

## Learning – Laughing – Achieving

Dear Mill Rythe Family,

Having read the updated guidance from both the Government and DfE, I'm afraid that we are not going to be able to invite parents and carers to either sports days or an end of year, year 6 assembly this term. I had really hoped that we could welcome you back to school to share these events with us but the priority must remain reducing rates of transmission and whilst the number of positive cases remain relatively low in Havant the Delta variant is highly transmissible and cases are increasing. By minimising the number of people coming onto our site we will be doing all we can to ensure that Calshot and other end of term events have the best chance of taking place as well as protecting extended families. We will share photos and videos from sports day via Instagram. Mrs Brydon is writing to year 6 parents separately with an update on end of term activities for year 6.

Sports day will now be run in year group bubbles on the following days and sessions.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 morning  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 afternoon  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 morning  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 afternoon

As in previous years, children will compete in their four house colours earning points for their team. Whilst it is lovely to win a race, the points earned in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> places are just as valuable to the teams and these positions often decide the winning house. Our children are brilliant at encouraging each other and recognising everyone's personal achievements.

Please can children wear the following colours for their houses:

Victory – red t-shirt  
Nelson – blue t-shirt  
Trafalgar – yellow t-shirt  
Hardy – green t-shirt

As our children are going to be outside for at least a couple of hours please can all children come to school wearing sun cream, a cap and with plenty of water. Children will need come to school wearing their PE kit and house t-shirts on the day too and can remain in this all day.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental health affects us all, but did you know that 1 in 10 children and young people suffer poor mental health in childhood, including depression, anxiety and conduct disorder? The emotional wellbeing of children is just as important as their physical health. Good mental health allows children and young people to develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into healthy, well-rounded adults. This half term, we are running some TrickBox groups to support children with various aspects of mental health and wellbeing, with a particular emphasis on building confidence and developing calming strategies for when they feel frustrated or angry. In smaller, more focussed groups, we hope that the TrickBox strategies will become a useful tool in children's toolkit to help them manage their emotions and behaviours. If you feel that this is something your child would benefit from

and they have not received a letter about his already, please let the school office know and I will add them to the list for the next round of groups. Mrs Wintle

If you would like to find out more about the Trick Box programme, please visit their website here; [www.trickbox.co.uk](http://www.trickbox.co.uk)

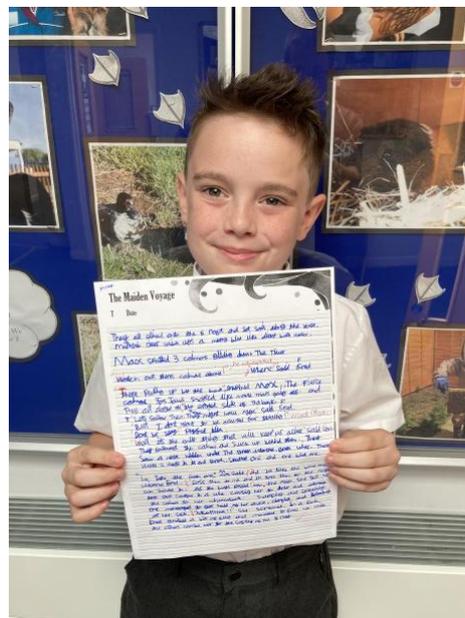
## A week in the life of...

### Year 6

I'm writing this looking out at the drizzle and wondering what has happened to the lovely weather from the start of the week. The children have loved being out on the field, reading outside and playing in the sunshine so let's hope it comes back soon!

In science this week, year 6 have been exploring batteries and circuits. The sound of buzzers ringing out from every classroom has been joyful and we are really looking forward to exploring electricity further next week - this time, looking at the width of wire and its effect on the brightness of bulbs.

In music, we have moved on from Blues music and have learnt about Jazz this week. It's been really special seeing some of the children broadening their music knowledge and enjoying 'older' music from black musicians. We've even recognised some of the music from adverts we've watched - Billie Holiday's music was featured in a recent Chanel No 5 advert.



In RE, we've learnt about Islam and Ramadan, and how traditions, rituals and prayer brings peace to Muslims.

