

HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes

I would like to start this week's update by wishing Mrs. Carly Reid, Assistant Head of Intrepid House, the very best in the World Hyrox Games which are taking place this weekend in Las Vegas. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing Carly the very best. More information about this event can be found here:

[World Championships of Fitness Racing 2022 Las Vegas - HYROX](#)

The Summer exam season is now underway. This week, Year 6 took their KS2 SATs exams and next week Year 11 will begin their GCSEs. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our pupils involved in external examinations the very best.

By way of early warning, please be aware that on Friday 27th May, in honor of HM The Queen's Silver Jubilee, we encourage all children and staff to come to school dressed in red, white and blue. More information about this event below.

Attendance Focus and Pupil Premium Attendance Surgery

Did you know that being absent for 10% of the school year means that a child is persistently absent and is unlikely to achieve their target grades at GCSE? Click on the link below for information regarding Persistent Absence.

[Summer 2022 Campaign.pdf \(schudio.com\)](#)

Parents of pupils who are at risk of being persistently absent are expected to:

- Work with the school and local authority to help them understand their child's barriers to attendance.
- Proactively engage with the support offered to prevent the need for more formal support.

One of the ways that we are helping to support with improving school attendance is by starting to run attendance surgeries. We have invited all our Pupil Premium families to our very first attendance surgery on either Wednesday 18th or Wednesday 25th May 2022. Details of how to book your slot have been sent out via the Parent App. We are looking forward to re-connecting with families so please do attend if you can. We hope that this will help us support our families with excellent attendance to school. More surgeries will take place throughout the year. Please email Mrs Rolfe or Miss Newnham for further details.

Rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Newnham-Grace@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

FOM Summer Fete Friday 15th July

Friends of Mayfield are running our summer fete on Friday 15th July 3-6.00pm, If you are interested in having a stall or helping with this event, please contact us on FOMevents22@gmail.com

Year 6 and 7 Workshop

On Wednesday May 25th, all year 6 and 7 children will be receiving an assembly/workshop delivered by the St. Giles Trust. These sessions have been funded by the Hampshire Police and will be led by a trained professional with lived experience of the criminal justice system to de-glamorise gang involvement and expose the harsh realities of crime and violence (for year 7). For year 6, these sessions will focus on weapons awareness, gangs and the importance of being a good citizen. The

sessions will aim to raise awareness about the dangers of gang culture and debunking its perceived 'glorified' lifestyle including risks of drug distribution and County Lines.



Red, White and Blue Day

For the summer 1 end of term reward on Friday 27th May will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with a red, white and blue day. All pupils will be invited to come to school in non-uniform with a red, white and blue theme. Primary pupils will be taking part in Jubilee activities throughout the day, ending with a 'Tea Party' in the playground. Years 7 to 10 will be attending their usual lessons period 1-4 and period 5 pupils will be in their tutor groups taking part in Jubilee themed activities and will be provided with cake to enjoy in this session. Year 11 will have their timetabled exams/lessons on this day and will be leaving school early at 2pm. We will be collecting £1 voluntary contributions on the gates to support fundraising for new playground and seating areas for all of our children.

Extra-curricular Summer 2

Booking for the summer 2 extra-curricular clubs opens next week;

- Monday 16th May – Year R
- Tuesday 17th May – Year 1 & 2
- Wednesday 18th May – Year 3 & 4
- Thursday 19th May – Year 5 & 6
- Friday 20th May – Year 7 & 8

Bookings close at 6pm on Monday 23rd May. Please be aware that from this half term pupils will not be able to book on to cooking club if they have done cooking the previous half term. This is to enable more pupils to access this club.

Head of Seniors – Miss Louise Hillier

As a school we know that good attendance to school is very important- there is a direct link between coming to school and doing well in lessons. You can find on Instagram the winning tutor from each House every week. The latest winners were:

Discovery 8

Victory 6

Intrepid 1

Endeavour 2

If you are concerned about your child's attendance then please do contact your child's Head of House or Mrs Rolfe on rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk. They would be happy to talk to you and offer help and advice.

Sporting updates:

Our Year 8 football team unfortunately lost in the final of the Portsmouth Cup on Monday. They played with great confidence and style, but the dreaded penalties denied us victory. The full-time score was 1-1. After penalties 4-3 to Trafalgar.

Mr Reid writes "Great game, very proud of them all".

Mr Campbell took the Year 10 team to the semi-final of the Portsmouth Cup, where they won 2-0 v ALN. They are now through to another final for this season- well done to them



As we reported last week, Year 11 are through to the Portsmouth Cup Final which is being held on Friday 20th May at 4pm at Miltoncross School. They would be delighted to have as much support as possible in their last match together as a team.

We had House Assemblies this week. I asked each of the Heads of House to give me a selection of highlights from those.

Intrepid- Miss Jones

Achievement points- I5 are the highest achieving tutor group in the house with 10,116 achievement points. They are having a reward tutor time Friday where they will eat cakes and play a game.

Top achievement points overall in Intrepid goes to Mari P who has 716 achievement points. She won a Love to Shop voucher for this, given in assembly.

Best attendance- I1, they won a prize in assembly.

Most improved attendance- I6, they won a prize in assembly too.

Endeavour- Mr Campbell

We had a "Blue slip" raffle handing out some chocolate treats and two £10 Love to shop vouchers. The two pupils that won the vouchers were Vada H and Madelaine H both in year 7- well done to them!

