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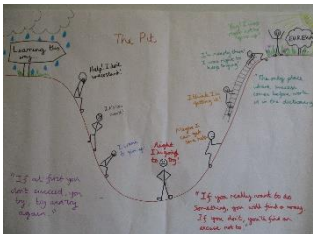
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Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening and thank you for taking part in our surveys. We had 35 responses for the travel survey which Havant asked us to undertake. I have passed all of those on and hopefully there will be some improvements in the infra structure to support travel to school.

Our governors aim to support parents and children as much as possible. They gathered data from 29 Year 3 parents regarding the transition to junior school, the results are being sent along with this newsletter in a separate document. Please take the time to have a look.

During our INSET day, teachers were busy discussing the type of questions we ask children; ranging from comprehension style questions to those which need deeper thinking. We have also created a PIT of learning for each classroom and the Mengham problem solving wheel which helps support independence in problem solving. The teachers will be using the knowledge gained during the INSET in their daily practice.



We had 30 Newly Qualified teachers or NQTs in school this week and myself and Mrs Davies led a training session for them. They were able to spend some time in classrooms and really enjoyed the opportunity to see the fabulous work which is being done by the children - we are very proud of Mengham Junior school!

Remembrance Assembly



We were honoured to invite members of the community and residents from Gorseway Lodge along with parents and governors to attend our moving Remembrance Day assembly on 11th November. Our Year 5 children led the assembly by sharing their learning about World War II.

Following the remembrance service, year 5 children entertained our guests with tea and cake. It was wonderful to see the children chatting and reminiscing. I know that both the children and the adults thoroughly enjoyed the event and we were pleased to receive an email from a Gorseway resident to say how much they appreciated the invitation.

Anti Bully week



The Mengham Junior School Anti-Bullying ambassadors (Maddy Roffey and Bradley Child) would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their hard work in spreading the

'Power for Good' message across the school over Anti-Bullying week this year. It all started with a song - 'Raise My Voice' and ended with a dramatic assembly from the Mengham Buddies. We also shared some poetry around the 'Power for Good' message (this year's theme). Year 6 buddies read a poem using the green screen to create a 'Power for Good' background, then the year 3s all worked together to write their own version! It was a great success and we hope that the message has been spread around the school and beyond.

Year 6 Junior Citizen

Year 6 were invited to Fort Purbrook to take part in activities which are run by many different council providers such as the fire service and RNLI.



The children learned what services are provided and how they help our community. We were really proud of the questions that the children asked that helped to deepen their understanding. Well done Year 6!

Year 6 Sound Of Music – Maya Russon Year 6

The children of Year 6 went to Hayling College to see their production of the Sound of Music. I was really impressed with the children who performed, they all knew their words and the costumes were great! It looked really professional and it has inspired me to take part in drama productions. I was glad that we had the opportunity to see it.

Year 2

We really enjoyed welcoming the year 2 parents and children last week to our open day sessions. It was great to see so many parents and we look forward to getting to know you over the year during transition.

FOMS Disco

The FOMS team put on a great disco for 100 of the children. The hall was rocking for an hour and a half and it was great to see the children enjoying themselves. Thank you to the parents who gave up their own time to help on the evening. Without them the event could not go ahead so we are extremely grateful. They also raised an incredible £200 from the event which is fabulous!

We also need to say a huge thank you to Emma Burton from Blossom photography (a local company) who has taken pictures of the children for our new look school webpage (coming soon!). She has kindly done this free of charge. THANK YOU EMMA!

Funding

As you all know money is always tight in schools and we have a fantastic plan to develop our grounds. We need a parent (or two or three) who are able to give up some time to help us secure funding. There are many grants which we can apply for but form filling always takes time! If you feel able to help us, please let the office know.

Waitrose Community Partners

The Tesco fundraising project for us has now ended and we eagerly await the outcome. I am pleased to announce that, thanks to Zoe Robinson volunteering to approach local businesses for us, we have been put on the waiting list for the fundraising scheme that Waitrose run. I will let you all know when we can be supported in the Havant store.

Extreme reading competition

The winners of our extreme read competition were Noah Jeacock, Matthew Ellis, Zino Harrison, Millie Burns, Ellie-Rose Treleaven, Frank Wotton, Edward Gadsdon, Eshal Chowdhury, Mrs Fletcher!

And they will each receive a signed copy of a book by Steve Backshall - Deadly 60! Well done!

Feature- What do Librarians do at Mengham Junior School? – Mrs Fletcher

Our Pupil Librarians have recently been assigned particular areas of the library to keep tidy but tidying will not be their only responsibility over the coming months. We have our half-price Scholastic Book Fair arriving next week and the Year 4 librarians will be helping to run this. Also, in 2017, we will be holding book club sessions to share our thoughts on the Mengham Must Reads and with the launch of the new school website we will be promoting the online Junior Librarian.net site for all pupils to access from home and school. There will be opportunities for new librarians to apply and hopefully the School Library Service will be running their Pupil Librarian Award and be inviting nominees in the Spring term.

And Finally

Our next special event will be our open afternoon on Friday 2nd December from 2.15 to 3pm. You are welcome to see the school in action and find out what the children have been learning this term.

Warmest regards

Wendy Bolton
Headteacher

Special mention box.....for children who have been a fabulous scientist. The named children will receive a headteacher pencil

Albert Robinson, Edward Gadsdon, Jack Byrne, Harry Budd, Lily Violet Rowlands, Zino Harrison, Toby Balchin, Emily Murphy

Inset Days

Our remaining inset days for this academic year are as follows:

Friday 27th January
Friday 19th May
Monday 22nd May

Diary Dates

Friday 25 th November	Year 5 Trip to Chichester Planetarium
Friday 25 th November 9am	Willow Class Assembly
Tuesday 29 th November	Scholastic Book Fair starts *NEW ITEM
Thursday 1 st December	Non uniform day in return for wine/chocolate/£1
Friday 2 nd December 9am	Lime Class Assembly
Monday 5 th December – dress rehearsal at 2pm and evening 6pm	School Production – ticket only
Tuesday 6 th December 2pm/6pm	School Production – ticket only
Wednesday 7 th December	Willow Class to Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday 7 th December – 1.15pm	Parents invited to decorate school hall
Friday 9 th December	Chestnut Class to Chichester Cathedral
Monday 12 th December 3.30-5.30pm	Carols by candlelight (details to follow)
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch parents welcome
Friday 16 th December 9am	Celebration assembly, by invitation only
Friday 16th December	End of term, school ends at 3.20pm
Tuesday 3rd January 2017	Start of Spring Term, school starts at 8.45am
Tuesday 17 th January	Birch Class Winchester Trip *NEW ITEM (letter to follow)
Friday 20 th January	Oak Class Winchester Trip *NEW ITEM (letter to follow)
Friday 27 th January	INSET DAY