



Meon Junior School Newsletter

YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS.

Welcome to our May newsletter which will keep you informed of important success stories, school events and ways in which we can work together to ensure the best for our children.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is now well under way and the summer weather seems to have arrived. Let's hope it stays that way!

It has been a busy start to the new term at Meon. All the children have been engaged in their topics and exciting things have been happening throughout the school: 65 year 6 are currently on their residential trip at Marwell, the remaining year 6 children have visited the Ben Ainslie Centre in Old Portsmouth; year 3 had a great day out at Southsea castle as a part of their castles topic; Year 5 had a successful day at Queen Elizabeth country park and year 4 have enjoyed baking bread rolls for Mr Tumnus as part of their study of 'The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe'.

A huge well done and thank you to all the children in Year 6 who have just finished their SATs tests. They have all worked incredibly hard and should look forward to a well-deserved rest at half term. Equally, an enormous thank you to the Year 6 teachers and teaching assistants who really have gone that extra mile over the last few weeks and, like the children, enjoyed their day at the park to celebrate the end of the testing.

Many thanks for your continued support in all that we are doing. I hope that you have a lovely half term.

Christine Turner

Deputy Head Teacher

Art Room Refurbishment

We are continuing our programme of redecorating and refurbishing all of the classroom spaces within the school. The next project to be completed over the summer term is the refurbishment of the art room. This will involve getting rid of some old school furniture at the end of term (tables, chairs, tray units, filing cabinets etc). We always try to recycle as much as possible. Therefore, if anyone is interested in taking away any items at no charge, please contact the school office. You will need to be able to collect and transport the items.

Year 3 Tennis Tournament

On Wednesday 17th May, some of our year 3 students travelled to Portsmouth Tennis Centre for a tennis festival with other local schools. The afternoon was filled with co-ordination skill games, including over arm target practice, racket control activities and relays. The children exhibited great team work, resilience and responsibility on the trip. As always, they also represented the school positively by demonstrating great behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day.



Year 6 Vintage Fete

On Fri 7th April, our Year 6 pupils put on a Vintage fete to celebrate all the work they had done on their World War 2 project to raise funds for a trip in June.

The children organised stalls and held a raffle. Parents and carers were invited into the school in the afternoon to buy the goods and have a thoroughly entertaining time.

The event was so well supported that the sum of £781.32 was raised which will go towards Year 6's visit to London to see the Lion King production. Well done to Year 6 for organising such a fantastic and successful event.



Blue Day

Thank you to everyone for your support on Blue Day. A fantastic total of £359 was raised and has been paid into the 'Tom Prince Cancer Trust'.



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Gardening Club, under the expert guidance of Mrs Allen, doing a fantastic job in keeping our outer gardens in such a wonderful condition. Well done to you all!

Dogs on the school grounds

Please note dogs are not allowed on the school playground. We do recognise dogs are an important part of family life for many in the school community and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others may find the presence of dogs stressful, particularly younger children, and even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment.

Thank you!

Rugby

Won 7th May, I won three awards for rugby. The first award was for taking part with my team. The second award was for inspiration. My inspiration is Sarah Hunter, the England captain. The third award was the manager's player of the season which I was very glad to receive. I love rugby and think it is a great game for everyone.

Maggie Frazer



Do you have any items about your out of school activities or achievements you would like included in our next school newsletter?

If so, please give them to Mr Bayliss who will do his best to include as many as he can.



Water Bottles

We have water bottles in stock in the school office. These can be purchased for 50p each.



Over the past half term, all year 3 have been enjoying tennis tuition from a qualified tennis coach. They have practised forehands, backhands, volleys and serves. They have also learnt about some of the great tennis players of the modern era. With Wimbledon coming up and the weather improving, now is the time to make use of Portsmouth's tennis courts.

Message from the Governors

I am pleased to confirm that plans for our school to join the Thinking Schools Academy Trust are proceeding well. The academy consultation period has now ended. Thank you for your responses; these have been overwhelmingly positive, and any questions raised by individuals have been answered.

The planned date of conversion is 1st July 2017; this will be confirmed in due course.

An academy run school still requires governors; under the Thinking Schools model, there is both a regional governing board, made up of governors with particular skills across a wide range of areas, and a local advisory board made up of parents and other individuals from the local community. These are voluntary roles which will appeal to individuals who are passionate about, and are keen to have some involvement in, the education of the pupils.

If you, or anybody you know may be interested in becoming a governor at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the current governors via the school, and we will be pleased to talk to you about the role.

Kevin Brazier



Drum Club practising their musical skills on a range of percussive instruments.

Year 6 Football

On Friday 19th May 2 year 6 teams took part in a football festival at Goals. Both teams worked tirelessly all afternoon & played some brilliant football. Meon's blue team were delighted to lift the trophy after winning every game.



Sports Day

Just a quick reminder that the venue for Sports Day on 27th June, 9.00pm - 3.00pm, is the Mountbatten Centre. We would be very grateful if as many parents as possible can transport their children to the event as we only have very limited transport for those who are unable to do so. You are very welcome to drop your children off at the Mountbatten Centre anytime from 8.00am and pick up anytime between 3.00 - 4.00pm. Staff will be there during these times to supervise the children. Thank you!

Triathlon

A huge well done to Eliza Seaman for completing her first triathlon. She enjoyed the swimming, cycling and running race and finished with a really good time, coming fourth against the other girls in her age group. Here is a picture of Eliza at the finish line with her new medal.



Dates for your diary

JUNE

- 5th June 2017 Return to school
- 7th June 2017 Y6 Lion King – Lyceum Theatre
- 8th June 2017 POLLING STATION – SCHOOL OPEN AS USUAL
- 13th June 2017 Class Photographs
- 19th June 2017 INSET**
- 20th June 2017 Y6 Bikeability – all week
- 27th June 2017 9 – 3pm Sports Day @ Mountbatten Centre

JULY

- 3rd July 2017 Y6 secondary transfer week
- 9.30am Y2 Fun Day
- 2.30pm Y2 Parents' Meeting
- 4th July 2017 3.30 – 5.30pm Y3,4,5 Party
- 11th July 2017 4.30 – 6.30pm Y6 Leavers' Party/Prom
- 10th July 2017 Y5 Stubbington
- Y5 Activities
- 13th July 2017 9am Rocksteady Performance
- 21st July 2017 3.30pm Y6 Leavers' Performance – Lion King
- 24th July 2017 2pm Y6 afternoon tea and presentations
- 25th July 2017 NON UNIFORM
- Break up for Summer

Sun Safety

We all know how much our children enjoy spending time outdoors, but children's skin is more delicate than ours and can easily be damaged by the sun, even when it doesn't seem strong. In school, your child will be learning to stay safe in the sun using three simple steps - Wrap, Splat, Hat. To help you keep your child safe in the sun, here are some easy tips:

- Make sure that your child has children's sun cream with a minimum SPF50, a t-shirt, and a hat so that they can Wrap, Splat, Hat!
- Provide them with sunglasses to protect their eyes and a water bottle to keep them hydrated.
- Talk to your child about sun safety and the importance of being responsible.

By following the Wrap, Splat, Hat message you can help your child stay safe in the sun.



WRAP UP

Wrap up in a T-shirt and UV-protected sunglasses.



SPLAT ON

Put on sun cream to all parts of your body and face before going out, and remember to reapply at least every two hours.



HAT

Always wear a wide-brimmed hat to keep your face and neck in the shade.



Churches School Assemblies Team entertaining the children.