

# MRJS News

## Learning-Laughing-Achieving



**Kindness  
Aspiration  
Honesty  
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Responsibility**

Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

### Headteacher's Message

#### Dear Parents and Carers

It is almost unbelievable that we have reached the end of the academic year! I would like to say thank you to each and everyone of you for making this year such a successful one. Thank you for the support you have given me during my first full year as headteacher of Mill Rythe Junior School and for the continued support you give to our staff and school community. What an amazing year we have had and there is so much to look forward to in the next coming year too.

#### What an amazing last week

We have had a very busy week this week; visits, trips, parties and we have had our first Love of Our Community Day too! We have not stopped!

#### Y3 Trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park

On Monday, Year 3 took a trip to the Queen Elizabeth Country Park to explore the lifecycle of plants. Despite the rain, we had an excellent time! We learnt about seed dispersal (some of us even turning into poop piles) and learnt about plant scents that attract pollinators. We hid our nuts around the park before trying to find them again and, unsurprisingly, some of us couldn't find them again! However, this helped us to learn that even squirrels can't always remember where they've hidden their winter stores and this allows for some seeds to start growing in the spring. We had a fantastic time and came back tired and happy. It was a great final trip of Year 3. Thank you to the Year 3 team for providing such a wonderful opportunity.

#### Matinee at The Hayling College

On Monday, Year 5 and Year 6 were invited to The Hayling College to watch a performance of 'Sounds of the 80s'. By all accounts it was a great performance and even a trip down memory lane for some of our staff!

#### Upper School Sports Day

Our rescheduled sports day took place for Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday. We were treated to a wonderful display of sporting excellence and teamwork. The results from the sports days are as follows:

Lower school winners: Nelson

Upper school winners: Victory

Overall sports day winners: Nelson

Well done to everyone! A huge thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Brydon for organising this event and, a massive thank you to all of our volunteers.

#### Love of Community Day

Yesterday we held our first ever Love of Community Day. Each class spent the morning learning about a different charity or organisation on Hayling Island who help our community. The children wrote some lovely letters to explain what they had learnt about how they help us and to say thank you for the wonderful work they do. These letters have all been collected in and enveloped up ready to send! The children also chose someone in their community to say thank you to by making a 'gratitude tag.' You may even have been given one yourselves! To conclude the day we had an assembly where each class shared what they had learnt about their charity or organisation. Hopefully all of the children now realise what a kind and helpful place Hayling Island is to live, with so many people ready to help them.

#### Love of our Community in Action

Last week we gave our freshly grown produce to Saltmarsh House which is a residential care home on the island. We received this lovely message back:

*We would like to say a very big thank you for the delicious school-grown vegetables you kindly gave us last week.*

*The residents were delighted to hear that the children at Mill Rythe Junior School have taken such a keen interest in horticulture and have thoroughly enjoyed tasting the fruits of their labour!*

*Many thanks,*

*All of us at Saltmarsh House*



If you know of any other local organisations who would like to receive some of our produce, please contact the school office.

#### Reports

It was a pleasure to read and comment on your child's report. We have received some lovely feedback already. If you have not yet completed your return slip, please do so.

#### Goodbye and thank you

As is often the case at the end of an academic year, we are saying goodbye to some of our staff.

Mrs Brydon is leaving us to pursue her dream job working for a publishing house. I would like to say thank you for everything that Mrs Brydon has done during my tenure as Headteacher to drive forward school improvement in her role as Acting Assistant Headteacher. You have been amazing! Furthermore, on behalf of the staff and children thank you for being a fabulous teacher, helping to improve our playtimes and for introducing our whole school phonics programme. Your passion for all things literacy is infectious! We wish you all the best for the future.

Miss Gray will also be leaving us to build a new life in the sun and she is getting married too! Miss Gray is a much-loved teacher who has, over many, many years built lovely relationships with all the children she has taught while insisting on the very best from them. Over this year, Miss Gray has also lead mathematics across our school. Thank you for everything you have done and the very best of luck for the future. The world is your oyster.

Miss Ginever and Miss Barrett both joined us in September as teaching assistants. They have both been wonderful members of staff over the past year and we are so pleased that they started their careers with us. As from September, Miss Ginever will be joining Mill Rythe Infant School and Miss Barrett will be working at a local Havant school as a teaching assistant. Good luck in your new roles.

Mrs Broadbent, our Finance Officer, left us earlier in the week. Thank you for everything you have done and all the best for the future.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Jones who stepped in, on a temporary basis, to cover our school office...and stayed with us for nearly a year! Thank you for being the friendly face of Mill Rythe Junior School. You will all be missed.

#### Goodbye to our Year 6s

Thank you for being such superb role models for our school and such a great Year 6. You have achieved so much during your time at Mill Rythe Junior School. Go confidently and proudly knowing that you are, and will always be part of the Mill Rythe Junior School family.

#### And finally...

Have a wonderful summer with your amazing children. I look forward to welcoming you back at the start of the Autumn Term on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Mrs Maxwell**

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 Sep First day of Term

18 Sep PTA AGM 3.30pm

#### AWESOME ATTENDANCE

Week : 3SB

Year : 6C

#### INSET DAYS

1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Jun 2024

#### House Points For the Week Term

Hardy: 20,514

Nelson: 18,173

Trafalgar: 18,555

Victory: 20,424