



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to our newsletter at the end of British Science Week. What a great week of inspiring science for your children. We hope that you enjoyed the Stemspiration event on Wednesday after school as much as we did. It was lovely seeing everyone so involved in the activities. Check out below for some further information and photos of the event. Year 4 would also like to share what they have been learning in their music lessons – please read on to find out!

Next week, is another busy one! Year 6 are having a Mock SATS week to help prepare them for SATS week in May. We wish them all good luck and just ask that they do their best. It is also Language and Heritage week in school and the children will be involved in a number of activities to enrich their language learning. Ce sera une super semaine! (It will be a great week!)

Next Week

Date	Event
	Year 6 Mock SATS Language and Heritage Week
19 th	Year 5 Swimming
20 th	Year 5 Pompey Pirates
21 st	Comic Relief – Wear something red!

Reading in class continues...

Don't forget that 'Reading in Class' continues every **Wednesday** between **8.35 am and 8.55 am**. It is lovely to see our parents and children reading together. We look forward to welcoming you back in again next week.



Wear something red - Friday 21st March 2025

To support Comic Relief, which helps poor and disadvantaged people in the UK and around the world, we are asking children to wear something red and make a small donation which will be sent onto the charity. As the main aim of Comic Relief is to use the power of laughter to raise money, we also look forward to children sharing their best jokes with the staff and making us all laugh!



House Points

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	554	339	395	337
Total	2802	1898	2307	2658

Congratulations to **Mary Rose** who collected the most house points this week.

Booksy Bear Winners



The KS1 class with the most children who have read 4 times or more at home is **Gravett Class!**

They will keep Booksy Bear in their book corner this week.

Well done, **Gravett Class!**

Please can parents/carers help their child's class to win by reading lots of books at home (reading books, story books, comics, audiobooks) and writing in their reading records.

Congratulations to...

Eduard

On the 8th March, Eduard performed at the New Theatre Royal in his first show, Tinkerbelle, Peter Pan & The Golden Treasure. His parents were extremely proud of him, as are we, and he loved his first professional chance at performing.

Thanks to the flyer that we advertised in this newsletter, Eduard attended the auditions and was selected to perform.

Well done, Eduard!



Free Chairs!



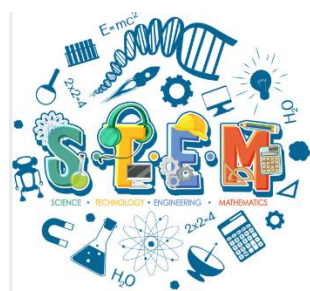
As we are about to take delivery of our new chairs for all the children in the school next week, we will therefore have a number of old chairs that are looking for new homes! If you would like some of the chairs yourself or know of anyone else that may benefit from some, then they will be available for you to take any KS2 chairs from Wednesday and KS1 chairs from Friday of next week.



Stemspiration Fun for all!



It was a fantastic afternoon watching everyone at our Stemspiration event on Wednesday, celebrating British Science Week 2025. Our budding scientists and their families dived into the world of science with exciting activities like marble runs, planting seeds, DIY lava lamps, and magnetic experiments. Thank you to all of those that attended to make this such a successful event. Also, a huge thank you needs to go to our incredible staff, especially Mrs Creasey and Mrs Gamble, for making this event happen and igniting a passion of discovery in our pupils.



***REMINDER** - any entries for the poster competition need to be in by **Thursday (20th)** as we will be judging them then. Thank you.

Year 4 are having a 'trumpeting' time!

Year 4 have been having a fantastic time participating in their trumpet workshop provided by the Music Hub. Over the past few weeks, the students have learned key skills such as buzzing with a mouthpiece, playing different notes on the trumpet, as well as mastering a short tune. It's been a wonderful opportunity for them to explore their musical talents and develop new skills.



For those who wish to continue their musical journey, there is also a chance to join a free Brass Rehearsal Club, where they can further their trumpet playing and practice alongside others. See the details below for more information on how to get involved!

