

# Hi-5 Magazine

## Hi-5 Friends & Family



### Meet the Team

Welcome to the first Hi-5 Newsletter. Hayling Island 5 Schools Friends and Family "Hi-5" was formed at the very beginning of 2018.

### Your Hi-5 Team:

Lou Earp - Chair (Mill Rythe Infants)  
Hayley Warner - Treasurer (Mill Rythe Juniors)  
Nic Jenner - Vice Chair (Hayling College)  
Julie Fraser - Secretary (Mengham Juniors)  
Jalminder Hoare - Executive Committee Member (Mengham Infant)  
Ben Vallis - Executive Committee Member (Mengham Infant)

### Christmas 2018

We have our 2nd event coming up on 15th December 2018 which is a family Christmas Fayre to be held at the Hayling College between 11am and 4pm. This event will see children from across the Island on stage performing throughout the day, a Christmas crafts market (43 stalls confirmed), Children's games stalls run by businesses from the Island, a children's disco, carol singing, Stagecoaches Santa's Grotto bus, German Sausage grill (and vegetarian options), tea coffee & cakes, together with the Hi-5 raffle - tickets will be available in due course through all 5 schools. The top 3 prizes are an Inflatble Stand Up Paddle board with accessories, £250 cash and £100 cash. This is set to be a festive fun family day. We hope to see you there!

### Our Events so far.....

Our first event was the Family Fun Day in April 2018. This day was totally overwhelming for us with over 3000 people in attendance. The community has really got behind this event and together raised

over £10,000 for the five schools, we can't thank you enough for your support.

Brave teachers from across the schools then took up the challenge to abseil down the Spinnaker Tower, the abseils took place in May and September. All the schools were booked in for May, but with the windy weather (seeing one head teacher being swept off the side of the tower, twice) had to be rescheduled for September. This abseil raised over £4,000 across the schools. Simply fantastic!

### A Message from our School Heads

We have heard from each of the head teachers about what the formation of Hi-5 in the community means to them and about what the money has enabled the schools to do ....

### Mill Rythe Junior School

I was blown away by the scale of the Family Fun Day in April. Wherever I went I saw families having a fantastic time together and younger members of our community showcasing their incredible musical talents.

Organising events like the Family Fun Day don't happen without a vision, outstanding leadership, resilience and first-rate communication skills.

As a result of this additional financial support alongside other projects in school in the last year, we have been able to purchase new playground equipment for our children to enjoy at break and lunchtime, add a class library into every classroom; purchase lockers for all our children and finish the flooring of the school hall.

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As a school this year we are aiming to develop different aspects of our outside environment with the long-term aim of establishing the MRJS Farm School and a new play trail!



## The Hayling College

In recent College Council meetings students were asked **'If you were given £2,000 what would you spend it on?'** Staff and PTA members were awestruck by the student's responses and impressed by how well they had considered what such an amount could do to improve everyone's time at the school. The College Council's wish list, included: equipment for Science, Art supplies, instruments for the Music Department, IT suites, dictionaries and thesaurus, picnic benches outside, PE things & activities for break & lunch time, an extra till point in the canteen, new carpets, bike shelters, an enterprise activity with each tutor group where they attempt to increase the amount, an event to raise more money and even investment in the stock market! The decision was made to initially buy vital resources such as dictionaries for classrooms and PE equipment for use at break and lunch. It was felt that these short-term solutions would have an immediate positive effect on a vast number of pupils. However, the group were most taken with the council's desire to 'grow' more money and made the bold decision to entrust the funds to the students. The PTA would be prepared to loan the schoolchildren a pot of money (max £100/year group. This could be split or used in one lump sum.) This money should then be used by pupils to organise some form of enterprise; a cake sale, sweet stall, sponsored/fund raising event, collection scheme or similar. The students would keep whatever profit they make to put towards something of their year group's choosing. In the longer term there is talk of trying to involve local businesses in building a new bike shelter using some of the funds from Hi-5 for the materials. Mrs Jackman and The College Council are very keen to hear from any local businesses who can support

students in designing and making a suitable construction. There's even talk of Mr Rainford donning his overalls and using some of the funds to buy materials to build outdoor seating for around the college grounds!

