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Congratulations to the following children who have received either an Assistant Head Teacher's/ Headteacher's Award this term:-

Year 3: Bailey-Mai Adaway, Molly Atkinson, Bluebelle Baldwin, Wojciech Barycki, Kara Cantlow, Ruby Cheeseman, Robyn Cooke, Lily Curtis, Preston Delamare, Evie-Mae Dodd, Layla Dorman, Emily Gibbs, Jude Goddard, Phoebe Holland, Mohammed Hussain, Emily Jones, Alice Lanzon, Lily Neal, Dexter Ovenden, Wilfred Owen, Evie Perry, Henry Robinson, Grace Stone, James Tribe, Stephen Webb and Esmail Williams.

Year 4: Lucas Main.

Year 5: Charlie Dade, Ronnie Diprose and Archie Tabb.

Year 6: Thomas Evans and Freddie Green.

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Year 3

Can you believe we are in our last half term of Year 3 already?! Time flies when you're having fun! Year 3 have been working hard this half term ON our 'Coasts' topic. We have been using the book 'The Waterhorse' by Dick King-Smith to inspire our writing. We have used this to create our own monster which we will be writing a character description for. We have been working hard to learn appropriate adjectives, prepositions and different sentence structures to ensure our writing is the best it can be!

In Maths, we are continuing to practise our 3 and 4 times tables. We would appreciate some help with this at home as fluency with times tables is vital for all mathematical concepts. For problem solving, we have been practising the addition and subtraction of money using number lines to help us. We have been working out the amount of change we would receive if we paid with certain amounts of money.

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Thank you for the homework that has been handed in already for Coasts. Some of the instruments have been remarkable! We are looking forward to seeing some more homework.

Another reminder that our library day is Tuesday and all library books must either be returned or renewed on this day. If you think you have lost a book, please search everywhere for it! A lot of books have been found under sofas, beds and at after school club!

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Year 4

Since returning from the half-term break, we have been busy with our learning in Year 4. In Maths, we have been working on our understanding of fractions and decimals. It is lovely to see pupils increasing confidence with these tricky concepts. In English, we have written explanations of our Cracking Contraptions. We have started looking at the work of Impressionist artists, learnt lots of new vocabulary related to rivers and started exploring the

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habitats in our school grounds. The children have planned some 'interesting' Picnic Savouries in Food Technology and are enjoying trying out their recipes. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Stokes and parents who have come into school to support the children with their cooking.

Well done to Base 5 and Base 6 for delivering their Class Assemblies with confidence. We look forward to Base 5's Class Assembly next week. We are looking forward to completing a Forest Activity with pupils from Elson Infant School next week and using the experience to inspire our writing. All pupils will also get an opportunity to work with Mrs Hoskins in the pond area to do some pond dipping and find out about the plants and animals in this area of our school. Times Tables continue to be a focus so extra practise on recalling these facts would be helpful.

PE days for Year 4 are generally Tuesday and Wednesday but there may be extra opportunities for PE if the weather improves. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school including plimsolls or trainers every day just in case they are needed.

Thank you.

Year 4 Team

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Year 5

In literacy this month we have started a new unit of work based on the poem, 'The Highwayman'. The final outcome of this unit is that we are aiming for the children to be writing from the viewpoint of one of the characters from the poem. Bikeability is well underway, with Base 7 completing their course last week, Base 8 have been out and about this week and Base 9 will be next week. We have been very proud of the enthusiasm that the children have shown during these lessons. The children in year 5 have been very fortunate to be working with the year 6 teachers in preparation for their transition to year 6. They are having three sessions a week, Monday, Tuesday and Friday for an hour and a half, whereby they are being taught guided reading and maths. These sessions are proving to be invaluable for both the children and the staff. Base 7 unfortunately missed their swimming lesson yesterday due to inadequate amounts of chlorine in the pool. It was deemed unsafe for the children. There are only four weeks of this term left. We have many exciting topics to cover and we are looking forward to the children sharing their achievements with you.

