

Mengham Junior School

Palmerston Road, Hayling Island,
Hampshire. PO11 9ET



Acting Co-Headteachers:
Mrs Odele Davies & Mr Edward Harrison

Tel: 023 92462162
Fax: 023 92466012

Website: www.menghamjunior.co.uk
E-mail: adminoffice@mengham-jun.hants.sch.uk

Newsletter No. 3 (19th October 2017)

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy half term! In 7 weeks we have crammed in trips, visitors, competitions and some great class assemblies. In amongst this, the pupils have been working their socks off in class. We have had the pleasure of reading countless superbly written hot writes – something definitely worth reading on parents evening. We were also shocked to see so many pupils who have nearly finished their first Maths book, a lot of problems being solved!

Harvest Lunch



We welcomed 74 parents and carers to enjoy lunch with the children this week. As usual, our lovely kitchen staff cooked fantastic meals for everyone. A total of 167 meals were produced which is amazing. We now look forward to our next lunch for parents which will be the Mother's Day lunch on Wednesday 7th March 2018.

Harvest Assembly

Year 6 led our special Harvest assembly with their trademark enthusiasm. They shared their thoughts about Harvest. They also considered what share, save, eat, starve meant to them as these were words that could be made from the letters in HARVEST. They were supported by the rest of the school who joined in with the singing beautifully.



We were also joined by a visitor from the Bridge Centre - Paul Dennison - who admired the Harvest loaf made by the school councillors with the help of Hc3S caterers.

All the donations of food collected by the school were given to this worthy charity after the assembly. Thank you so much for your generosity.

New staff

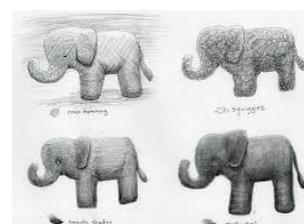
We are excited to welcome Jessica Casey and Vicky Baker to our midday meal supervisor team. They are both keen to make



lunchtimes as enjoyable as possible, so will fit in brilliantly with the team.

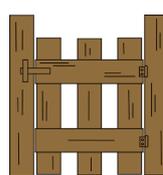
Lunch time art

With our lunch time team bigger than ever, Mrs Pyatt has changed her role at lunch time and has been running a sketching club. She has been looking at different pencil techniques, cross-hatching, shading and squiggles! The drawings have been linked to class topics including sea monsters and Stonehenge. Sketching Club is a place to relax, unwind and rehydrate (water bottles are a must) ready for the rest of the learning day. If your child would like to attend they should go and see Mrs Pyatt.



Look out for some arty displays coming soon!

South east back gate



With the installation of the path to the back corner of the field by the new housing development (Heron's Way) and the construction of the bridge over the ditch, we will soon start opening the back gate to pupils. We want to make sure that we can still ensure the school grounds are safe for pupils before school, so while we are finalising the arrangements, please bear with us. A letter will come out after half term with details about all the access routes to the school, including when that gate will be opened!

Mengham Junior Dragon Mystery!

Breaking news! There has been a mysterious discovery in the art room at Mengham Junior School. It appears as if some sort of creature has broken in, destroying the cupboard and leaving large, dragon-like footprints across the floor and out of the door. Year 3 were quick to the scene on Friday 13th October, taking evidence and recording our ideas about what it could be. In order to gather more information about the beast,



we have decided to write non-chronological reports to teach others about what it might look like, how it might behave and where it might be found.

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament by Hattie Bird, Claudia Croker and Zino Harrison



With great joy and excitement, we jumped on to the minibus to embark on our journey to Springwood Junior School in Waterlooville.

Although it was our first time playing as a team we really enjoyed it and even worked out a game plan. We also made sure that we practised our intercepting skills when we got chance. Lana stood in goal and the rest of us were on the pitch. It helped us that we had our star players; Hugo, George and Albert!

We were sad that we didn't get into the semi finals but are glad we had a chance to play this fun game.

Finally

We have been amazed at the quality of the termly homework projects that have been handed in so far. It is obvious that a lot of thought and hard work has gone into creating them. We look forward to seeing some more after half term. The closing date for the homework is 27th November.



We wish you all a peaceful half term break and will see you back at school on Monday 30th October.

Best wishes

Odele Davies and Edward Harrison
Acting Co-Headteachers

Governor News by Sue Lewis



The most important job the Governors have to do is to appoint a Headteacher. That process began for our governors when we all attended our first training session in the appointment process last week. More training will follow before we are ready to put an application pack together, place an advert, shortlist candidates and finally interview candidates at the end of April.

In the meantime the work of the Governing Body continues. It is our responsibility to ensure that behaviour, teaching and learning all take place to a high standard in a safe, stimulating environment, using the budget responsibly and prudently. We use our time in school to meet with staff, pupils and parents to gain the information we need to carry out

that responsibility. Our thanks go to everyone who helps us in that role, especially parents who respond to our questions or questionnaires so willingly at school events, often whilst consuming cake! From September 2016 to July this year there were 293 governor visits to the school covering 433 hours. These included training such as we attended earlier this week, monitoring visits, full governing body and committee meetings and social occasions dressed as a Human Fruit Machine!

FOMS News

Thank you to the parent volunteers who were able to come in to school last Friday to help the children to create their Christmas cards. FOMS will send a letter out after half term to advise you how to order cards and other goodies.



We also had a fabulous response to our non-uniform day and disco ticket sales. Thank you! The disco is now sold out and we will send the tickets out after the half term holiday.

Special mention box.....for children who have been responsible members of the community by supporting other pupils in the school, each child will receive a headteacher pencil.

Ella Barnden, Jenny Lawley, Olivia Breeze, Mutsa Ndovorwi, Ellie Rose Treleaven, Amber Russell, Sasha Boulwood, Mason Boulwood

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 19 th October	Last Day Of Half Term
Friday 20 th October	INSET DAY
Monday 30 th October	First day of half term
Thursday 2 nd November	Year 4 swimming begins
Thursday 2 nd November	**new item**
Thursday 2 nd November	Year 4 swimming begins
Thursday 2 nd November	5.30pm – 7pm
Friday 3 rd November 9am	FOMS Disco (sold out)
Friday 3 rd November	Oak Class Assembly
Friday 3 rd November	Year 5 Navy Remembrance Trip
Monday 6 th November	Parents' evening
Wednesday 8 th November	Parents' evening
Friday 10 th November	Year 5 Remembrance Assembly
Friday 10 th November	10.45am
Thursday 16 th November	School photographer individual photos
Thursday 16 th November	School nurse drop in 1pm-3pm (make an appointment with the school office)
Thursday 16 th November	**new item**
Friday 17 th November	Willow Class Assembly 9am
Friday 17 th November	9am
Wednesday 22 nd November	Be Bright Be Seen non uniform day
Wednesday 22 nd November	**new item**
Wednesday 29 th November	Year 5 trip to planetarium
Wednesday 29 th November	**new item**