

# Mengham Junior School

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## Newsletter No. 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017)

Dear parents and carers,

It remains an eventful term for us and the children are producing some super work which is on display around the school. This week, I met with the architects who are going to design our pond area. We are very excited by this venture which we hope will be completed by the summer term.

### Winchester Cathedral



Year 4 recently visited the historic city of Winchester as part of our new history topic, all about King Alfred and the Vikings. We explored the secrets of the great cathedral and had an opportunity to practise our

brooch making and calligraphy skills. We translated our names into Saxon text and even learnt about the fascinating mysteries surrounding Alfred's final resting place.

### Mountain Topic

Meanwhile Year 3 were lucky enough to be visited by some Alps experts to help us with our Geography learning about the Alps. We watched a short film all about trekking in the Alps and were amazed to see there is snow and ice at the top of the mountains even in the middle of summer! It was fascinating to learn about the animal and plant-life and see some of the equipment that is taken on the treks. We especially enjoyed seeing inside the Land Rover that has been specially adapted for the excursions and were fascinated by what was inside...there was



even a toilet that was similar to the ones in the International Space Station! Year 3 would like to say a huge thank you to

Mrs Simac's parents for visiting and bringing our learning to life.

### Teacher Training

Philosophy For Children (P4C)

– Miss Slade

I spent Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at Botleigh Grange Hotel joining in with the fascinating Philosophy for Children conference with lots of teachers from schools across Hampshire. I learnt lots of techniques for getting enquiries started (including fun warm up games!) and even met some of the representatives from the P4C organisation - SAPERE. Coming back to school, I am excited to start making P4C happen more regularly in every classroom and make it more visible around the school using displays and scrap books. If you would like to know more about P4C, please ask me!



Teacher Training

Art – Mrs Kelsall

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January after school, I attended an Art support workshop at a school in Havant. The focus was an Aboriginal-Canadian



artist called Norvel Morrisseau who produced vibrantly coloured works of art inspired by native wildlife and a mix of Aboriginal-Canadian and Christian beliefs. We worked through a process of sketching in oil pastels and using these to 'resist' inks on a variety of surfaces including brown paper, luggage tags and fabric. I am already planning how to use this incredible artist as a stimulus in school. Watch this space!



Geography – Mrs Simac

At the latest geography network meeting, I had the opportunity to share and discuss best practice for fieldwork in the subject. We discussed the skills necessary to ensure an in depth and purposeful programme of study as

well as clarifying the definition of 'fieldwork' and addressing any misconceptions.

### JRSO Visit

The Mengham Junior School JRSOs visited Red Barn Primary School, Fareham, to take part in a training session for new and qualified Junior Road Safety Officers. Faye and Charlie absolutely loved meeting children from the other schools and even had the chance to decorate their own 'Be Bright Be Seen' t-shirts. They were also shown lots of new resources that they can use in lessons and in assemblies. Coming up next is Walk to School Week (including Happy Shoes Day!) in May.



### And Finally

Please remember you are welcome to visit the library with your child any day after school till 4.00pm

Warmest regards

Wendy Bolton

### French Week Follow Up

We were lucky to have two representatives from the Hayling/Gorron twinning association visit the school during French week. They wanted us to let you know that on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> April they have 37 people (including 6 children) visiting from Gorron. They have various activities planned including a breakfast at Northney teamrooms and evening entertainment on the Saturday. If any families feel that they could offer accommodation or would like to join them for some of the activities please contact Sue Loveridge on [suealoveridge@gmail.com](mailto:suealoveridge@gmail.com).



### Feature- What do we do at Engineering Club?

Engineering club is all about solving problems by building something clever! So far we have constructed bridges to carry mini Mr Harrison safely to his destination and periscopes to spot the lost football on the school roof. We are currently working on building a structure that is so high we can touch the clouds. Bring on the next challenge!

**Special mention box.....for children who worked well in their geography or history projects. The named children will receive a Headteacher pencil.**

Alexia Psaila, Daniel Wells, Stuart Rowlatt, Peter Pyatt, Monty Cashford, Lily-Sue Philbrow, Adam Bird, Madison Roffey

### School Meal Price Increase



Please note that the cost of a school meal will increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. The new price will be £2.15.

### Inset Days

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



Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 9am	Birch Class Assembly
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2.45pm <b>**new time**</b>	Oak Class Assembly
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February/Friday 17 <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
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 9am	Year 5 Assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Willow Class to Paulton's Park
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>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week no leave of absence to be applied for