Year 5 Team.

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Year 6

Summer 2 has seen the Year 6 very busy with our WW2 topic. The children have learnt all about the WW2 espionage, the events leading up to D-Day, what life was like as an evacuee and we are about to complete some learning about the Battle of Britain. All children have been really engaged with the topic and we have an exciting outcome planned for the end of term.

As part of our Year 6/7 transition project, the children have had their first taste of some English and Maths learning from their secondary schools. In Maths, the children have been solving problems involving area perimeter and statistics. During English sessions, the children have been learning all about Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. The idea is that the children will take their English and Maths books to their transition days in July.

In other news, the children have been busy preparing for their end of year production. This year's Year 6 production will be based around the 'Just so' stories by Rudyard Kipling. The children have been working really hard to learn lines, dances, songs, create stage props, make costumes, organise and allocate tickets and create a leavers' programme, and they can't wait to perform their versions of 'Just so' for you.

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The performances will take place on Tuesday 16th July and Wednesday 17th July.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Water Bottles

Water bottles will be going up to £1.10 from Monday 24th June.

Could you be entitled to Free School Meals?

The school can receive additional funding to support your child's learning. It is important that you register, even if they are not taking any meals so that they can benefit. If you would like to see how we have used this funding and the impact it has had, please see the Pupil Premium report on the website.

Do you receive one of the following:

☐ Income Support

☐ Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

☐ Support under Part V of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

☐ Families in receipt of Child Tax Credit will also qualify provided that (a) they are NOT also entitled to Working Tax Credit and (b) their annual income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, does not exceed £16,190 (from April 2010, subject to annual review)

☐ Guarantee element on State Pension Credit

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Debt Policy

As a school we are currently experiencing an increasing level of debt which needs to be addressed. We have reviewed our procedures and shall be following them robustly. If you owe dinner money, we will be sending either a letter or text to remind you of the outstanding balance and requesting that you provide your child with a packed lunch until the balance is settled as no further dinners can be provided. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Journey to School

We encourage all children to walk to school whenever possible.



There are 3 crossing patrols provided at the beginning and end of the day and children must use these. They are located at the 3 corners of the school:

- Junction of Elson Road and Elson Lane (Lolly Paula)
- Junction of Elson Lane and Eastbourne Avenue (Lolly Diane)
- Ham Lane (Lolly Heather)

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Sports Round Up



Sports Day was once again a big success, all the children participated very well and displayed what they had been learning in PE lessons to a really high standard. There were lots of children who won medals and lots of other children who reached new personal bests. Congratulations to team Compassion for winning the team event. It was great this year to be able to fit in the teacher's race as well as the parent's race, congratulations if you were one of those winners. Thank you to Miss Guy, Mrs Smith and the PATCH team who came to run the refreshments stand, as well as providing the children with ice lollies after the lunch break. A big thank also goes to the two parents who helped run the bench bunny hop competition.

Finally, congratulations to the following children who were nominated with individual rewards:

Jaye Herridge - Lower school Boy Outstanding Athletic Performer.

Grace Pocock - Lower school Girl Outstanding Athletic Performer.

Megan Peters - Upper school Girl Outstanding Athletic Performer.

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Louie Reed - Upper school Boy Outstanding Athletic Performer.

Toby Palmer - Lower school Best Boy Team Leader.

Melina Owen - Lower school Best Girl Team Leader.

Finlay Cousins - Upper school Best Boy Team Leader.

Millie Brozek - Upper school Best Girl Team Leader.



A MASSIVE congratulations goes to Mia Knight who has been selected to play for the Under 13 Hampshire Netball Academy, this not only puts her on the England Netball Performance Pathway but makes her one of the top 20 girls in the County for her age group! This is amazing news and as a school we are very proud of her.

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Netball League News



Our netball team have been working hard to keep their undefeated run still going, I have seen massive improvements in all the players as the league has progressed, they are becoming very skilful netballers and I am incredibly proud of them. Thank you to all the parents for their continued support and I hope you are enjoying watching your children growing into talented young players.

