

HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes

I am delighted to share with all members of our community the following press release which will be shared next week via social media:

Dubai businessman makes record-breaking donation to The Portsmouth Grammar School in support of Mayfield School pupils



The Portsmouth Grammar School has received its largest donation for 30 years to help fund pupils from Mayfield School to attend the PGS sixth form.

Brian Wilkie, a successful Dubai-based businessman who attended Mayfield School from 1960-66 (when it was known as the Northern Grammar School), set up the Wilkie Scholarship scheme in 2012 to help young people from Mayfield School to succeed in life, no matter what their financial circumstances.

Thanks to his generosity, 18 young people have already been able to join PGS for their sixth form studies, before going on to attend some of the UK's top universities. Mr Wilkie has now made a record-breaking donation to ensure the long-term future of the scheme, bringing his total contribution to the programme to more than one million pounds.

“My aim is to help all young people to succeed and fulfil their potential, no matter how disadvantaged their backgrounds may be” says Mr Wilkie, “I hope that all those funded through my scholarships will enjoy and use the opportunities offered at The Portsmouth Grammar School to help fulfil their own potential. I have hugely enjoyed following the success of the 18 young people who have already benefited from the scheme, and look forward to hearing many more exciting stories in the future.”

Dr Anne Cotton, Head of PGS, added “We are immensely grateful to Brian for his enormous act of generosity. We are committed to opening our doors to more talented local young people, whatever their backgrounds and means, and are excited that Brian has joined us on this journey. Over the past 9 years, the Wilkie Scholars have made the very most of Sixth Form life to improve their own life chances, as well as taking the lead in drama productions, excelling on the sports field, raising hundreds of pounds for our partner schools in Cambodia and Uganda, and now pioneering our diversity and inclusion work. We are excited to see the impact future Wilkie Scholars will have in our school community, the city and the wider world. Hopefully Brian's wonderful gift will encourage and inspire other successful people to consider how best they can use their own resources to 'pay it forward' and help others in their turn.”

Mayfield School Headmaster, Mr David Jeapes, believes that being able to offer the Wilkie Scholarship to Year 11 pupils has been inspiring for all the Mayfield pupils, not just the Scholars. “Over the last nine years, the Scholarship scheme has really motivated our pupils throughout the school, because Brian’s own story is one of success through hard work, determination and aspiring to be the best that you can be. This resonates with our school motto: ‘Your only limitation is your ambition’.” he said. “We feel very proud to be the only school in Portsmouth offering this type of scholarship and are grateful to Brian for his support and vision.”

Covid Testing over the Summer Holidays and in September

The DfE have confirmed that there is no requirement for pupils to keep taking the twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests over the summer holiday period. We will be providing one further box of tests to pupils next week through tutor time. Your child may wish to keep taking the tests throughout the holidays for their own peace of mind and further supplies can be collected from a local pharmacy or ordered online from [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests).

Return to School Testing

The DfE have asked that all senior section pupils including the new Year 7 should take two Covid tests on-site at school before they return in September. These tests need to be spaced 3 – 5 days apart. We will be in the new school buildings for this round of testing and further details about the dates and times for each tutor group’s tests will be made available before the summer holidays.

For pupils moving into Year 8 –11, there is no need for parents to provide consent again if you consented for your child to take part in the March testing programme. Parents of children moving into Year 7 have been sent a SIMS App message with a link to a Google Form so that they can consent to their children taking part.

After this initial on-site testing, the requirement to take twice weekly lateral flow tests will resume until the end of September when the policy is to be reviewed.

Free School Meal vouchers for the Summer Holidays

Portsmouth City Council is funding a £90 supermarket voucher for each eligible child for income related free school meals over the summer holidays. Please note that pupils in Year R –2 who receive the universal free school meals do not qualify for this scheme.

Most parents will receive their vouchers by email through the Edenred portal on Monday or Tuesday of next week, which will give you a choice of several supermarkets. Where we do not have a working email address, the vouchers will be for Tesco and will be posted out on Tuesday 20th July.

Please email stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk if you have any queries about this scheme.

Primary and Year 7 Summer School, 23rd to 27th August

Bookings for the Summer Schools are now closed and confirmation letters have been sent to the children who have places on these events. If you have any queries or questions about the Summer Schools, please email:

Year 6 into 7 – Mr Tom Batchelor on BatchelorT@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Primary – Miss Morgon Campbell on Campbell-Morgon@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Holiday Activity Programme

Following the successful Easter holiday programme, CM Sports will also be hosting two weeks of Summer Holiday Activity Week. This programme is open to all Primary aged pupils who are entitled to Pupil Premium support, from Service families and those who have been identified as being vulnerable.

The first week of this programme is from 26th - 30 July, which will take place at the current school site. The second week of activities is from 31st August to 3rd September in the new school buildings. All sessions are free to attend and lunch is provided each day. Bookings need to be made directly with CM Sports following the links on the attached flier.

