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Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful



Commander Kindness



Lady Resilience



Captain Creativity



Doctor Resourcefulness

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our target is **96%** or more for attendance. We aim for every child to arrive on time to help them settle and make the best progress. This is also less disruptive for the other children already in class.

w/e	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
12.1.24								
%	96	96	94	97	98	96	95	95
No of lates	28	0	8	6	4	0	7	3

AWARDS

GOLD AWARD

One child is chosen each week from every class for upholding our school values of resilience, kindness, creativity and resourcefulness. Well done to last week's Gold Award Winners!



Pufferfish – Spencer
 Dolphins – Rayyan
 Penguins – Bear and Amelia
 Seals – Isla
 Sea Otters – Niamh
 Seahorses – Mabel
 Sharks – Lilly
 Turtles – Sienna



Photograph by Oscar and Evie

SILVER AWARD

We've seen lots of children this week who've popped in to share lovely work or good news! It's fantastic to see the work being shared from across all curriculum areas. Well done to everyone!



Pufferfish – Arthur, Eden, Sara, Matilda, Etta, Arlo
Dolphins – Youstina, Arthur, Lilia, Teddy, Mysha, Chessy, Henry, Charlie, Aayah



Penguins – Phoenix

Seals – Ozzy, Charlotte, Esme-Jayne, Lydia, Xander, Hudson

Sea Otters – Hugo, Mia, Frank, Jacob

Seahorses – Morgan, Owen, Remy, Yusha

Turtles – Sienna, Alana, Flossy, Reuben, Aashna, Sokol, Jayden, Elliott

Sharks – Cece, Donovan, Carter, Eliza, Riley, Lenny, Karson, Lilly, Olly, Freddie, Oscar, Toby

BRONZE AWARD

Children upholding our school rules and values and or putting effort into their learning receive house points. The table below shows how well house teams are doing. w/e 12.1.24

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
295	227	260	214

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
Tuesday 9 th Jan until Easter	Year 5 swimming each Tuesday	Details sent
Tuesday 30 th January	School Nurse Parent Clinic	Contact the school office to book an appointment
Wednesday 31 st January	2:40 Year 5 Exit Point	Parents welcome
Friday 2 nd February	2:40 Year 1 and 2 Exit point	Parents welcome
Monday 5- Wednesday 7 th February	Year 4 Residential	Details sent
Tuesday 6 th February	2:00 Year R Exit Point 2:40 Year 6 exit point parents welcome to attend	Parents welcome
Friday 9 th February	INSET	School closed to children
12-16 February	School closed for half term	School closed to children
Tuesday 20 th February	Parents evening year R-5 3.30-6.30	
Wednesday 28 th February	Infant Voices Festival Years 1 and 2	Children only Information below
Wednesday 28 th February	Parents evening year R-5 3.30-6.30	
Monday 4 th March	Under 10 football league at Goals	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	
Monday 11 th March	Under 10 football league at Goals	
Friday 22 nd March	Non uniform day donate an egg for year 6 tombola at Easter parade	

Tuesday 26 th March	School Nurse Parent Clinic	Contact the school office to book an appointment
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 6 are organising Easter parade for year R-2 with Easter songs for Y3-6 and an egg tombola	Parents welcome at 2.30 to watch the parade and hear singing – weather permitting
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday School closed to children	School closed to children
Monday 15 th April	School open to all children 8.30 start	
Friday 7 th June	INSET	School closed to children
Monday 17-Friday 21 June	Year 6 Residential	

LEARNING UPDATE

Year R	This week fairies arrived in Pufferfish. They have left glitter around the room, tiny doors and used the plane from the toy shop to 'zoom to the top of the tree'. Fear not, Pufferfish have left traps around the room to try and catch them. We have also created our own fairy's using the junk modelling, these are hanging in our classroom. Thank you to the Year R parents that attended Boogie Mites the feedback was fantastic.
Year 1	The children in Dolphin class have been working extremely hard this week. In English they have designed their own alien and have been writing down some fantastic descriptions about them using expanded noun phrases. In Maths they have been studying their new unit of time and have been sequencing events in order and looking at the time using o'clock. In PE they have been learning how to balance on different pieces of equipment and what the best way is to control their body while balancing. In Geography they had a great discussion about how to travel from continent to continent using a 4-point compass.
Year 2	Penguins have been amazing again this week! We have written our first independent write for this term on how we made our bridges last week, they have done a good job at this. In Math's we have started our new unit of fractions, and the children are beginning to identify halves and quarters. During our Geography lessons we looked at hot and cold climates, the children this week have been recognising features of these environments and how different animals are adapted to their environments. In computing we have begun looking at robot algorithms and predicting where our robot will move to when we give it instructions.
Year 3	This week, Year 3 have been delving deeper into punctuating speech in a dialogue between God and Moses. In Maths, we have been looking at the 10 times table and related calculations, and are all continuing to excel in our daily doubles quizzes. In Science, we've been looking at the nutrients and food that animals need. In French, we are able now to tell someone how old we are. Lastly, we wrote our names in hieroglyphs for Art based on our Ancient Egyptian topic.

