



### **Havant Indoor Athletics Championships**

Before half term, we took 48 athletes from across years 3 - 6 to the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth for the Havant Schools Indoor Athletics Competition. Unfortunately, a double booking of the sports hall meant that only the track events could be completed on the day. I was delighted with the commitment of our children; their technique, speed and power off of the reversa boards was the reward for the hours that they had spent practicing often in wet early morning conditions since September. It was lovely to watch the enjoyment that our children felt in seeing their friends performing so well. I was also incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves with children from other schools – always ensuring hands were shaken at the end of each race.

The top six teams were then invited to Priory School in Portsmouth this week to complete the field events. Some of the stand out performances included: Summer triple jumping 5.94m, Oliver chest pushing 8.4m, Maxim launching the javelin 19m, Arabella completing 54 speed bounce and Cameron triple jumping 6.02m.

22 teams were entered in this year's competition. I am so proud of our Green team who finished in 15<sup>th</sup> place. They were followed by our white team who finished in a brilliant 7<sup>th</sup> place. Our red team finished a sensational 4<sup>th</sup> whilst our Blue team finished just 7 points behind Purbrook A in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. As a school, we will now represent Havant at the County finals in March.

I am delighted with what the children of Mill Rythe have achieved in sport in the last three years but I am most proud of the huge numbers of children who are representing our school. To take 48 children who were so well prepared to this competition is a huge credit to Mr Robinson and Miss Lewis who inspire our children every day in PE. In a few week's time we will be taking sixty children to represent the school at rugby. Our aspiration this year is that every child at MRJS will represent the school in at least one sport for either the school or their house. More details about Project Everyone will follow in the summer term.

Following the first event at Mountbatten I received the email below from one of a number of parents who came along to lend their support:

What was remarkable was how many races Mill Rythe children won in individual heats and also how well trained they all were. I don't know which school will have won overall but the school can be extremely proud of the standard of athleticism that the Mill Rythe children exhibited yesterday. I know this is directly a result of Mr Bessant and Mr Robinson's consistent hard work. It was a brilliant opportunity for these children.

### **Roman Day**

The children of year 3 were introduced to life in the Roman army on Monday by Centurion Price and Centurion Jenner. The children discovered that life in the army had its advantages and disadvantages. They would have to march 20 miles a day in their heavy armour, be able to swim across rivers, dig ramparts and build forts. If you enlist in the Roman army you will have to stay for 25 years. The children learnt that if you disobey orders or fall asleep on duty, the punishment was death. During the afternoon the children designed their own shields and learnt different formations using them to help defend their expanding empire.



## A week in the life of 6SB

6SB have come back to school rested and refreshed after half term and are ready to start where they left off. We have had a really busy week already! In English, we are continuing with our work on Greek Myths and have been looking at techniques of characterisation. This has led to some fantastic apprentice writes that are full of rich vocabulary and imaginative description and I've been really impressed by the quality of writing that has been produced so far. In Maths we have been learning about the internal angles of triangles and quadrilaterals, calculating missing angles and applying our knowledge to problems.

In the afternoons we have continued to develop our ukulele skills (ask us what Froggy did!) and are putting our final touches to our mobile phone cases. We've worked so hard on our designs and our sewing skills have really improved since the start of term. I've hardly had to help anyone thread their needles this week! They should be finished soon and be ready to be put to good use.

## Lent

On Tuesday we learnt all about Lent in assembly. It began with all of us taking part in some role play. We had to act out all the things we did that morning to prepare for school like brushing our teeth and having a wash. Miss Harrison then linked this preparation to the preparation Jesus did before he started his teachings, when he spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert. During that time the devil tempted him. Molly bravely stepped in to play the role of Jesus and Sammy took on the role of the devil. We all enjoyed them acting out the story. Well done you two! The assembly ended with the meaning of Lent- when Christians give something up as symbolism for Jesus going without food and drink for so long. It is the countdown to Easter where Christians remember that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