Joining Mayfield in September 2021?

We have been informed that a small number of parents or carers of children joining us in September 2021 have not received their welcome email. If you have not, then please contact our admissions team on:

Transition2021@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Instrumental Music lessons

Throughout the course of the last term google forms have been sent out for anyone who wishes to have instrumental music lessons beginning in September. We offer lessons in singing, guitar, piano or drums which are taught in small groups at a cost of £60 per term.

If you have missed the google form and would like your child to have lessons, please email Mr Ralls on Ralls-Perry@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk by 2pm Tuesday 20th July.

Relaxation of Quarantine Rules

Last summer, the DfE regulations required us to quarantine all items that were brought into school for at least 48 hours including home reading books and gifts. As we have learnt more about the transmission of the virus, this regulation has been relaxed so any items can now be handed directly to the staff on the classroom doors in the morning.

INSET Days and September start

The last day for all pupils in the current building will be Tuesday 20th July. This will be a normal school day for Primary, but a staggered finish for Seniors from 2:45pm. Extra-Curricular and Teatime Club will be operating as normal. More details will be published next week.

Mayfield will be closed to all pupils between Wednesday 21st July and Monday 6th September.

We will run a staggered start into the new school building as follows:

Years R to 7 and 11 will start on Tuesday 7th September;

Years 8, 9 and 10 will start on Wednesday 8th September.

Medication

If your child needs to take any medication during the school day OR you wish to give us permission for them to use a school inhaler due to Asthma. Then please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=17eMxmGmGkarCHowINbkEaHjlq47r0VGrz2BEQDkaAhUQ0pZVjYxT0o3OURaNzJBR0xUQ004NjFQMi4u>

If you have any questions about how we manage medication or support children with underlying health issues or immunisations, please contact Mrs. Sally Rowntree, Health and Welfare Officer on:

healthandwelfare@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Head of Seniors (Miss Louise Hillier)

Our last full week with the pupils is now complete. The Hot Weather Protocol was very welcome when it was called on Wednesday and this remains in place until the end of term.

As we look to September now can I ask you to remind yourselves of our expectations around uniform so that any new purchases are appropriate for school. We have a uniform section on our website [here](#).

Please note:

Trousers must be school trousers- not leggings or jeggings or jeans;
Shoes must be black and polishable- if you are in any doubt about the shoe please check with the school before purchasing.

If your child has any medication in the medical room then can you please ensure that this is collected from School on 19th or 20th July as we cannot guarantee their safekeeping as we move into the new build. In addition, we also have a large amount of lost property so if your child has lost anything this year then please do ask your child to come and look for it! We will not be moving the lost property across with us so anything left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

This week we have been running Sports Week in the senior section. Well done to everyone who has been performing so well for their House teams in their PE lessons. The standard of performance has been very high with excellent levels of kit, positive attitude and sportsmanship. With just Friday to go, the Sports Cup could go any direction so keep it up!

Head of Primary (Mrs Fiona Rogers)

This week has been full of activity in Primary. We finally welcomed some summer weather and a reminder that our hot weather protocol is now in place until the end of the summer term.

This week I have been lucky enough to visit the new build to look at how Primary will run from September. It is a very busy but exciting time for us as we pack up and prepare to move the whole of the primary section to a new building. Please note that information regarding routines and FAQs will be sent out in the coming weeks so please do keep an eye out for this.

It has been an emotional week for our year 6 pupils and staff who are approaching the end of their primary schooling. The hall has been filled with the sounds of singing and laughter as the pupils enthusiastically rehearse their end of year performance. This will be filmed and made available to year 6 parents. I must admit that it brought a tear to my eye to hear them singing their hearts out this week. I am very much looking forward to seeing the final cut! Mr Newsam has asked that parents remember to complete the Google form giving permission for this video to be shared. Please email Mr Newsam on newsam-james@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk if you need further information regarding this.

On Thursday year 2 dressed in all their finery to attend their Titanic tea party. As we couldn't go on a school trip to the SeaCity Museum, we bought a Titanic Tea Party to Mayfield. Pupils in Year 2 came into school in their best clothes. In the afternoon, we held a Tea Party and completed Titanic themed activities. Year 2 had a great time!

As you can see from the photos below, this was a fabulous event and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part.



We have seen some superb World War 2 artwork from year 4 this week. Mrs Pountain is so proud of all the pupils who have worked so hard to create some amazing paintings.



On Tuesday we will have our rewards afternoon which has been arranged by Mrs Firths, teachers and TAs. We always look forward to these events and whilst sorry that we cannot have our planned House activity, we are still looking forward to some fun, parties, films, games and sports on the last afternoon of the term.

With summer holidays approaching, it is worth mentioning to your children that they can access eBooks via the School Library Service [Portsmouth Schools - Portsmouth Schools \(eplatform.co\)](https://eplatform.co) All Junior children have a logon and they will keep those details until year 11. Please email Mrs Beech, Librarian beecha1@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk if you need a login for your child.