Year 4	Sea Otters have produced some beautifully written diary entries this week! They have really captured the emotions and thoughts that the protagonist of our story would have experienced. In maths, they have all mastered multiply 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number using the formal written method. Furthermore, they have been demonstrating fantastic resilience in their times tables within our number sense and MTC practise in preparation for the MTC later this year! In the afternoons, they have really immersed themselves in Roman Britain, exploring who Boudicca was and why she lead a rebellion. Not only this, but they have been adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing in French!
Year 5	Year 5 have had another fantastic week of learning. Both Mr Upfield and Mrs Rutter were able to attend swimming on Tuesday and see how well the Seahorses are doing and already making great progress. In English we have begun to write our stories based on the Giant's Necklace and they are already sounding great. In maths we have begun to look at division and the children have all loved learning how to use the short (bus stop) method. Well done Seahorses.
Year 6	Another busy week in Year 6! In Maths, the children have been working so hard on their problem solving and reasoning skills, applying their new decimal knowledge and understanding of decimal numbers. We are now moving onto our new unit of Area, Perimeter and Volume. In English, the children have started to plan their own version of a portal story, which they have been keen to use their own ideas from not only our class book - Coraline - but also other similar books and films which have inspired their creativity. It has been lovely to see their imaginations come to life and we are so looking forward to see these unfold! We have had some lovely afternoons continuing our artwork, developing the use of our newly-learnt technique 'line and wash'. The children have been incredibly proud of how their pieces are coming along.
Senior Team Update	This week senior staff have been providing class cover across school which enables us to see the great learning taking place and how routines are embedded. We welcomed a visit from Mrs Bush, Headteacher of Langstone, who was very impressed with the children's learning behaviours.

Polite Notice – Reminders

- * No dogs are allowed on school site unless they are service dogs
- * No nuts allowed in school, this includes products such as peanut butter and Nutella. We have children and staff with severe nut allergies.
- * Remember to let us know of any change of circumstances, such as a new address or phone number, so we can update our records.

Infant Voices Festival

Over the coming weeks the children will be learning songs all about the ocean. These are being learnt as Year 1 and 2 have been invited to sing at Langstone Infants on 28th February in the afternoon. They will be singing with a number of other local schools and year groups. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to demonstrate pride, work as a team and be creative!

Small World Toy Request

If you have any unwanted small world toys (see list below) at home and would like to donate them to the school, we would be very grateful. We will be using these within sand play therapy sessions. This is a therapeutic approach used for children who have experienced a traumatic event. Please hand these to the office for the attention of Mrs Leslie.

Items can include:

- small plastic/wooden animals
- dolls house furniture
- miniature people
- miniature scenery (trees/plants)
- miniature vehicles
- miniature character toys (peppa/bluey)

MHST – Mental health Support Team

Mrs Leslie has organised for the following assemblies through this mental health team:

Wellbeing Assembly for pupils in YR-Y6 Thursday 8th February led by Mental Health Support Team.

Wellbeing Workshop for parent YR-Y6 Thursday 8th February 2.30pm led by Mental Health Support Team.

YR-Y6 Managing Worries Assembly led by MHST Wednesday 20th March led by Mental Health Support Team.

General Anxiety Workshop for parents Wednesday 20th March 2.30pm led by Mental Health Support Team

PE Day reminder – Please ensure your child has a kit on these days otherwise they may not be able to join in for health and safety reasons.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dolphins (1)	Seals (3)	Sea Otters (4)	Dolphins (1)	Pufferfish (YR)
Sharks (6)	Penguins (2)	Seahorses (5)	Penguins (2)	Sharks (6)
Turtles (6)	Sea Otters (4)	Pufferfish (YR)	Turtles (6)	Seals (3)
	Seahorses (5)		Pufferfish (YR)	

Library Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sea otter (4)	Dolphin (1) Seals (3) Seahorses (5)	Penguin (2)	Pufferfish (R) Turtles (6)	Sharks (6)

Old PE Kit Request

If you have any old PE kits that are still useable, we would be grateful for the donation to use for spare PE kits. Please ensure any items are cleaned and hand these into the school office.

Soccer Scholar Academy

Please contact Goals directly if you are interested. Paper copies of the flyer are available from the office.

TEAM SSA

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TINY TOTS (2-4 YEAR OLDS)
Led by our Primary PE Specialist, this session is an introduction into the fundamental football and movement skills, which promotes parent-child engagement through fun games.
Every Saturday morning, 10:30-11:55am
£3.50 per child

WILDCATS (GIRLS ONLY)
Our exclusive Wildcats session offers a fun and engaging environment for all girls in the Portsmouth area wanting to take their first steps in football. Sessions aim to inspire participants to engage with football, meet new friends, develop fundamental football skills. Opportunities to progress into our girls only travel teams are available.
Every Saturday morning, 9-10am
£3.50 per child

FUN AND FUTURES (4-12 YEAR OLDS)
Your son or daughter's footballing journey starts here with our fun themed football sessions. These are tailored to players with all abilities delivered by our expert coaches.
Every Saturday morning, 10-12pm
£7.50 per child

TEAM SSA