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Dear parents and carers,



WE WON the annual gardening competition! This is particularly impressive as all of the Hayling Schools entered this year and the standard of the entries was extremely high. I was so proud to be able to attend the

presentation at the Community Centre and look forward to receiving our engraved trophy to display in reception.

A key element of the challenge is the scrap book that records the work done by the children in the design and creation of the garden and the involvement of their adult helpers. Ours was particularly beautiful but then I am biased!

It is worth mentioning that the judges said that they were impressed by the knowledge of the children who were represented primarily by Chloe Pollard and Eshal Chowdhury.

I was also proud to see that Kayson Parker, Paige Manning, Faye Rose, Peter Pyatt and Eshal Chowdhury also won individual prizes.

Well done to all of the children and adults who supported us! I would personally like to say a huge thank you to Tony Athill and our volunteer parents Emma Cannon, Emma Ellis, Yvonne Shelley and Nikki Pyatt for all of their help and support. I know the children have gained a great deal from the growing experience and I hope we continue to grow from strength to strength.



Reporting Absence

It is **essential** that if your child is not attending school, that you telephone the school office and leave a message on the absence line EVERY DAY that they are absent or email us.



This is for safeguarding purposes. If your child is not in school and we have not heard from you by 9.30am we will contact all of the numbers that we have on file. If after following this procedure, we still do not know that your child is safe, we need to contact the police to perform a home visit.

If you have booked a holiday during term time, please obtain a form from the school office for completion so that we are aware that your child will be away for a period of time. **The penalty notice (fine) process will apply to parents regardless of whether we have been officially notified of the holiday or not.**

Fairthorne Manor Residential by Milly Rivers

On the 19th June 46 year 6 children piled onto the coach for the journey to Fairthorne Manor. We stayed there for 5 days. It was really good because we learnt how to make a raft, we climbed a huge tower, kayaked and played games. In the evenings we did water games



including the slip and slide as it was really hot. We had room inspections from the teachers which were fun, our room won! We were able to buy sweets from the shop at lunchtime. My favourite bit was the team challenge. We had to climb over and through obstacles and played lots of games whilst working as a team.

I would recommend this trip because it was really good fun and nice to be independent. All of the teachers had a good go at something, it was funny seeing Mrs Davies go down the zip wire!

Bored No More Toys by Mrs Owens (Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant)



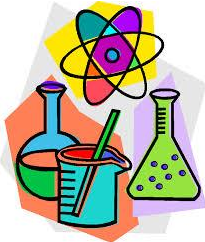
On the 27th June our new sports equipment arrived which means we now have lots for the children to do at lunchtime. We have new

football goals which each year group will take turns to use each week along with lovely new footballs!

Also in our sports package we received hoola hoops, ankle twirlers, skipping ropes, Frisbees and for all of our potential tennis stars we have full size tennis nets, very exciting! Years 3 and 4 are already making very good use of these so watch out for our next Wimbledon champion!

Teacher Training

Science Conference – Mrs Brook



It was a long way to travel for a conference - York and back in a day - but attending a course at the Science Learning Centre was a condition of receiving money to improve science teaching and learning at Mengham. Fortunately it was well worth it. I came back

brimming with ideas to pass onto the teachers for them to use in science lessons. My favourite was learning how to use Curly Wurlies to help children use graphs in science! Definitely one for my science club next year.

Author Visit Day – Miss Rowsell

On Wednesday 21st June Mengham Junior school had a visit from the author David Fuller. We were treated to a fantastic assembly during which time David told us about his struggles at school and how he overcame these . Each year group had an hour session with the author and acted out the chapter in this session. Additionally, children asked David questions and they also had the opportunity to buy signed books. We have bought three sets of David's books for the library for everyone to enjoy.

Year 4 Visit The Billy Trail by Phoebe Hammond

Mrs Latham and Mrs Westbrook drove us in the minibuses to the Hayling Billy Trail. We seemed to walk for miles, luckily the sun was shining! We had to look for the old train track. The train that ran across it was called the Hayling Billy. It opened in 1863 and closed in 1962. There were several signs giving us interesting facts about the slow train. Our walk ended where the Hayling Billy used to cross a



bridge over the water. You can still see parts of the bridge and we sat to draw it before heading back to meet the minibuses once more.

And finally

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our final open afternoon on Friday 14th July from 2.15pm to 3pm.

Warmest regards

Wendy Bolton

School Uniform

If you would like to order uniform in time for September please complete and return a form from the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thanks to all of the children and parents who supported us, we received **2633** Active Kids 2017 tokens that we are sending off this week in return for sports equipment. Amazing!

Borrow an iPad

Hampshire Library Service have an exciting new pilot project to loan iPads to eligible residents of Hampshire. The iPads come with training on how to use them and support throughout the 4 week lending period. This project is aimed at people who are not digitally confident, are socially isolated or struggling in some way although each case is considered on its own basis. You can contact Hermione Hurlock at hermione.hurlock@hants.gov.uk if you qualify and are interested.

Special mention box.....for children who have been responsible members of the community around the classroom over this term, each child will receive a headteacher pencil

Riley Goodricke, Livvy Coates, Anya Morrell, Holly Wheal, Charlie Kean, Lillie-Mae Gaudie, Violet Simms, Maddy Roffey



4 th July to 10 th July	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 7 th July 9am	Year 6 Fairthorne assembly
Monday 10 th July	Year 5 Trips to Northney Farm
Wednesday 12 th and Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 Hayling College Induction Days
Wednesday 12 th July 6pm	Year 2 new parents' open evening
Friday 14 th July 2.15pm	Open afternoon, all welcome
Monday 17 th July 6pm	Year 6 Production – evening only
Tuesday 18 th July 2pm and 6pm	Year 6 Production (matinee and evening)
Monday 24 th July	Year 6 Leavers Party
Tuesday 25 th July 9am	Celebration Assembly (by invitation only)