We then had a tutor group challenge in which two pupils from each tutor were invited up and they had 2mins to design/make a paper airplane and we then had a 'fly off' to see which plane travelled the furthest. It was a competitive competition but E6 came out on top with John L and Levi P designing and flying their plane! This resulted in E6 being rewarded with some treats to share amongst their group. Well done E6!

Discovery – Miss Webb

Discovery celebrated Spring 2 achievements with outstanding reports. Mia C in year 11 had perfect AFL of 1 in every subject- outstanding!

We gave a shout out for those with highest achievement points in each year Cruz S, Rueban C, J-Maria, Teagan W and Sameena R. Cruz has the highest in the whole House!

D7 won attendance for the week and were also our most improved attendees, D5 had the highest achievement points in House.

Discovery did a collection on the door for the Princess Rebecca in Discovery Year 2 trying to raise £550 for a wig for a child with cancer which raised just over £35.

Miss Webb told the House that at the end of the academic year she will be changing role to become Assistant SenCo and that Mr Flores will be taking over from her. He will be visiting next week and is very much looking forward to meeting the pupils.

Victory

In Victory House this week we had a Reward Assembly. We had a paper plane competition which was won by V5 - who earned themselves a sweet treat!

We also held a raffle for those students who have earned themselves blue slips this half term. Well done to Amelie H and Jack B who got themselves £10 Love to Shop vouchers.

Well done to V7 who had the best attendance last week!

This week's Hot Chocolate Friday was for lovely Year 8 pupils. The Heads of House thought long and hard about who to invite and the nominations were eventually:

Discovery	Fraser and Gracie
Victory	Adam and Aben
Endeavour	Rafferty and Freddy
Intrepid	Sara and Sama

What a splendid group of young people. It was lovely to hear their thoughts on the new build and advice for the new Year 7 starting in September- "Don't worry!". They were a delight to spend time with.





Head of Primary – Mrs Fiona Rogers

This week has been all about SATS! The year 6 pupils have really worked their socks off and tried their hardest to demonstrate the progress they have made this year. I hope that all of you manage to enjoy the sunshine this weekend and get some rest!

As mentioned last week, on Friday 27th all Primary pupils will be coming into school dressed in red, white and blue and will be taking part in some super Platinum Jubilee activities in class. The afternoon will be a rewards event for all pupils which we are really looking forward to and we will be taking photos during the day using our Platinum Jubilee selfie frame so please keep an eye out for them on social media!

As part of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we are running a “Portrait of the Queen” competition in Primary. If pupils would like to enter the competition, they need to create a portrait of the Queen, no bigger than A4 size and pass this to Mrs Rogers in room 47 no later than 4.30pm on Tuesday 24th May. Please make sure that the portrait is clearly labelled with the pupil's name and class. We are hoping to display the portraits along the main entrance on the red, white and blue day (weather permitting). There will be a prize for the winning entry.

On Thursday 26th May year R will be having their House Sort assembly. As part of this event, pupils will be given a new House coloured tie to wear in September. The Heads of House will also be sending a special message to welcome the pupils to their new school family. If you are a year R parent and are intending to donate your current year R PE top and purchase a new House coloured PE top, please can you email Mr Backhouse on backhoused@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk so that we can order your £5 discount voucher for use at SkoolKit or Penelope Anne. Please can you stipulate in the email which supplier you would like the voucher for.

This week in Year R, we have been making and decorating our own gingerbread men! The children really enjoyed going to the school food tech room and exploring other parts of our school. The children helped measure out ingredients and mix it up to make the dough! We even made extra for the teachers... However, when we came to school on Wednesday the teacher's gingerbread men were missing!! All that was left were some crumbs leading out the door. The children have been making posters to help find the gingerbread men and have loved thinking about where the gingerbread could have gone. Their writing and creativity have been amazing - well done Year R!

Year 2 have been working hard with some SATs work this week and we are proud of the efforts they have made. Please do not expect your child to know that they done anything different as our intention is to make it as normal as possible for them without putting any pressure on them. We will continue with various special tasks and activities over the next two weeks as well.

We started our learning about Plants this week and will be setting up an investigation next week. We combined our science learning with Art, using oil pastels and watercolours to draw a tree and flower showing the different parts of each one. We have enjoyed acting out the story of Little Red Riding Hood in small groups as well as using directional and positional language to describe the place of objects.



This week, Year 3 have found unit fractions of amounts using manipulatives and bar models. In English, we have been planning our own narrative piece based on our text 'An Alien in the Jam Factory'. We also had great fun in PE, taking part in a variety of different activities.



This week Year 4 have been writing newspapers in English based on the Luna Park VR dinosaur on Southsea common. In maths we have been continuing to practise our times tables and are pleased that the children are continuing to make progress.

Parent should have received a letter this week about a trip to Southsea in the last week of this half term. Please can the slips attached to the letter be returned to us as soon as possible.

This week, Year 5 have been learning how to multiply decimals! They have found out that if you multiply by 10, you move each digit one place to the left, on a place value grid. They then found out that if you multiply by 100, you move each digit 2 places to the left.

In English, year 5 enjoyed learning about playscripts! To hook them into this piece of writing, we have explored with role play and exploring with different plays.

In art, we have been exploring with collage skills and creating beasts with different materials/textures.

The Year 6 Team would like to say thank you and well done to the whole year group, for their effort, resilience and determination to succeed this week. We have all been so proud of the effort you have put in. The Year 6 children have enjoyed a reward day today, complete with ice lollies, films and sport; they will then be ready to return to hard work and maximum effort for the rest of the academic year.



Finally, a reminder that we have a draw running for those who have good attendance this term and those who have earned blue slips. The draw will take place on the last day of the summer term...you have to be in it to win it!