



Friday 8th April

Dear parents/carers

As we come to the Easter holidays, I can reflect that we have certainly fitted a lot into the term since Christmas, which now feels like a very long time ago! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, children, parents and school community for being so supportive and encouraging throughout my time as Acting Headteacher. I am incredibly proud of all of the children this term for their effort and enthusiasm; it has been fantastic to see so many children achieving across all areas. Whether that achievement was being awarded their spelling bee for the first time, performing in school assembly, creating beautiful art work or being thoughtful citizens with so many children making fantastic efforts to fundraise for charities that they believe in this term – they are all truly inspirational. Congratulations to Trafalgar who have won the house competition for this half-term and have enjoyed a cinema afternoon toady.

Sporting Events – Tag Rugby and Football.

It has been great this term to take part in the first sports competitions for the last two years which is yet another step towards our new normality. All of the children really enjoyed these events and we had some significant success with the Year 3 and 4 team coming second whilst the Year 5 & 6 team won the tag rugby competition despite the rather tumultuous weather.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Croft and Sarah Brown for giving up their time to run our tag rugby club.



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We were able to take two football teams to the National League Trust under 11's football competition. It was the first time the school has entered this event and all children played exceptionally well. Our mixed year 5/6 team played extremely well, improving and gaining confidence with every game. Our year 6 boys team, played at a very high level and managed to maintain their cool going on to win the event for the Havant and Waterlooville area. This team will go onto the next stage in the competition playing against the best school teams in Hampshire with the support of Havant and Waterlooville Football Club in the summer term.

I know that all adults involved who supported our children at these events were extremely proud of their effort, sportsmanship and behaviour.



Ukulele Club

Ukulele club did a fantastic job by performing the songs that they have been working on in whole school assembly. It was lovely to see how far they have all come with learning how to play.

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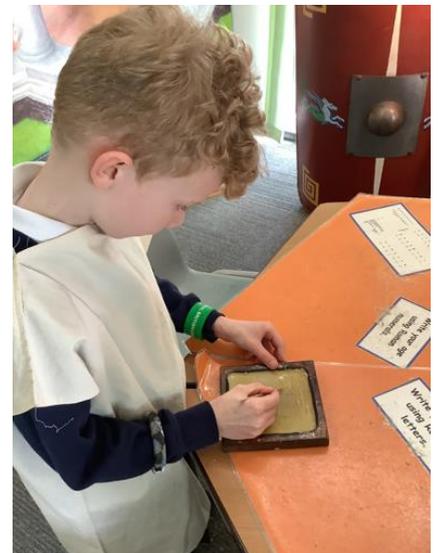
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Year 3

Year 3 have absolutely loved learning about the Romans this half term and how they came to live in Britain. The highlight has to be a hugely successful trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace. The children were able to examine the remains of the palace including some impressive mosaics before taking part in a hands-on workshop. Dressed as Roman slaves, the children had a go at weaving; writing using a stylus on papyrus or a wax tablet; play Roman games; making mosaics and role playing in a Roman kitchen. Back in school, the children have been improving their clay modelling skills and made some impressive Roman pots as well learning about Roman musical instruments in music. In English, we have been reading the story 'Escape from Pompeii' and writing diary entries in role as Tranio from the story. The children have loved becoming experts about volcanoes and earthquakes and using their amazing knowledge so well in their writing. Well done Year 3! A great end to the term!



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Year 4

We have had a very exciting time in Year 4 this half term. In art we have been exploring watercolours and how to use them. We really enjoyed our trip to Southampton Art Gallery where we got a chance to take part in a workshop and create our own masterpieces. We got some great tips on how to mix up colours, how to paint a 'wash' and how to use a candle to create paint resistance on our pictures. In computing we have been busy using Scratch to create our own 'Smoking Car' games. We particularly enjoyed designing the backgrounds and tracks. In RE we have been looking at 'Devotion' and what it means to us and other people. We were very lucky to have Reverend Jenny visit us to share what devotion means to her and other Christians. We had lots of interesting questions to ask her and really enjoyed listening to what she had to say.



