

Mayfield Messenger

10th February 2023



Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

A message from Mr Howard

As we head towards the end of the Spring 1 term, I would like to reflect on our progress and the positive comments made by visitors and parents/carers. Not only was Year 8 parents and carers evening a success but I received several positive emails about some of our team and pupils who have represented our school in ways that reflect our values and motto. One email sent was from Catherine Hornby - Capital Strategy Officer from Portsmouth City Council. Another email I received was from Councillor Suzy Horton, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education.

"Dear Mr Howard, I attended the Portsmouth Literature Quiz for Years 7 & 8 held at Fratton Park and just wanted to let you know what an absolute pleasure it was. Our young people have, again, absolutely embraced the challenge: their commitment, enthusiasm and mutual support were evident."

"Hi Mr Howard, I wanted to feedback on 3 positive things re Mayfield from the last week or so:

1. Many thanks to whoever invited me to the NHS careers talk as part of aspirations week; it was a good talk and the careers lead is great.
2. Your office staff were excellent re safeguarding when I arrived. My arrival coincided with a lot of mentors and others arriving at the same time and it would have been so easy to slip through the door but they were hawk eyed.
3. I attended the secondary school literature quiz (to give out prizes) where Mayfield had amazing success in both the round prizes and of course overall winners. I particularly noted how the different teams within your school were united in celebrating together."

I wish you all a happy half term break.

Packed lunches in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2

The new Primary lunch menu goes live when we come back after the half-term holidays.

This has been sent to all parents on Classcharts.

There is a new daily packed lunch option that includes a baguette or wrap with a choice of fillings with vegetable sticks or fruit and a pudding. This can be ordered daily on SCOPay or in the classroom.

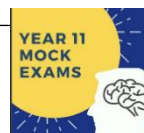
This is also a reminder that pupils in Year R – 2 will be allowed to **bring a packed lunch from Monday 20th February.**



School Patrol Officer

Our School Patrol Officer Chris is going to be away from work for the next six weeks while he recovers from an operation. Unfortunately, there is not going to be any cover for Chris while he is away. Please take extra care when crossing the roads.

Final Year 11 mock exams



Good luck to Year 11 who are starting their final set of mock exams on **Wednesday 22nd February.**

Please make sure that you are in school early for all of your examinations and that you come fully equipped with a **black pen, pencil, ruler, highlighter and scientific calculator.**

Equipment needs to be kept in a clear pencil case or

Senior Breakfast Club

Our new senior section Breakfast Club has proved very popular this week. There is **free** cereal and toasted bagels with butter, jam or honey available every morning in the main canteen **from 7.45am till 8.35am.**

Please come in early and make sure that you have a good breakfast before school starts.



Friends of Mayfield Quiz Night is Back!

Join us for a fun evening of Quiz questions hosted by our own Mr Howard. What better way to catch up with friends?

Everyone welcome, parents, teachers, and the wider community. Get your team together, maximum of 8, bring a bottle or two and your favourite nibbles.

Join us for a night of fun on **Friday 17th March**, cash prize to be won!

Doors open to **Mayfield school main hall at 7pm**,

£3 per person upon entrance, cash only, no need to buy tickets in advance.



PETA's Dragon Den vs The Apprentice

Our amazing year 9's won the final of PETA's Dragons Den vs The Apprentice. This week they did a rehearsal with Mayfield staff in preparation for the final on Thursday. They were amazing! Congratulations!

Below is the PETA video celebrating Mayfield reaching the final 5 teams.

<https://youtu.be/D3IEkf3Z-cw>



Become a teaching assistant

- Date: Tuesday 28 February
- Venue: Portsmouth Central Library (third floor)
- Time: 10am - 2pm (Choose one of two sessions 10am - 11:45am / 12pm - 2pm)

Learn how to become a teaching assistant in Portsmouth

There will also be an opportunity to view learning support vacancies. Attend one of two sessions (10am -

Minstead Residentials

Good luck to Year 4 who are off on their Minstead residentials after half term. Mississippi and Yangtze classes are going in the week beginning 20th February. Have a great time away!



HELP US SET UP MAYFIELD PARENT HUB

A safe space to support and engage with parent carers of children and young people with special educational and neurodiverse needs. The aim is to gather feedback, provide better access to relevant services and offer the best support for families.

Please help us set up your parent hub; Take a few minutes to fill this survey.

<https://bit.ly/NDISParentHub>

Survey closes on Friday, 24th of February 2023

Enquiries ndcoordinator@hiveportsmouth.org.uk

The poster features the Mayfield School logo (a stylized 'M') and an illustration of a group of people sitting around a table, engaged in a discussion. A QR code is also present for survey access.

Friends of Mayfield Discos 2023



Friday 10th March – Year R 3.30-4.30pm ~ Year 1&2 4.30-5.30pm

Tickets on sale Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th March 3.30 & 4.30pm

Thursday 18th May – Year 3 4.30-5.30pm ~ Year 4 5.45-6.45pm

Tickets on sale Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th May 3.30 & 4.30pm

Thursday 22nd June – Year 5 4.30-5.30pm ~ Year 6 5.45-6.45pm

Tickets on sale Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th May 3.30 & 4.30pm

SEND And Well-Being Podcast

Autumn 2 - Friday 16th December 2022

Spring 1 - Friday 10th February 2023



Newsletter - Autumn 2 - 2022



The SEND and Wellbeing newsletter

The SEND and Wellbeing newsletter is attached, with some useful info regarding how to speak to our children about Andrew Tate, an article on comfort food, and a spotlight on the role of SENCOs.

If you would prefer to listen to our podcast audio-version of the newsletter, then the link is below. Just scroll down and click on Spring 1 Friday 10th February -

<https://www.mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk/communications-from-us>

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Teenage Booster immunisation session is due to take place in school **Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 February**. If you would like your child to receive the vaccination, please follow the link below:

School URN: 116463

IHC link <https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-portsmouth-tdm>

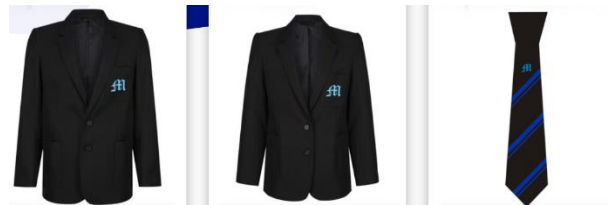
If you do not want your child to have the vaccination, please complete the form to say that you do not want your child vaccinated. **Any queries please call 0300 123 5074**.

Yours sincerely

School Aged Immunisation Service: Portsmouth

Uniform

Half term is a great time to make sure that any uniform issues are resolved ready for spring 2. Please can I ask that parents make sure that pupils have a blazer, tie, trousers, shirt and black polishable shoes every day. The number of children arriving out of uniform is not acceptable and we would appreciate your support with this. **Please can we give you advance notice that from September, AirForce 1 trainers will NOT be allowed.**



This week's successes outside of Mayfield are;

Well done to Jaxon in Year 3 for passing his Level 1 swimming award.



Well done to Esra in Year 4 who achieved level 1 and 2 for swimming, and level 2 for gymnastics in the same week!



Well done to Fleur in Year 1 who received her pre-primary ballet diploma from the Royal Academy of Dance at the weekend.



Well done to Rhian in Year 5 who completed her 25th Park Run on her 10th birthday.



Share your child's success outside of Mayfield

If your child/ren have achieved something over the weekend or during the week, please share a picture and a brief description of the success. This could appear in the next Mayfield Messenger.

Please send these to general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Unfortunately, we will not be able to share all of these. However, we will use them to contribute to a beyond Mayfield display.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday