

# Mengham Junior School

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## Newsletter No. 8 (19<sup>th</sup> January 2017)

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a super start to the new term and I have already given out 10 Headteacher wristbands and sent postcards home.

### French Week

We started the new year with a fantastic French week. Mengham Junior School went on a journey around the world, finding out about different countries where French is spoken. Obviously, we visited France. We focused on the French artist, Monet. We tried to copy his style of painting as well as learning how to name the colours in French.

Another country where they speak French is Belgium. Famous for its chocolate and waffles, we tasted other French foods and learned what they were called. Bon appetit!



We then travelled to Madagascar where French is also spoken so we found out about some of the different animals that can be found there and played Bingo with their French names.



We discovered that in Canada some areas speak French as well as English. As they are also keen on sport we played some games and learnt how to score using French numbers. It was a really fun way to start the Spring term!

### Science Training

Last week we had a special visitor to the school to support teaching and learning in science through a special training session.

The exciting training was delivered by a member of **Tim Peake's** team. Not only did the teachers discover what a comet smells like – talk to Mrs Brook if you would like to find out what a delightful smell it is – they also got a great pack of resources that are, at Mengham, being used for the



science club. Later this half term, year five will be learning about UV protection in space in a very hands-on session taught by Jeanette (the member of Tim's team). An adult helper is needed for this day, so if you would like to find out first-hand what it is all about, please let the office know you would like to take part.

**Teacher training** is very important to us as this is the way we can give the best education for all of the children at Mengham Junior School. Each



### Teacher Training

teacher leads a specific subject and Miss Slade is responsible for the quality of RE and PDL across the school. Last week she attended a Religious Education course where she learnt all about the importance of RE in the curriculum. This included discussing how parents see RE in the curriculum. It was highlighted that RE is not 'teaching religion' but rather opening up a safe environment for discussing our own beliefs and those of others. At Mengham Junior School we learn about what a religious life is to someone whether they are Jewish, Christian, Muslim, non-religious and more.

### Hayling Schools Together

The first Hayling Schools Together meeting of 2017 was attended by Mengham Junior, Mengham Infant, Mill Rythe Infant and The Hayling College. In our meeting an e-safety project (inspired by Havant schools) was launched by our digital leaders. We hope to get involved in some drama workshops leading up to creating our own e-safety video that can be used in lessons across the island. The children gathered up lots of great ideas and we are looking forward to getting started with it!

### School Council

The Mengham School Learning Councillors would like to say a big Happy New Year to everyone at Mengham! We have come back ready to start making some amazing changes this year. During the first week back the school councillors took part in a 'health and safety' walk around the school to risk assess any issues that might need reporting to Mrs Bolton. We were very



impressed with how tidy and clean the school was (especially as it is so muddy outside!). Also, we are looking forward to starting a 'healthy eating' project focussing on lunch boxes and lunch time. Any suggestions would be welcome.

### House Captain News



The house and vice-captains have had a term to settle into their new roles now and are well underway, supporting their peers and guiding their teams to victory! This term, they have led house team meetings and discussed the awarding of house points during

lunchtimes and play. Each day, the house and vice captains are on the lookout for children who are following our ASPIRE code. These children are then awarded a 'star of the week' and a house point. Stars of the week were presented in front of each team and a real sense of sportsmanship was observed. Children were delighted to have been recognised by their peers for actions such as allowing others to join in their game; walking away from a situation that made them upset; showing good manners and putting away equipment at the end of an activity.



**And finally** our trips are starting to happen and we cannot run them without adult support. If you can help in any way, please let the office know.

Warmest regards

Wendy Bolton

**Special mention box.....for children who worked especially well during French week. The named children will receive a Headteacher pencil.**

Eddie Kester, Razvan Tiaru, Nolann Lechevallier, Hayden Goodright, Lana Cruickshank, Molly Fletcher, Mason Willis Bartley, Grace Crocker

### Feature- What do we do at Digital Leaders Club?

Every Monday after school, a group of talented ICT enthusiasts meet together to explore and expand their knowledge in Computing. Since Christmas we have been designing a range of exciting activities to help us launch Internet Safety Day in February. Additionally,

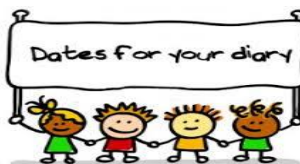


as you will have seen in the Hayling Schools Together section, we have been set a challenge by the Headteachers on Hayling Island to use drama to create an e-safety video to inform children and parents how to be safe online. We are extremely excited about these upcoming projects and the positive impact we are hoping to make on the school.

### Inset Days

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

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



Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 9am	Maple Class Assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Oak Class Winchester Cathedral Trip
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Lower School scooter training
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 9am	Birch Class Assembly
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 9am	Oak Class Assembly
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Fort Purbrook Residential
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 9am	Lime Class Assembly
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>End of half term, school ends at 3.20pm</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>First day of half term, school starts at 8.45am</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Chestnut Class to Paulton's Park (letter to follow)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 9am	Year 5 Assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Willow Class to Paulton's Park (letter to follow)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Lime Class Trip to Southsea Synagogue (letter to follow)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Maple Class Trip to Southsea Synagogue (letter to follow)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Willow Class Assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Chestnut Class Assembly
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Oral Storytelling Day (details to follow)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Mothers' Day Lunch (letter to follow)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3 sleepover (letter to follow)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	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>