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## Newsletter No. 11 (9<sup>th</sup> March 2017)

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after half term. What a busy start too!

I am looking forward to judging the "extreme" maths competition entries which closes on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Harrison has a stack of giant calculators to give away to the best finds.

### **Paultons Park - Year 6 by Jack Hammond and Oliver Gosling**



Year 6 had the chance to go to Paulton's Park last week. We travelled there by minibus and when we arrived we were taken to a room where the guide talked to us about forces and how the rides use them to run. Next we went outside into the park. We looked at a few rides and talked about the science behind

them and what we think will happen and which forces will act upon it. Then we got on the rides! Afterwards we revisited our ideas on what forces came into play. After lunch we were able to choose which rides to go on including Velociraptor, Cobra, Magma and Flight of the Pterosaur. Mrs Emery and Mrs Fletcher looked like they were having the time of their lives! We thought this was an amazing trip, really enjoyed it and would love to go again!

### **Pancake day**



We would like to say a huge thank you to Sarah and Jo from HC3s who cooked 207 pancakes with the children on Shrove Tuesday along with our own Mrs Hayes and Mrs Roffey. All of the children had a chance to sample and many successfully tossed a pancake too!

### **Primary Maths Team Challenge**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> February four Year 6 children were chosen to represent Mengham in a maths challenge at Warblington School. They had to compete against 11 other schools and after an exacting seven rounds awaited the results with anticipation! They were so happy to find out that they came second, what an amazing result! Well done Emily, Joe, Maria and Jack!



### **Fort Purbrook by Year 5**



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February Year 5 went on a residential to Fort Purbrook as a teambuilding trip and we had an amazing time.

We listened to music on the minibus while we travelled there and once we arrived we were taken on a tour and saw the tunnels. We were shown to our rooms and little did we know but later in the day we had a room inspection so we had to tidy up quickly!

We also had a great time playing on the field and one of our highlights was a penalty shoot-out. We challenged ourselves to see who could come up with the best celebrations.

After that, we had a delicious dinner (made by the talented Mrs Westbrook) and prepared for our Mengham's Got Talent Show.



Later, we did our very own fashion show before enjoying a hot chocolate and getting ready for bed. Some of us had a midnight feast and guess what? A few of us didn't sleep at all and stayed up reading Harry Potter!!

Before heading home the next day we decided to do our very own mannequin challenge! Staying still was very hard!

We want to also say a special thank you to all of the adults who looked after us and a special thank you to Mrs Westbrook for keeping us well fed! We had an amazing time together.

### **World Book Day**

It was so lovely to see the children dressed up as their favourite book character, they were amazing. We



had a full day planned around the theme of World Book Day. The children were set a challenge to create an adventure story book in groups. The teachers were astounded by the beautiful





quality of the books the children were inspired to produce. In the afternoon we had reading cafes across the school. Each of the teachers read an extract from their

favourite book or poem and the children could choose which cafe to go to. Finally we had a parade of costumes. The children were awarded certificates for their costumes or for showing excellent team work in their groups. Thanks to everyone for your support to make it such a fabulous day!



### Teacher training – Science by Mrs Brook



During my recent course, delivered by the excellent science team from Hampshire, I found out more about how to help learners (teachers and children)

to access the key ideas. Scientific knowledge is enormous, so how do we decide what is helpful and what is less useful? Some scientific ideas are more powerful than others because they can explain more. For example, the idea that light travels in straight lines is essential to explain how shadows form, or how reflections work, or why pencils appear bent when dipped in water. 'Light travels in straight lines' is a powerful idea and one that learners need to explore through enquiry. These powerful ideas, which are relevant to primary age pupils, are taught as part of primary science at Mengham. If you get a chance, talk to your children about what key ideas they are learning about at the moment.

### And finally

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon at parents' evening. We plan to have a few extras in our hall too such as HC3s who will have something yummy for you to try plus Waitrose have sponsored a healthy lunchbox for you to see.

Warmest regards

Wendy Bolton

### Gymnastics Festival by Tyler Harrow and Poppy Wharton (year 4)



At the end of last term, a selection of year 3 and 4 children represented Mengham Junior at Havant Academy. We competed against several other schools in the area. We had to

perform several routines including the vault, a floor routine and we even had to do the splits! It was great fun and we would like to thank Mrs Iggledon our PE teacher for her guidance!

### Breakfast Club Start Time

Please remember that the club starts at **7.40am**. Children have been arriving as early as 7.20am and we do not have staff on the premises ready to care for the children at that time. Thank you.

### Mothering Sunday – St Mary's Church

Families are invited to St Mary's on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am to share their special service. All welcome.

### Feature – What Happens At Newsround Club?



Each week the children check what has happened in the news for the week then have to present it themselves in the format of their choice; be it a poster, newspaper or even as a video broadcast using the green screen. Looking at the work produced so far, we have some budding directors at Mengham Junior and it has also been lovely to see some of our more reserved children blossom in confidence in front of the camera.

**Special mention box.....for children who have worked especially well in PE this term. The named children will receive a Headteacher pencil.**

Roddy Giles, Chloe Nicholas, Alfie Corbett, Poppy Wharton, Kristen Murphy, Caitlin Shiers, Jake Goodricke, Jess Caulkett

### Inset Days

Our remaining inset days for this academic year are as follows: **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May & Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**



Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Willow Class Assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Chestnut Class Assembly
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Mother's Day Lunch
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March <b>9am/3pm **new item**</b>	Oral Storytelling Assembly <b>Years 3 &amp; 4 morning Years 5 &amp; 6 afternoon</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March <b>**new item**</b>	FOMS Mother's Day Gift Event
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March <b>**new item**</b>	FOMS Non Uniform day for a donation of chocolate
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 5.30-7pm <b>**new item**</b>	FOMS Disco (ticket only)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3 sleepover (letter to follow)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>**new item**</b>	Year 4 Trip to Naval Base (letter to follow)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April <b>**new item**</b>	FOMS Chocolate Lucky Dip (details to follow)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 9am	Celebration assembly (by invitation only)
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last day of Spring term, school ends at 3.20pm</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>First day of Summer term, school starts at 8.45am</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week no leave of absence to be applied for