Year 5

On Thursday 6th April 2022, year 5 took a very wet and rainy trip to Fishbourne river and Dell Quay. Despite the weather, we had an amazing time consolidating our learning from our geography unit: rivers. We were able to measure the depth of the river and discover first hand where erosion and deposition occurred along the river channel. Miss Harrison wrote our data down because our sheets had disintegrated in the rain! It was lots of fun to work together as team and gather the data ourselves and we even did a test that measured the speed of the river! At Dell Quay, we built a river out of sand and labelled the features. We also had to think carefully about where to live alongside a river!



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We were each given a tiny house to place along the model of a river but when it rained some of our houses washed away! We decided it was probably best to live near the source in the upper course of the river. It was fantastic day where we learnt a lot and had so much fun!



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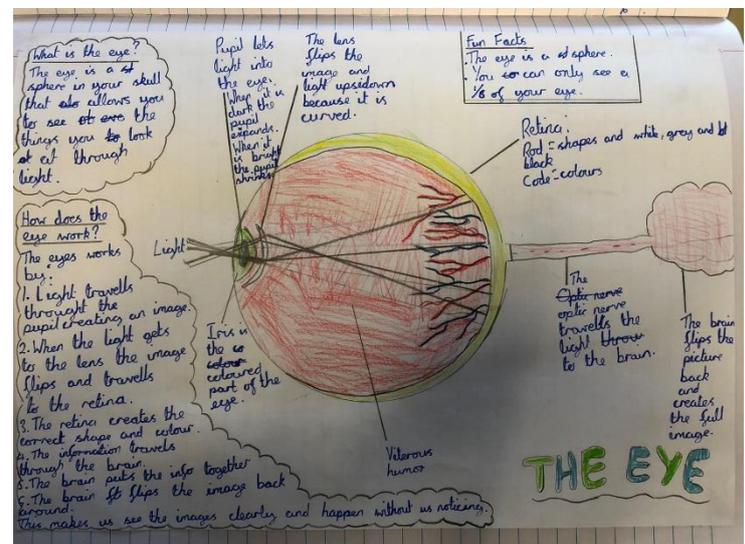
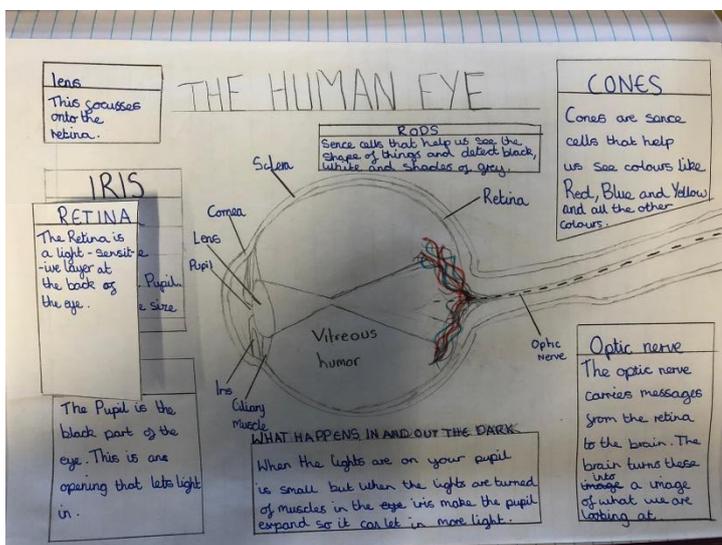


Year 6

This has been an exciting term for year 6. We have been working incredibly hard in the build up to SATs and mock SATs week was an opportunity for the children to gain an understanding of how the real exam week will feel. We were proud of their efforts in the mocks and have no doubt they will continue to work incredibly hard throughout the next few weeks. We are nearly there!

In between all the SATs revision, we have enjoyed writing our own ancient Greek myths inspired by characters such as Perseus and King Polydectes as well as mythical creatures like the hydra and the cyclops. The children are excited to be finishing these this week and even more excited to be able to share them with you soon! Watch this space!

Science has been particularly interesting this term throughout our topic "Light" during which the children investigated how light travels, how shadows are created and how we use our eyes to see. One of the most memorable lessons involved the dissection of a lamb's eye. Miss Gray and Miss Furlong did an amazing job at leading these sessions! Other subjects the children have enjoyed this half term have been RSHE where they investigated the importance of showing respect in all areas of school life, Music where they learnt about the history of black music and how it evolved from the blues through to hip-hop and rap and in Spanish, they learnt about different Spanish festivals including The Tomato festival.





Be Inspired by our Poetry!

