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This is the last messenger for the Spring 1 half term. Over the course of this week your child will have received an envelope containing:

- Academic reports for Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11
- Pastoral reports for Years 7 and 9
- Events summary for Spring 2

Additionally, we have posted on the school's website a letter from myself. A copy of this can be found [here](#).

The Mayfield Messenger returns on 28th February.

Head of Seniors (Miss. Louise Hillier)

The week beginning 24th February is a Week B
The Theme of the week is Making Decisions

This week we were extremely proud of all the young people who took part in Dance Live at the Guildhall on Wednesday evening. The sheer joy in the faces of all of the participants was fabulous to see. Well done to our Performing Arts team and I thank them for all the hard work they put in to make this event a possibility for our pupils.

After half-term we have an Interview Preparation day for our Year 10 on Thursday 27th February. This is another step in helping them to be ready for the world after Mayfield. If you have any questions about careers and the support and guidance we offer, then please contact Mrs Denford on Denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

The Year 8 Parents Evening is on Thursday 27th February between 4pm and 7pm. Appointments can be booked on our website [here](#). Full information on how your child chooses their options will be given out at that event so it is really important that you come along. We look forward to seeing you.

Years 7 and 8 will be working with MyBnk after half-term on an introduction to finance and budgeting. Mr Ralph is our Subject Leader for Mathematics and he has organised this event for our pupils. If you have any questions regarding this then please contact him on ralphs@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Year 11 start their final set of Mock exams on Monday 2nd March in Mathematics, English and Science. They should have a revision timetable and should be revising for these mocks and for the final exams in May and June. A copy of the mock timetable and the summer exam schedule is on our website [here](#). Any questions regarding exams should be directed to Mrs Head on head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Mayfield, in line with Portsmouth City Council, is a restorative school. We are working hard to embed restorative practices in all we do. If a child has a detention, then it is very important that they attend this as staff are then able to meet with them and resolve issues with restorative conversations before the next lesson. If you get a text alerting you to a detention that your child has received we appreciate your support with ensuring they attend- and if they forget to attend then sending them back to school to complete it is very much appreciated.

We return to school on Monday 24th February. Please encourage your child to be at school on time. May I remind you that Years 7 and 8 need to be in school by 8:10am and Years 9, 10 and 11 need to be in school by 8:40am every day.

Head of Primary (Mr. Matt Stedman)

We have had a very busy week to end the half-term, starting with last weekend's Friends of Mayfield Talent Show. There was a fantastic range of talent on show with dancers, singers, magicians, comedians, conjurers and even footballers taking to the stage. I was so proud of children for performing with such confidence in front of so many people. Congratulations go to all of those who took part and well done to the Key Stage winners – Kaliyah Sarr from the Infant Section and Franklyn Yankey from the Juniors.

Year 5 have been enjoying their Bikeability Week, in spite of the cold weather. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence grow as they have spent the week out on the local roads. I am sure that the Year 5s will look forward to practising their cycling skills over the half-term break.

We had a lovely time on Wednesday afternoon with the Grand Opening of our Early Years Outdoor Classroom. The children are already using this space and enjoying all of the opportunities to develop the different characteristics of learning in this fantastic new space. Thank you to all of the parents who came along and supported the event.

We have also been finding out more about the New Build this week. The School Council represented Mayfield at the Ground Breaking Ceremony on Thursday and Year R have been visiting the site today to see the diggers at work.

It has been my pleasure to host the Prep Reward Teas for Year R to Year 4 this week. The quality of the Prep projects from all year groups has been astounding, with tremendous creativity on show. I particularly enjoyed seeing the Victoria Sponges that had been baked by some of the Year 2s – they looked absolutely delicious.

Looking forward to the next half-term, the Booking System for the Spring Parents Evenings is now open. The Parents Evenings are due to take place on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March from 4 till 7pm. This is an opportunity for you to look through your child's books, meet with their teacher and talk through the key targets and actions that are required to ensure their success at the end of the year.

Over the next half-term, we are supporting the Veg Power 'Eat Them To Beat Them' campaign to encourage children to eat more vegetables. This part of a national campaign that will be launched with television and cinema advertising this weekend. Your child will have brought home an introductory pack this week with a sticker chart to be used at home. There is a different vegetable to be eaten each week as part of the challenge.

Year 4 are also looking forward to their Residential Visits in Minstead when we return after the half-term holidays, with Mississippi and Danube classes going in the first week back and Yangtze class going in the week beginning 2nd March. It promises to be a great trip away – fingers crossed for good weather!

Thank you for all of your support over the last half-term and best wishes for a happy Half-term Holiday!

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

Our topic will continue with the theme 'Space'. In class we are reading the book 'Q Pootle 5', who crashed to earth in a spaceship. The children will try to make a replacement spaceship out of the available resources.

Learning intentions linked to class subject:

- Contrast with a purpose in mind;
- Use simple tool to effect changes;
- Find one less than a given number using 1-5.

Letter sound for the week is 'R'. Children take pride in their work so please create a collage with the sound of the week and bring back into school.

Have a lovely half term!