Please have a look for school library books over the Summer and return any you find in September as we will be having a book amnesty in order to re-stock the library!

If your child has any medication in the medical room, please ensure that this is collected from school on 19th or 20th July as we cannot guarantee their safekeeping as we move into the new build.

I know that many parents will be keen to get their school uniform shopping wrapped up as soon as possible. Please can I remind you of some basics around uniform and expectations in particular:

- Shoes must be black and polishable, not trainers or boots;
- Trousers must be school trousers and not leggings or jeans;
- Skirts must be a Mayfield box-pleat skirt;
- Summer uniform can be worn up until the October 2021 half term.

It is essential that absolutely everything is named so that it can be returned to its rightful owner if lost.

I know that parents are eagerly awaiting school reports, however we have encountered a technical hitch and reports are now going out Monday.

Whilst staff are happy to receive email queries from parents, please can I remind you our policy is that we endeavour to respond to these within 48hours. Staff are busy teaching and supervising playtimes during the school day and so may not be able to respond immediately. If your query is urgent, please pop into the school reception and we will try our best to get a member of staff to deal with your issue immediately.

Head of Pre-school and Nursery.

We are now at the end of the academic year, and it is hard to believe that the time has come for your children to leave us and move into Reception classes in September. We thank you for sharing your children with us. We thank you for allowing us to be part of your family during this time. It has been a privilege and a pleasure getting to know your children and being able to watch them learn and grow into confident, kind, and caring individuals. Have a wonderful summer, it is hard to say goodbye, but we are incredibly grateful to have been part of their lives and your family. Please stay in touch we would really enjoy hearing from you.








This Summer we have teamed up with Portsmouth City Council to offer free childcare and hot lunches during the school holidays.

To qualify, you must be eligible for free school meals (FSM) and have placed your booking at least 1 day in advance.

The aim of our course is for children to have a great time and make friends in a safe, structured but fun environment. We welcome Girls and boys from age 5 and above. Due to the current climate we have condensed our normal programme into one club of adapted activities.

Activity Club Content
Our Activity childcare club will still be based around fun multisport games and team building challenges. However, to ensure a safe operation we have planned adaptations to each session and any equipment we use.

The Activity club can include a choice of:

- Football •Uni Hoc •Softball •Nerf Games •Go-Karts
- Basketball •Dodgeball •Badminton •Tennis •RC Cars
- Frisbee •Arts and Crafts •Benchball •Lego

Times
For safety reasons we have fixed the time of our holiday club from **8:30am to 3:30pm**. No early and late drop off option.

Ways to book

1. Online @ cm-sports.co.uk (please follow the HAF scheme link)
2. Phone our friendly office on 02392 987 881

Please book online cm-sports.co.uk/fsm where possible as our office phone will be operating with minimal staff during this time.

Places are limited and secured on a first come first served basis.

What do I need to bring?
We have fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities to best equip for the British weather, however please ensure that children bring with them suitable clothing, plenty to drink and sun cream. We will serve a two course hot lunch for all FSM children.

Who will look after my child?
Our coaches make it their mission for your child to have the best time whilst they are with us. They are enthusiastic, professional in their approach and have a passion for teaching.

Our coaches are:

- Qualified in Paediatric First Aid
- FA and multiskills qualified
- Hold DBS certificates
- Registered by Ofsted
- Child protection trained

Free Summer Activities

Mayfield School

Mayfield Road, Portsmouth PO2 0RH

Monday 26th July	Tuesday 27th July	Wednesday 28th July	Thursday 29th July	Friday 30th July
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monday 2nd August	Tuesday 3rd August	Wednesday 4th August	Thursday 5th August	Friday 6th August
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Monday 9th August	Tuesday 10th August	Wednesday 11th August	Thursday 12th August	Friday 13th August
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Monday 16th August	Tuesday 17th August	Wednesday 18th August	Thursday 19th August	Friday 20th August
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Monday 23rd August	Tuesday 24th August	Wednesday 25th August	Thursday 26th August	Friday 27th August
✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Monday 30th August	Tuesday 31st August	Wednesday 1st September	Thursday 2nd September	Friday 3rd September
✗	✓	✓	✓	✓

Coronavirus update

As a childcare provider, we understand the importance of keeping all children, staff and families who visit our sites safe.

Our courses have been modified in line with government guidance.

These include:

- ADAPTED ACTIVITY PROGRAMME
- CHILDREN GROUPED IN SOCIAL BUBBLES
- STRINGENT HAND WASHING ROUTINES
- SOCIALLY DISTANCED DROP OFF POINTS
- FRESH AIR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- STAGGERED LUNCHTIMES
- RISK ASSESSMENTS
- CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION AND CONTROL TRAINING

All clubs are Covid compliant (at the time of the course)
We will issue a full refund if a change in the government rules subsequently cancels the course. Our booking system will cap bookings once the safe daily participation limit has been reached.


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