

Mayfield Messenger

10th March 2023



Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,
A message from Mr Howard

On Tuesday 7th March 2023, the children from Year 3-Year 6 who were in the Dance Live team performed in front of a huge audience at Portsmouth Guildhall.

Seeing the children back stage and on the stage and then being collected by their parents and carers made me incredibly proud - each occasion they were smiling and proud. I am pleased to say that we won first place and this was the perfect result, yet I know, no matter what the outcome, the children would have demonstrated the same excellence. This was thoroughly deserved (despite my bias).

However, the greatest success was seeing the development of each child. There is no doubt that every child grew in confidence, took themselves outside their comfort zone and showed great resilience as a result of the preparation and then in the final performance. I was blown away by the performance, talent, attitude and the commitment from everyone involved - and that included the adult volunteers who have done an amazing job. I would like to personally thank them for giving our children these opportunities. I would also like thank our parents, carers, families and staff for taking the time to watch our amazing pupils. (Check out the amazing photo at the end of the Mayfield Messenger).

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HAF activities at Mayfield

Funded April Activity Club
Mayfield School
Mayfield Rd, Portsmouth PO2 0RH

Monday 3rd April	Tuesday 4th April	Wednesday 8th April	Thursday 6th April	Friday 7th April

Activity Club Content
Our Activity club can include a choice of:
•Football •Juni •Hoc •Softball •Nerf Games •Go-Karts
•Basketball •Dodgeball •Badminton •Tennis •RC Cars
•Frisbee •Arts and Crafts •Benchball •Lego •Triflatables

Times
For safety reasons we have also altered the time of our holiday club from 8.30am to 3.30pm. No early and late drop off option.

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 staff are:
•Qualified Paediatric First Aid
•FA and multiskills qualified
•DBS certificated
•Registered by Ofsted
•Child protection trained

As part of Portsmouth City Council's Holiday Activities and Food Programme, CM Sports are hosting a holiday activity club for pupils in **Years 1 to 9** who are **eligible for free school meals**. The club is running every day from **Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April** from **8.30am till 3.30pm**. Bookings can be made on [CM Sports · Eegu](https://www.cmsports.co.uk)

Parents Evenings

The Parents Evening booking system is now open for:

- **Year 9 Parents and Options Evening on Thursday 23rd March**
- **Year 11 Parents Evening on Thursday 30th March**

You can book your appointments through

[SchoolCloud - Mayfield School](https://www.schoolcloud.co.uk)



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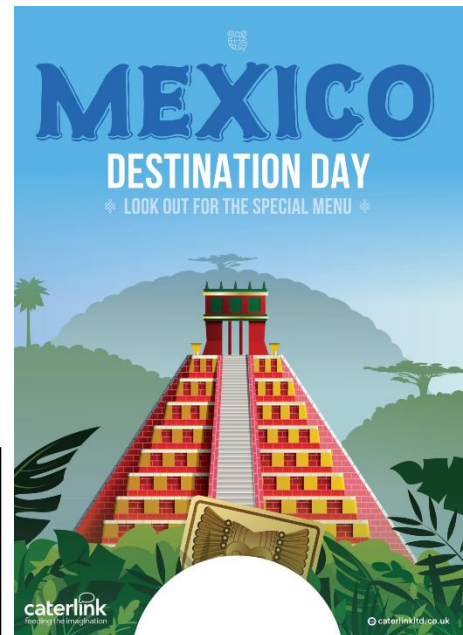
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Please see the information attached to the Mayfield Messenger.

Special Mexican theme day lunch

Our catering provider Caterlink have organised a special Mexican theme day on **Tuesday 14th March** with an alternative menu.



Red Nose Day

We are selling Red Noses for Comic Relief through SCOpay from **Monday 13th March**. The Red Noses are environmentally friendly and are priced at **£2.50**.

Activities for Friday 17th March

Whole school **Cake sale** will be taking place at;

- Break time for senior pupils in the main canteen
- 3.30pm outside main reception for Primary pupils

Please bring in donations of cakes to the house office or primary heads office.

Comic Relief Quiz – Tutor time for seniors, class time for primary. There are prizes to be won

Red noses- for sale all week via scopay for £2.50



Red Nose Day in Primary

On Friday 17th of March, primary pupils will be having a non-school uniform day as part of a fundraising effort to raise money for Comic Relief and the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal. There is a 'wear red' theme for the day, and we will be collecting donations on the school gate in the morning and at the end of the day.

Seniors will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 31st March so that they can contribute to the earthquake appeal too. More details will follow soon.

