

MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Headteacher's Message



**Kindness
Aspiration
Honesty
Respect
Responsibility**

Friday 21st September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well. What a wonderfully busy week!

In assembly this week, we took the time to mark World Democracy Day and reflect on the fundamental British value of democracy. This tied in beautifully with the democratic selection of our School Council for 2023/2024. Yesterday, Mrs Wintle and Mr Miles arranged for the voting booths to be put in place so that children were given the opportunity to cast their vote on their ballot paper. Votes are being counted and I hope to be able to share with you the election outcomes next week. Again, I have been so impressed with the number of children who have put themselves forward for leadership roles in the school.

Thank you for coming

It was fantastic to see so many parents on Wednesday evening at the Teacher Drop-in sessions. I do hope that you found it useful to meet your child's new class teacher and to see your child's classroom. We have parents' evenings planned for later on in the term, but if there is anything you wish to discuss, please contact the school office to make an appointment sooner.

A wonderful new playground

Thank you for being so accommodating and understanding with the temporary changes to drop off and collection arrangements while the installation takes place.

We are looking forward to the completion of the playground. Already there is such a huge improvement in equipment for the children, seating and a splash of colour too. I am hopeful that this will promote high quality play and enjoyment for all of our children.

We will host the official opening of the new playground equipment once it has been 'signed off'. Watch this space for further information.

Opportunities for parents

Would you like to find out more about how to keep your child safe online? Please come to one of our online safety sessions led by Mrs Thorne, our Computing Leader. There are three sessions available:

- Tuesday 26th September @ 2:30pm
- Wednesday 27th September @ 9am
- Monday 2nd October @ 5pm

Maths Sessions – KIRF Sessions

This year we have introduced Key Instant Recall Fact Sessions (KIRFS) to our planned maths curriculum. If you would like to find out more about how you can support your child with their recall of essential mathematical facts, Mrs Wintle will be leading three sessions on:

- Thursday 28th September @ 3:30pm
- Wednesday 4th October @ 9 am
- Monday 16th October @ 5pm.

Year 3 Harbour School

This week, Year 3 took part in their first Harbour School session. We began by looking at the harbour on a large scale map and thinking about why we need to protect the area. We then walked down to the shoreline, stopping along the way to identify berries and trees and to listen to the many sounds around us. We also learnt about some of the birds that live in the area and how the shape of their beaks allows them to eat different types of food. Back in class we also had the opportunity to hold a crab and draw some of the things we saw on our walk. We are now all really looking forward to our next session.

Year 5 and Year 6

Author Visit @ The Hayling College

This week, Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic morning visiting The Hayling College for the Literary Festival. They met and listened to Chris Bradford, author of the Young Samurai Series. He spoke about his books, his influences and his experiences. The children loved hearing from Chris and had some amazing questions for him. It was such a wonderful opportunity for all. Thank you to Miss Cull and Miss Harrison for organising such a great trip.

PTA

On Monday, the PTA AGM took place. It was fantastic to welcome new members of our school community to this meeting. Mrs Katie Blackwell was elected as Chair of the PTA for 2023/2024. The PTA have a wide range of events planned for the children of Mill Rythe Junior School over the next year. If you would like to find out about becoming more involved with the PTA, please do get in touch!

On behalf of the children and staff of MRJS, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Katie Blackwell for chairing the PTA over the last academic year and to the PTA for continuing to provide wonderful experiences for our children.

Safety when arriving and leaving the school site.

I have been made aware that some children who walk to or from school have been using the car park gate. This has meant that they are walking where cars are moving and congestion can be heavy instead of using the raised crossing and pedestrian side gate. Please may I ask that you talk with your child and remind them to use the raised crossing and pedestrian side gate if arriving or leaving on foot. Thank you.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Maxwell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 Sep Online Safety 2.30pm
26 Sep 3W & 3G Harbour School

27 Sep Online Safety 9am
27 Sep 3C Harbour School

28 Sep KIRFS 3.30pm

29 Sep Y4 Maya Day

2 Oct Online Safety 5pm

4 Oct KIRFS 9am

16 Oct School Photos
16 Oct KIRFS 5pm

AWESOME ATTENDANCE
Week : 3C

INSET DAYS
1st & 4th September 2023
30th October 2023
2nd January 2024
3rd Jun 2024

House Points For the Week Term

Hardy: 1282
Nelson: 1268
Trafalgar: 1351
Victory: 1088