TOP BRASS

Our brand new **FREE** Brass Ensemble

When: **Wednesday 4.30-5.30**
 Where: **Gatcombe Park Primary School**
 Grade: **Beginners +**

Have you started playing a brass instrument and are looking to play with others, please follow the QR code

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Golden Child



I am delighted to share the names of this week's Golden Children they are:

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Rosie
	Hart	Ayad
	Donaldson	Esmae
1	Adeola	Everleigh
	Field	Betsy-Lou
	Gravett	Ewan
2	Steadman	Eva
	Simmonds	Daniel
	Jenkins	Jude
3	Adele	Teddy
	Sheeran	Freddie
	Murs	Darla
4	Thompson	Blake
	Rickman	Jakub
	Elba	Joshua
5	Peake	Vansh
	Hawking	Bradley
	Franklin	Jacob
6	Hussain	Evie
	Roots	Pippa
	Berry	Billy

EYFS/KS1 and **KS2** have all been recognised as someone who shows a **love of science learning**.

HAF's Spring Spectacular – Book now!



HAF activities for 5 to 11-year-olds are free for those who receive benefits-related free school meals. This does not include the universal free meals for Reception to Year 2. To qualify, you must receive certain benefits.

<https://www.pycportsmouth.co.uk/haffunpompey/>

Portsmouth Hill Easter activities for all to try!

Now that the Easter holidays are approaching, we have been asked to share with you, by Friends of Portsmouth Hill, two new trails on Portsmouth Hill that are free to follow and should be fun for all the family as well as secretly enhancing their learning!

The first is a set of 18 Wildlife Rubbing Posts, each in a location where the wildlife featured might be found. Bring your own paper and crayons or pencil, see if you can find all 18! This may be of most interest to younger children.

The second is a trail around Cosham and the Portsmouth Viewpoint which links the many historic sites in this area of Portsmouth Hill. This is a longer walk with many aspects and is suited to older children. The "Stroll through Time" could take up to 2 hours to complete.

Both trails are free to print or download from our website: www.portsdown.org.uk;
https://www.portsdown.org.uk/rubbing_posts.pdf
https://www.portsdown.org.uk/stroll_time_map.pdf

Further Holiday Activities



Spring

KIDS CLUB
EXTRAVAGANZA
BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

14th April | 15th April | 16th April | 17th April
www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs

- Free HAF places
- Lunch and snacks Included
- Childcare vouchers accepted
- Tax-Free Childcare Payments accepted
- Discounts for siblings and block bookings

Suitable for ages 5-11

'Travel' with us around the world this Easter!



Hampshire	London	Surrey	Dorset	Oxfordshire
Bursledon Gosport Lee-On-The-Solent Ringwood Pennington Stubbington West End Whitchurch Andover	Croydon Greenwich Sutton	Camberley Reigate	Bovington	Woodcote
		West Sussex	Southampton	Portsmouth
		Crawley	Bedford Place	Buckland

Girls' Football Opportunity

Meon Milton Youth FC
Cockleshell Community Sports Club, Cockleshell Gardens, Eastney, Portsmouth, Southsea, PO4 9SA



Point of Contact: Coach Mat
Phone: 07359112234

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Meon Milton Youth FC

Players wanted!
Under 7 Girls 25/26 Season

Meon Milton FC are looking for players in current school years R & 1 going into year 1 & 2 after the summer break. To join next seasons U7 girl's team ready for the 25/26 season.

We aim to provide a fun and safe environment where the girls can learn and play football, develop skills, and build their confidence and self-belief.

Training day: Saturdays (Training day will change as the season commences)

Time: 0900 - 1000

Location: Cockleshell Community Sports Club

For any questions or further information please contact:
Mat: 07359112234

Expression of interest is encouraged for all other age groups!
If there is enough interest then additional teams can be formed!



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LANGUAGE & HERITAGE WEEK

17TH- 21ST MARCH 2025

CELEBRATE SPEAKING
answering the register in many different languages!

LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS
a chance to explore Spanish, Norwegian, German and more French

WRITING LETTERS IN FRENCH
to French children with the support of Mademoiselle Remond.

EXPLORING FACTS
about languages and cultures across the globe

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Keeping our children safe online

Continuing our sharing of the informative posters from #WakeUpWednesday, National Online Safety. Please take the time to read through all the tips that will help to ensure that your children are safe online



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.

How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

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- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

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Enjoy your weekends and we look forward to welcoming your child back into school on Monday for another fantastic week of learning and other adventures!

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