We had a poetry assembly where we shared some different types of poetry including funny poetry including rhyming poetry to broaden our vocabulary. We read a poem by the poet Joshua Siegal together. The children were challenged to write their own poems to be published in the newsletter. Here are some of our efforts!

I love your eyes

They look beautiful

They shine in the night



You decorate the houses with lights.

You shine bright like the sun up high.

I love your eyes!

April 3AT

Ukraine, Ukraine

They're in pain

People are helping

So Russia can't complain

People are bringing in nappies, food, water and more

But not all are safe yet

So let's try more and more!

Honour 3AT

There once was a pie

That told a lie.

Oh Pie,

Don't tell a lie.

You're going to hurt someone's feelings

And if you were them you will feel heartbroken too.

Elia, Hazel 3IC

Once I saw a dragon

Sat upon my wagon.

I wanted to say hi

But he already flew by.

Such a bright lime

But I didn't have time

To see him fly

Up high in the sky.

Now you know

Where dragons go.

All that for a dragon

Sat upon my wagon.

Maya 5MD

Pandas live in China and there's nothing finer.

Pandas are black and white and they like to hug trees tight.

Pandas are cute and they like to eat bamboo shoots.

I want a pet panda to hug at night but I think it might give my mum a big fright!



Alivia 6AF

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You're here
You're there
You're always there.

You're up
You're down
You're everywhere.

By my side when I feel down
By my side no matter what.

When everything fails
You're up, you're down.

When you're around,
There or here,
I'll never, ever shed a tear

Evelyn 6GR and Erin 6MC

The Magic Box

I will put in my box

The lovely smell of a snow white daisy,
A shiver from a freezing child,
And the first smile from a newborn baby.

I will put in my box

The crunch of popcorn,
An ice cube melting into a tiny puddle.

I will put in my box

The petal from a blue buttercup,
Three pink kittens on a wall,
Voldemort's kindest moments.

My box is fashioned from ice, diamond and gold
With planets on the lid and happiness in the corners.
Its hinges are the knuckles of giants.

I shall ski in my box in Lapland's biggest mountains,
then wash ashore on a beach the colour of a
rainbow.

Flo 4JS

My Missing Shoe

I look for you by the front door,
Under my bed, on the bathroom floor,
Near the back stairs, in the drawer with my socks,
Next to the table, and in the sand box.
My mother is calling you and I'm calling you,
Where are you, my missing shoe?

Lucie 5SH



Once there was a hair,
On a chair
Back there,
Made from a bear
Who loved the fair
And cared for a pair
In its lair!

Lamia 4MF

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Covid 19

On the 1st April the guidance for children who have tested positive for Covid-19 changed. If a child has tested positive for Covid-19, we ask that they stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well enough and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be less infectious to other people for less time than adults. We do ask that if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 and they are unwell, you keep them at home until they are well. We would ask you to bear with us, at times, we are continuing to have relatively high numbers of staff being unwell.

Please note, it is no longer recommended that children and young people are tested for Covid-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

School Dinners

These will be going up to £2.60 per day after Easter. The new menus will be available on the school website under Office School Dinners. Please note that accounts must be in credit to order a school dinner (not at £0 balance).

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.**

We hope that you all have a lovely Easter break.

Kind Regards

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Key dates for the academic year 2021 – 2022 confirmed so far:

Summer 1

25th April First day of Summer 1

27th April Last day to apply for Clubs

28th April Y4 Meet & Greet Sessions

29th April Y5 Meet & Greet Sessions

2nd May Bank Holiday

3rd May Clubs Start

3rd May Y3 Meet & Greet Sessions

4th May Y6 Meet & Greet Sessions

4th May Y5 The Hayling College Taster Day (during school day)

6th May Olympics (more details to follow)

7th/8th May Arts Trail (MRJS Display at the Library)

9th May – 13th May Year 6 SATS week

13th May History of Art Day

16th May Walk to School Week

19th May Love of Careers Morning

24th May Roving Bookshop

25th May Jubilee Disco

26th May Art Gallery

27th May Jubilee Celebration

27th May Last day of Term

Summer 2

6th June Inset Day

27th June Y3/4 Sports Morning

28th June Y5/6 Sports Morning

2nd July H15 Family Fun Day

7th July Y3 Hillier Garden Trip

15th July Y6 Paultons Park

21st July Last Day of Term

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