In RHE, we have broadened our financial knowledge, learning about how to spot value for money. We are quite 'money-savvy' now, so we should be able to save you some money on your purchases!

It's not long until Paultons Park and Calshot so we are looking forward to making the most of our final weeks in school; it's going by so quickly!

### Year 5

Year 5 were eased in to the final summer term with a glorious trip to Chichester Harbour to study the river. The sun was shining and there wasn't a breeze in the air, as we spent time on the river bank sketching the landscape and taking measurements of the water. In the classroom we explored the effects of erosion on the river bank and recreated a river meander, complete with labels. The children were a credit to the school and the staff at the Education Centre commented on how knowledgeable they were on the topic of rivers and also how polite and well behaved they were. Well done year 5.



## Year 4

This week in English, we have been writing persuasive texts using the story 'Toro Toro' as our inspiration. We know they need to include, conjunctions, emotive language, adverbs for time, writing grouped into paragraphs with topic and supporting sentences. In Maths we have been learning about angles and position. We have had to learn compass directions, clockwise and anti-clockwise and angles.

In Science, we began a new unit on humans and animals. We explored ingestion and the role that different parts of the mouth play and we enjoyed creating models to show this. This afternoon, we enjoyed tasting different Spanish ingredients as part of our DT topic on a healthy and varied diet and Geography topic on Spain. We were really pleased that so many children tried something new that they hadn't tried before!

## Year 3

Year 3 have been immersed in the story of Charlie and the chocolate factory. They have been given a golden ticket, tempted with chocolate and sweets and I am pleased to say they were all excellent.

It is clear to see they are all doing extremely well learning their times tables both at school and at home. This is showing in their maths work as they have tackled written multiplication methods. In RHE, they have been learning about risks, dangers and hazards and how to stay safe. Ask them what the 4 emergency services are and what they need to say if they call 999!

As always, I am proud of all the children in year 3, they are really maturing and showing us they are ready for the challenges of year 4!

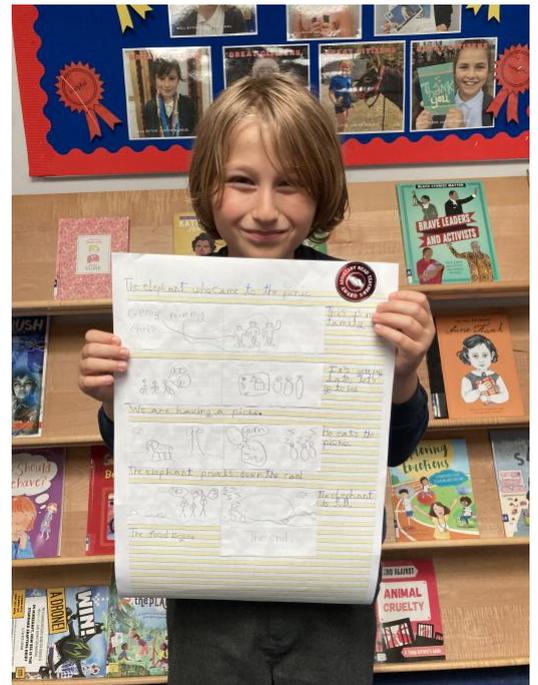
## And finally...

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 **millrythejunior**. 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.** We also have a lost property Instagram page which can be found at **MRJS\_lost\_property**. We will hold all lost property until the end of a half term at which point it will be donated.

Have a lovely weekend.

David Bessant

Headteacher



## **Key Dates**

### **Summer 2**

28<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 Assessment Week

28<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 and 6 Sports Day

29<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 and 3 Sports Day

2<sup>nd</sup> July Transition Day

5<sup>th</sup> July Bikeability week for Year 6

15<sup>th</sup> July Year 3 trip to Harold Hillier Gardens

16<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 at Paultons Park

19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July Calshot

22<sup>nd</sup> July Winning House BBQ and Waterfight

### **Inset Days 2021-2022**

2<sup>nd</sup> September

3<sup>rd</sup> September

1<sup>st</sup> November

4<sup>th</sup> January

6<sup>th</sup> June