositions and apostrophes for possession. The children have enjoyed developing their editing skills to improve their first drafts. In Maths, we have been working hard on solving a range of addition and subtract word problems.

In Geography, 3IC have become mountain climbing experts. If you ever need to know what to take up a mountain, ask 3IC! They created some informative posters explaining what clothing and equipment you would need. Over the past few weeks, the children have enjoyed learning about the structure of the earth and how mountains are made. They have also been learning the names of the highest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales - please test their knowledge. In Science, the children have become geologists and have been exploring the different types of rocks. This week, they explored how fossils are made.

Prejudicial Behaviours and Protected Characteristics

In Tuesday's assembly the children learnt about prejudicial behaviours; that is, unkind or bullying behaviours motivated by prejudice towards a particular characteristic. We learnt that unfortunately, certain characteristics are more likely to incite prejudicial behaviours such as someone's gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability and that in Britain, these are called 'protected characteristics.' This is because it is against the law to bully or discriminate against somebody because of these characteristics. If we teach our children to be kind, tolerant and respectful of difference, then they have the power to change the world for the better and ensure that people are not victim to prejudicial behaviours.

Trick Box

The new trick for this week was 'Big Voice.' This trick is one which develops children's confidence. When we are good at something, we like to practise it, and know that the more we practise, the better we get. But sometimes it is tempting to give up when we find learning something new too difficult. A voice inside us says 'just give up, you can't do it, it's too hard or what's the point?' Big Voice teaches us to say to ourselves 'YOU CAN DO IT' and encourages us to keep going, keep working hard to get better and succeed. We practised whispering 'you can do it' and then we shouted 'YOU CAN DO IT' as loudly as we could-nearly 300 voices in the hall almost took the roof off, but it certainly gave us a confidence boost! Try using that 'Big Voice' next time you feel like giving up on something!



Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day

This week year 4 have had an amazing day immersed in the life of an Anglo Saxon. They will be able to tell you all about the clothes they wore, where and why they settled and some games they played. We were fascinated to learn about how they used leaves and plants for healing aches and pains and that garlic helped with a toothache and even verrucas! (DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!) Writing with a quill was good fun but we are grateful for the pens and pencils we use today as they are a lot less messy!

Do you have your usual seat at the dining table? Well year 4 have learnt about the hierarchy of the seating arrangement around an Anglo Saxon dinner table. Unfortunately for some, the least important person at the table didn't even get a spoon!

Quiz your children- If an elder passes on a sword to you, who is more important? The elder or you?

Paddington Bear's First Concert

A local orchestra, the Havant Symphony Orchestra, is performing a special concert for you, your family and friends in March. Come and experience the magical music from the Harry Potter films, be whisked to a galaxy far, far away by the music from Star Wars, and accompany Paddington to his first concert. You might also meet the composer Elgar's friends and imagine the Nutcracker dance. Attached to this newsletter are some flyers for anyone who might be interested in going to see an orchestra perform live just for you.

Lost Property

Mrs Hext has set up a lost property Instagram page: **mrjs_lost_property** Any unclaimed items are photographed and shared before being held in school for the next term. If you spot any clothing belonging to your child please comment below each photo so that we can return it to them or pop into the office to collect it. Can I ask all parents to re-check PE kit, coats and school uniform to ensure that full names are clearly labelled in all items of clothing. Thank you.

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)

Spring 1

14th February Love Day & last day of term

Spring 2

24th February Winning House Ice Bun and non-uniform

5th March World Book Day – book donations

9th March Year 6 Practice SATs Week

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 Year 4 Southampton Art Gallery Trip

27th March Final day of clubs for the Spring term

31st March Easter Disco

2nd April Celebration Assembly 9am (invitation only)

3rd April Winning House Cinema and Popcorn & last day of term

Summer 1

20th April First day back in school

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 Year 6 SATs week

15th May Love of History of Art

22nd May Last day of term

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

13th July Years 3, 4 & 5 PTA Non-uniform day £1 contribution

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