

# MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents and Friends

Yesterday the publicity officer for the Hayling Island Horticultural Society came in to assembly to talk to the children about this year's shows being held at the Community Centre. The next one is being held on Saturday 27 March. She was encouraging the children to enter some of the junior competitions, which this year are:

**A Rainy Day** - picture, coloured with pencils, felt tips or paints A4

**A Broad Bean Plant\*** - grown in a jar lined with paper and filled with compost. Roots to be visible

**Spring and Rain Dancing Together** - a handwritten and illustrated poem (see their show book)

**A Boat** - a model, any medium, maximum size 30cm x 20cm

**Cheese Straws** - 5, on a plate

**Water** - a photograph

\*Mrs Mitchell left approx 30 beans in school - if your child would like one please complete the form below - in the event of over-subscription, names will be drawn out of a hat. Entries should not be brought to school but you will need an

entry form to be completed by the Wednesday before the show. There is no charge for junior classes.

### Calling all Mill Rythe Grandparents!!

We have been given a small sum of money that is to be used to promote good working relationships between school and *older* members of our community. We know that many of our pupils are brought to school or collected at the end of the day by grandparents. We already have a list of names of those we meet on a regular basis but would be grateful if you would complete the form below and tell us if your family has a special nanny, granny or grandpa/grandad that supports you by helping out with childcare. We will be writing to each one of them outlining some special plans we have for the future. Don't forget to give us an address or e-mail address where we can contact them.

I was outside at lunchtime yesterday watching how happily our children play together at break times - but I did notice that some were wearing rather lightweight coats. Don't forget that if your child is brought to school in a heated car they will be outside for significant spells of time playing and in this bitter weather need to have a coat that a) keeps their whole upper body warm and b) that they can do up themselves.

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## BEANS

My child would like one of the beans Mrs Mitchell left in school to enter in Hayling Island Horticultural Show on 27 March.

Child's Name ..... Class .....

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## GRANDPARENTS

Name of Child ..... Class .....

My family has help with childcare from:

Full name/s of grandparent/s

..... Address/e-mail .....

..... Address/e-mail .....

Signed .....

Please return this form by Friday, 5 March 2010

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## Letter from Extended Services - Combined Schools' Family Fun Activities for Hayling Island

The first family fun activity on 6 February had 84 people participate in two family sports activities on the Mill Rythe Schools' site. We received an overwhelmingly positive response and some useful feedback about what families need and want on Hayling Island. After we have run all four activities, we will hopefully have a good idea about how we plan for the future.

The second event is all about trying out gadgets and gizmos, like cameras and computers. You don't have to be a technology wizard, you just have to come along and be prepared to have fun as a family. Refreshments will be provided.

**Date: Saturday 6 March Location: The Hayling College Session Times: 10am - 11am or 11.15am - 12.15pm**

We have to limit numbers to 10 families per session (up to 30 people including children) because there is a limit to the number of technology gadgets we can get and work with in the Hayling College technology suite.

The next activities are "Family arts and crafts" (27 March) and "Family cooking" (24 April). The good news is that they are all free.

To book for Family Gadgets and Gizmos, please complete the slip below and return it to your school or Children's Centre by Monday 1 March. Children must be accompanied by a family member over the age of 18. Confirmation of your booking will be sent to you by Hampshire Learning.

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## Hayling Island Family Activities - Family Gadgets and Gizmos - Saturday 6 March - The Hayling College.

Please circle preferred session: **Session 1: 10am - 11am**      **Session 2: 11.15am - 12.15pm**

Name(s) of adult(s) .....

Name(s) and age(s) of children .....

Address ..... Postcode .....

Preferred contact / mobile number ..... Signed ..... Date .....

*We would recommend that parents check the qualifications and suitability of all staff and leaders running outside activities or services signposted by school.*

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