## Mengham Infant School

Hi5 has been the starting pistol for a whole range of school improvements at Mengham Infants that we wouldn't have otherwise been able to afford. The money raised over the last year has led to a complete overhaul of our previously overgrown pond and garden area, with new planting beds for each year group, new pathways, a new pond platform and a composting area. These improvements have then encouraged our year teams to revise their curriculums to make better use of our outdoor environment as part of their everyday teaching and learning and enhanced our work around reduce, reuse, recycle by making composting a daily part of our children's day. The children love using the outside environment as their classroom, so far there has been pond dipping and bug hunts, and we are so excited about the future possibilities we have planned to enhance this even further. None of this would have been possible without the funds raised through Hi5.

Our next focus area for fund raising is a very tired area of our playground that we would like to turn into an outside work space, with paving, outdoor tables with benches and a large whiteboard to support learning. This area would be multipurpose, used for quiet play at playtimes, an eating area at lunchtimes in the summer and a space for classes to work when they're using our outside environment.



We are incredibly proud to be part of the Hayling Community and it is great for our children to see that working together can bring such positive outcomes.

## Mengham Junior School

Mengham Junior School were delighted by the money raised as part of Hi-5 and are excited about what this will be providing for our pupils. We have had a series of building work happen this year that is due to finish in the next few weeks. Once this is completed, we will be developing the fenced area

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next to the library into an outdoor classroom. We have already spent part of the Hi-5 money on outdoor furniture that will seat an entire class. The rest of the money raised so far will be used to develop and equip this space to allow a whole range of lessons to be able to take place in the open air. We estimate the outdoor classroom will be up and running in the early Spring. Watch this space for photos!

## **Mill Rythe Infant School**

Mill Rythe Infants is so proud of the community spirit that has been fired up by the HI5 team. As a direct result of all the amazing fundraising activities, the school now has a beautiful sensory garden complete with an outside learning hub that is equipped with all manner of resources to support environmental studies. The success of this project has then spurred the school on to support a member of staff to be accredited to deliver a Beach Schools curriculum and two members of staff have attended outdoor leader training.

The next area that we are focussing on is the provision of ICT equipment in the school particularly laptops for the children. We are having to use machines with damaged keyboards and this is detrimental to our children.

The work of the HI5 is invaluable. The camaraderie and team spirit that has been ignited and then harnessed shows the power of community. We are very proud to be part of something so special.



## **What's next**

The Family Fun Day is booked for 2019 and we hope to make this bigger and better than last year. We will be registering as a charity after our first AGM (date to be confirmed). We plan to have a water sports day in conjunction with Mengham Rythe

Sailing Club, our Hi-5 beach cleans will continue to take place termly.

Thank you for taking the time to read our news. If you would like to keep up to date with all future and events for Hi-5, please join our Facebook Group "Hayling Island 5 Schools Friends & Family". We'd love to hear any new ideas!

Should you wish to get in touch with us, please speak to your school rep, alternatively if you are from the wider community, please feel free to email [haylingisland5schools@gmail.com](mailto:haylingisland5schools@gmail.com) or message us via the Facebook page.

Please see on the next page a flyer for the Christmas Fayre. We would be very grateful if you could please share this among family and friends.

With best wishes

Your Hi-5 Team

# Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 15th December 2018  
11am to 4pm at The Hayling College**

- Christmas Market • Raffle • Games • Face Painting**
- Live Performances • Disco • Santa's Grotto Bus**
- Hot Food • Refreshments • Outdoor Acoustic Stage**

**Please join us for a family festive fun filled day raising money for the Hayling Island 5 Schools - all welcome!**

**Cash only**

## Admission

£1 Adults  
50p Child

Limited parking available



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