Thank you, in advance, for your support



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 at 6.30pm held in **Mayfield school main hall at 7pm**,

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



Parents/carers views welcomed on young people's SEND services



Parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) can have their say on the services and support available in Portsmouth by taking part in a survey.

The responses to this survey will be used to shape future services for children and young people with SEND and their families.

The survey will be open until **Sunday 26 March 2023**. Parents and carers can fill in the survey online or request paper copies by emailing eandsc@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.



World Book Day

More World Book Day photos will appear in next week's Mayfield Messenger.

A huge thank you and well done to all of the staff for the great efforts in their costumes.



Confirmation of Strike day (Thursday 15th and 16th March 2023) - Partially closed

The school will be open to;

- **Year 11 GCSE Drama Students**

The Year 11 drama students are invited in for their Drama lessons at their normal lesson time as they have the visiting examiner in to see them for their Presenting and Performing Texts exam on 30th March.

Pupils should come in via the main entrance in full school uniform in time for the start of these lessons.
Pupils will leave the school site at the end of these lessons.

Wednesday 15th 9.45-10.45am

Thursday 16th 12.35-1.35pm

- **Pupils with a current Education, Health and Care Plan**
- **Pupils eligible for Free School Meals during lunch time only**



This week's successes outside of Mayfield are;

Congratulations to two members of staff who have been nominated for the Inspirational Women of Portsmouth Awards. Mrs French has been nominated for continual support and running of the Women's Rugby team at Portsmouth RFC: Portsmouth Valkyries (in their 25th Year). Ms Simpson has been nominated for the set up and running of some amazing Southsea community groups on Facebook, giving people a forum to make friends and connect with others, regardless of age, creed, colour, gender or sexuality.



Well done to our Mayfield Juniors Dance Live team who won their heat this week with their incredible performance! We are so proud of you – you are a credit to yourselves and the school.



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

10th March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Confirmation of Strike day (Thursday 15th and 16th March 2023) - Partially closed

Dear all parents and carers

As you are aware, following on from previous communications and the strikes on the 1st February 2023 and Thursday 2nd March 2023, the next proposed strike dates are on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023.

I had thought that there may be a further update on the strike days. However, currently they will be going ahead as planned. As I stated before, members of the unions are not required to let employers know ahead of time whether they intend to strike.

Based on the previous and current information, we will be partially closed. The school will only be open for GCSE Drama students in Year 11 – (see timings above) and those pupils who currently have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). The school will also be open during lunchtime for pupils eligible for Free School Meals.

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As always, the decision to partially close has not been taken lightly. Again, I do realise that this will cause difficulties for parents and carers.

Work for children not in school

Due to partial closure, we aim to have work available on our school website. Please see the below links to access this learning.

Primary work can be found here:

[Home Working - Primary | Mayfield School](#)

Senior work can be found here:

[Home Working | Mayfield School](#)

Homepage>Learning and Curriculum>Home Learning

Teachers taking strike action are not required to set cover work and so the work may be general work rather than lesson specific.

Free School Meals

- Primary

For primary pupils who are eligible for free school meals, we will be providing a hot meal during the lunchtime. This will be from 12pm – 12:45pm. We will be sending out a form for parents and carers of primary aged pupils eligible for Free school meals to sign up to this offer.

The children will need to arrive at the main reception area to be registered at 12pm and then collected at 12:45pm from outside the main school hall.

- Seniors

Senior pupils eligible for free school meals are able to arrive between 1pm-1:15pm at Kensington gate entrance where they will be registered and taken through to the canteen to collect and enjoy their lunch. They will leave once they have finished their lunch.

Please complete the link to the Microsoft Form attached below. It will also be sent out via ClassCharts for you to complete if you would like your child to have a free school meal.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5zysvCHhFJ>

Thank you for your patience and support.

Yours faithfully



Mr Howard
Headteacher

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Headteacher, Mr. Ashley Howard





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Wellbeing support for families of
serving naval personnel



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We want to ensure families of serving personnel know how and where to access wellbeing and mental health support when they need it.

We understand that living with a partner, child or parent in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines creates a unique set of challenges, that can at times put pressure on your mental health or wellbeing.

With frequent moving, stress around deployment and loneliness to contend with, families can sometimes need some extra support.

Anchoring Minds can help you:

- Access the support you need.
- Offer a friendly chat with someone who understands what you are going through.
- Provide access to peer support groups for you to join
- Offer free courses to improve your wellbeing or longer term support.

You don't need a mental health diagnosis, or a GP referral.

Email: anchoringminds@solentmind.org.uk

Website: solentmind.org.uk

Find more information under 'Support for you' and 'Our Services'.