Check out the results of our matches below;

St Marys V Elson- 0-17 (Elson Win) Best and fairest player: Louie Reed

Alverstoke V Elson 1-14 (Elson Win) Best and fairest player: Phoebe Hull

Next match is against St Johns - Date to be confirmed.

Mrs White

PE Manager

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Congratulations to our netball team and athletics team who have qualified to compete at the Hampshire School Games in Aldershot on the 20th June 2019. This is a massive achievement as the children will be representing Gosport competing against the best schools from across the county. Good Luck to the following children:

Athletics - Molly Maher, Emma Harris, Megan Peters, Charlotte Farquhar, Thomas Evans, Jack Bagnall, Harrison Collins and Ashton Dodd.

Netball - Phoebe Hull, Mia Knight, Keira-Louise Wiles, Maizie Williams, Mya Grace Helbert, Gaby Valkova, Olly Wilber, and Louie Reed.



Elson Heroes and the School Choir rounded off their DDay Commemorations by attending the service at Hardway on 6th June. It was a beautiful day, a lovely service and made us feel proud to be part of the local community. The children were wonderfully behaved and we received many comments from local residents about what a credit to the school the children were. The children thoroughly deserved the delicious cakes provided by the Gosportarians.

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ELSON HEROES

Elson Heroes were very privileged to be invited to HMS Collingwood for a mess dinner this week. We had a tour of the site and a chance to chat with Collingwood personnel. The children particularly enjoyed the tour of the assault course and seeing the similarities between it and their own experiences at Stubbington Study Centre. Collingwood were very kind and laid us out a VIP table and provided us with a delicious lunch.



Team Collingwood

HMS Collingwood are kindly collaborating with us on an exciting project with some of our year 6 children. The aim is to build the children's resilience, confidence and respect before their onward journey to secondary school. Team Collingwood has now run for three sessions and the children are loving it, and rising to the challenges it gives them. We will end the group with a celebration at HMS Collingwood, which will be earned by showing respect throughout the sessions.

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NED

Watch this space!..... On 1st July we are having the NED show in school. They use yoyos as a way to build resilience and aspiration in children. There will be an opportunity to buy some merchandise after the event. Letters out next week.

Spirit is so popular!

As some of you may recall, we have had a teddy donated as a mascot for the school events. He was named SPIRIT at our Sea Bin event last year. The name is an acronym for



Spirit

Sensible Perseverance
Individual, Responsible,
Independent, Teamwork.
Some of the children felt they would love the opportunity to own a 'Spirit' of their own. To this end, SewCrafty in Gosport have donated a second, female, bear with an opposite colourway to Spirit. We are hoping to raise more funds towards our cycle shelter to provide secure lockable shelter for cycles in school. For a small donation of 50p you can try to guess the name of Spirit's friend.

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We will be selling name options at the office at BREAK TIME ONLY and at the summer PATCH event this Friday. This will allow children who do not normally attend out of school events to have the opportunity to enter.



SewCrafty make the bears from old school uniforms as keepsakes and can be found online or facebook.

BIG Battery Hunt

We have decided to launch a very exciting campaign called the Big Battery Hunt. Next week we will be sending home a small box to collect used, spent batteries in. Please bring the box back when it is full and put it in our collection container which will be near the main office.

Your child has been challenged to find and collect as many batteries as possible, please help them do this. They can be as creative as they like by going to work spaces, places of worship, local businesses and the wider community to enlist everyone to help make sure that no battery ends up in landfill.

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Please visit <https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/bigbatteryhunt/> for more information about the campaign. Please do take time to look at the base of your collection box for safety instructions.

Happy Hunting!



Thank you for making Big Pedal 2019 a great success.