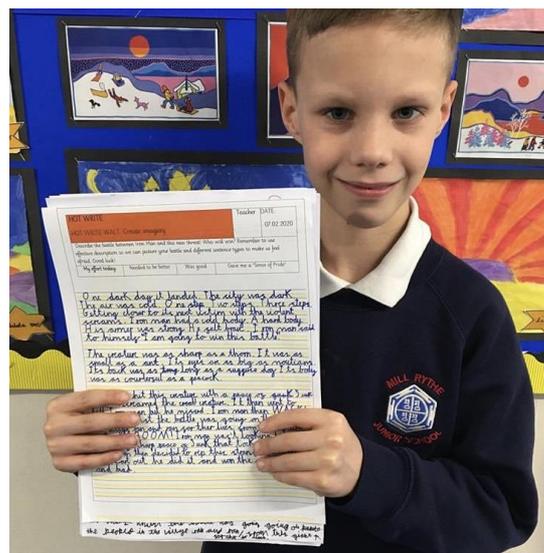
## Parental Love Day Feedback

I would like to thank everyone involved with 'Love Day'. It was once again a complete hit with my children. My yr 6 child was excited because he had waited 'all my years' to have first choice and my yr 4 couldn't comprehend that the children at the school I work at did not have a 'Love Day.' I know these days take a lot of organising but it is appreciated and is what makes Mill Rythe such a special school.

## A week in the life of 4MC

In English, we have published our hot writes where we wrote our own battle scene that involved a creature we designed ourselves. It was a scene which was inspired by the book Iron Man. We were able to showcase our imaginative skills as well as demonstrate some exciting storytelling to engage the reader. We will be continuing the robot theme in the upcoming weeks where we will be making our own robots as part of DT and Science. Our robots will include a working electrical circuit.

We have been learning about Hindu worship in RE as part of our Worship unit and as a follow up to our visit to St. Mary's church before half term. As part of this unit, we also created our own stained-glass windows using acrylic paint and pva glue. They looked beautiful in the classroom windows when the sun shone through them.



## **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 2**

5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day – book donations  
9<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 Practice SATs Week  
19<sup>th</sup> March 9am and 5pm Parents Forum  
20<sup>th</sup> March PTA Shopping day for someone special  
23<sup>rd</sup> March Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 5AF & 5JH Rivers Trip  
27<sup>th</sup> March Year 4 Southampton Art Gallery  
27<sup>th</sup> March Final day of clubs for the Spring term  
30<sup>th</sup> March Year 3 Roman Day  
30<sup>th</sup> March 5MD Rivers Trip  
31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Disco  
2<sup>nd</sup> April Celebration Assembly 9am (invitation only)  
3<sup>rd</sup> April Winning House Cinema and Popcorn & last day of term

### **Summer 1**

20<sup>th</sup> April First day back in school  
27<sup>th</sup> April Summer term clubs start  
4<sup>th</sup> May PTA Film Club  
7<sup>th</sup> May Year 3 Harold Hillier Gardens Trip  
8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday  
11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATs week  
15<sup>th</sup> May Love of History of Art  
22<sup>nd</sup> May Last day of term

### **Summer 2**

1<sup>st</sup> June Inset day  
Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June Year 6 Bikeability  
2<sup>nd</sup> June Winning House ice bun and non-uniform  
5<sup>th</sup> June Art Exhibition in School  
19<sup>th</sup> June PTA Shopping day for someone special  
29<sup>th</sup> June Year 3 and 4 Sports Day and picnic  
30<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 and 6 Sports Day and picnic  
1<sup>st</sup> July Year 2 Parents Welcome Evening  
3<sup>rd</sup> July Final day of clubs for the Summer term  
6<sup>th</sup> July Year 5 and 6 Reserve Sports Day and picnic  
7<sup>th</sup> July Year 3 and 4 Reserve Sports Day and picnic  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July Hayling College Year 6 Transition Days  
8<sup>th</sup> July MRJS Transition Day

13<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Paultons Park Reward Day  
13<sup>th</sup> July Years 3, 4 & 5 PTA Non-uniform day £1 contribution  
15<sup>th</sup> July Art Exhibition  
16<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers Evening  
17<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Enterprise Day  
21<sup>st</sup> July Winning House BBQ and water fight  
22<sup>nd</sup> July Year 6 and Parents Leavers Assembly 10am  
22<sup>nd</sup> July Last Day of Term