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MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Nurture – Inspire – Challenge

We are so proud of how everyone in our school community has been “ready, respectful and safe” over the last two weeks. We have had several visitors who have all commented on the children’s positive behaviour. Well done!

School Improvement

Our school entrance now has a beautiful rock garden created using the children’s artwork. It is lovely to see the reaction of those coming to the school office.



Our beautiful painted rocks

Mr Loris has been busy making our new library shelving and some of it is in the library space already. Our School Council have been to the Rainbow Room to see how he is getting on. They were very impressed with the progress so far and enjoyed looking at all the wood and tools. Mr Loris also explained how he is going to create the library tree!



Staffing

Mrs Harris and her husband have welcomed a beautiful baby boy named Zachary. Mum and baby are doing well and we have sent all our love.

We are also delighted to share that we have recruited a new teaching assistant. Miss Cutler will be joining us in Year 1. She brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm and we know she will be a great asset.

Learning Update

Our Hinduism Festival day was fantastic. The children loved the workshops and were very respectful. A big thank you to the PTFA who funded this. Year 2 have worked with the Final Straw to look at the impact of plastic waste. We have also had a representative from Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital in to meet with some Year 2 children who would like to fundraise for them. This was followed by an assembly for the whole school. The fundraising team are just finalising their ideas for their event and will be sharing this shortly.

Year 1 are nearing the date of their statutory phonics assessment. Parents have the opportunity to find out what is involved and how they can help their child by attending our parents briefing. This is being held on Tuesday 13th May at 3.20pm.

Mrs McFarlane and Mr Webb have taken the school's art to the library where it is being displayed for the Hayling Island Arts Trail. The children wanted to focus on our impact on the seas. Go and have a look!

Whole School attendance: 91%



Outdoor Learning

Children are outside in all weathers. Suncream should be applied to arms, legs, faces and the back of necks. Insect repellent is also recommended especially as Hayling Island is home to very large mosquitoes.

Island Dreams Ice Creams have donated a large selection of games for use at lunchtime. We would like to say a big thank you.

Transition

In response to parental feedback, we have moved the annual welcome meetings to later this term. This will enable parents to meet their child's new teacher and ask any questions they have before the summer break.

PTFA

The Easter hamper raffle raised £320! This is added to the money raised by the readathon which will enable Mr Loris to add some little extras to the library design!

Dates for your diary

Year 1 Parents Phonics Meeting (regarding Phonics Test)	Tuesday 13 th May 2025 3.20pm
Official Class Photos	Wednesday 14 th May
Crazy Hair/Hat Day (in return for a bottle donation)	Friday 23 rd May
INSET Day	Monday 2nd June
Father's Day Event	Friday 13 th June 9-10am
Year 2 trip to QE Country Park	Wednesday 18 th June
Year R trip to Longdown Dairy Farm	Friday 20 th June
Non Uniform (in return for sweets donation)	Friday 27 th June
Year 2 Transition Afternoon	Wednesday 2 nd July
Whole School Transition Morning	Thursday 3 rd July
Year 2 Transition Full Day	Thursday 3 rd July
New Year 1 Welcome Meeting	Tuesday 8 th July 3.30pm
New Year 2 Welcome Meeting	Wednesday 9 th July 3.30pm
Sports Morning	Friday 11 th July 9.15 – 11.45am
Whole School Summer Party	Friday 11 th July 2.30-4pm