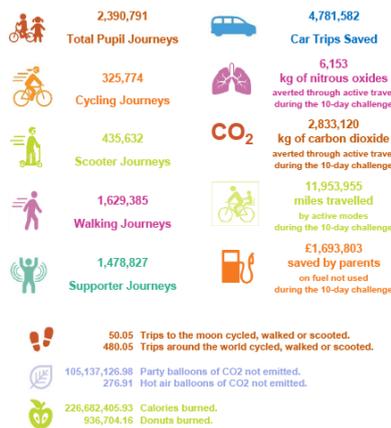
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With the Big Pedal over, we thought you might be interested to hear about this year's superb achievements.

This year's Big Pedal saw more than 1,682 schools and over 559,000 pupils taking part in the challenge. By cycling, walking or scooting to school pupils travelled the equivalent of 11.9 million miles - that's 50 trips to the moon, or 480 trips around the world.

In total, a record 2.3 million pupil journeys and close to 1.5 million supporter journeys (parents, siblings and teachers) were made by bike, foot or scooter.

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"This year's Big Pedal saw the highest number of pupils and parents take part since we first launched the competition back in 2010. This is a fantastic achievement, which tells us that children want to cycle, scoot and walk to school."

Xavier Brice, Sustrans' CEO

A warm welcome to our penultimate newsletter of this school year. We hope that you enjoy reading about what our children have been learning about across the school this term. Recently, we have much to be proud of. The respectful attitude of our children while we have been talking about the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the manner in which the choir and service club children represented us at the local commemoration at Hardway has prompted positive comments from colleagues at other schools and members of our community. Life in school is always busy but this term always seems especially so. The children enjoyed Sports Day and were still talking about the Parents' and

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Teachers' races when they came back to school after half-term. A group of our athletes has represented the school at the Hampshire Games recently joining 2000 other young people from across the county. Our pupils competed with integrity and showed compassion towards their fellow competitors encouraging everyone who took part. Our choir is off to the Portsmouth Music Festival today and I know that many of you have enjoyed the class assemblies that have taken place to showcase your children's learning in a performance to you. Our Year 5 pupils have been swimming and undertaken Bikeability this term with many of them overcoming personal challenges as part of this learning. Our Year 3 pupils have been excellent hosts to the Year 2 children who have started their transition process ready to join us in September.

I'd like to thank the Patch Committee for all their hard work. Patch has been working to develop their programme of events this year. The Bingo Evening was a great success enjoyed by all who came and the Film Club is proving popular too. We look forward to seeing you at the Family Picnic Event after school on Friday.

With best wishes.

Penny Shaw

Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY 2019

Week beg.	24.06.19	Bikeability Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri for Base 9KW
Monday	24.06.19	Portsmouth Schools Music Festival at the Guildhall, Portsmouth
Friday	28.06.19	Friday Fun day Festival and Picnic
Monday	01.07.19	Curriculum & Standards Meeting 1700-1900
Tuesday	02.07.19	Base 3 Class Assembly 1445
Friday	12.07.19	Book Fair
Monday	15.07.19	Whole Governing Body Meeting
Tuesday	16.07.19	Yr 6 Leavers Performance to Parents 1830 - 2000
Wednesday	17.07.19	Yr 6 Leavers Performance to Parents 1830 - 2000
Thursday	18.07.19	Yr 6 Leavers Party and BBQ
Friday	19.07.19	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 1315
Monday	22.07.19	INSET Day 4
Tuesday	23.07.19	INSET Day 5
Wednesday	04.09.19	INSET Day 1
Thursday	05.09.19	School Starts 0845
Week beg.	09.09.19	Yr 6 Residential to Osmington Bay
Monday	04.11.19	INSET Day 2
Friday	14.02.20	INSET Day 3
Week beg.	24.02.20	Year 4 Residential to Stubbington Study Centre (24-26 Feb)
Week beg.	30.02.20	Year 5 Residential to Stubbington Study Centre (30/3 - 01/04)
Thursday	07.05.20	INSET Day 4 - Polling Day - School Closed
Friday	26.06.20	INSET Day 5