

Mayfield Messenger

14th July 2023



Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective


Dear parents and carers,
A message from Mr Howard

It was a very exciting week this week with plenty of opportunity for everyone to get involved in a variety of activities – including staff!

I never thought that within one week I could be drenched at the summer fayre without being prepared with a spare change of clothes, then dress as a dalmatian, compete in the bleep test, and assault course, and run in the final of the year 7 boys race at our Senior Sports Day! I am already looking forward to next Years Sports days! The week has included onsite and offsite activities and community activities involving nursery, primary and seniors. Some of the messages I have already received from the local community, parents and carers and staff have been very encouraging. One example of this is below.

“I wanted to inform you - how amazing the Paultons Park trip was today. Having seen first-hand the amount of time and organisation taken by Miss Hutchinson to create a calm enjoyable experience for both pupils and staff was fantastic. The 95 pupils we had going to Paultons Park had a great time with no issues - attitude or behaviour. It was amazing to experience the pupils working together and just having fun.”

As always, I wish you all an amazing weekend!
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Look no further than Portsmouth Primary SCITT, an outstanding provider of School Centred Initial Teacher Training based in the vibrant city of Portsmouth.

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Last day – Friday 21st July 2023

This is just a reminder that school closes to senior section pupils at 12:35pm and,

School closes to primary section pupils at 12:45pm.

There will be no extra-curricular clubs or Teatime Club after school on this day.


The Family Learning Place - Free Summer Holiday Events

The Family Learning Place are excited to be delivering a variety of free activities for children and their families during the summer holidays.


Three of their workshops and the Science course are funded by the Multiply project, which is aimed at improving the maths skills of 19+.

Two of the workshops are based on story books; 'The Snail and the Whale' and 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse'.

Please see the attached posters for more information.



Multiply SKILLS FOR LIFE
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Does Money Grow on Trees?

Come and monkey around!
Learn the value of money through fun games, crafts and activities with your parents and friends.
Aimed at ages 4 – 11. Max two children per adult.

Taking place
Tuesday 25th July
10 am – 12 pm

This workshop will take place at
The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, PO2 8HH.
You can book by calling (023)92 621860 or emailing
thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE





Family Learning



Free! Summer Workshops

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR FAMILY WORKSHOPS.
WE ARE RUNNING 2 SCIENCE BASED MORNING SESSIONS AND 2 STORYBOOK THEMED ARTS AND CRAFTS AFTERNOONS.



Tuesday 1 st August 10.00am-12.00pm	Tuesday 15 th August 10.00am-12.00pm
SCIENCE - KITE MAKING SUNCATCHERS BATH BOMBS	SCIENCE - MEASURE MAN GIANT BUBBLES RAIN STICKS
1.00pm-3.00pm	1.00pm-3.00pm
THE BOY, THE MOLE, THE FOX AND THE HORSE	THE SNAIL AND THE WHALE

Places are limited so please book early!
Maximum of 2 children per family - suitable for children in yr to y6
These workshops will take place at
The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, PO2 8HH.
To book your space call (023)92 621860 or
email: thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk




Looking forward to seeing you there!

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FAMILY LEARNING In partnership with **Multiply**
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Would like to invite families with children aged between 6 and 11 years to a **free** Science Arts & Crafts course!

At: The Learning Place
On: Friday Mornings
Start time: 10am **Finish time:** 12:30pm
Dates: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th August

What will I do?

- Complete a science based art and craft activity for you
- Discover the joy and importance of investigating the world around us
- At the end of the session spend time doing a science based craft activity with your child

Places are limited so please book early!
Maximum of 2 children per family - suitable for children in y1 - y6
These workshops will take place at
The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, PO2 8HH
To book your place call 023 9262 1860 or
email thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Registration for 'Kid's Summer Camp'

To book a space please email springwoodcopnor@gmail.com

or pop over to

Springwood Preschool, 104 Copnor Road, Portsmouth, PO3 5AL. (Children aged 2-8 years can attend).

07434 978487

Please leave a message or send a text with your child's name, age and dates you require.

They will get back to you.

Payment is required in advance.

Closing deadline is Friday 21st July 2023.



KIDS Summer CAMP

July 31st- August 18th
£35 per day, 9-3

Free event at Alexandra Park

Portsmouth City Council are hosting a free event at Alexandra Park, **on Thursday 3 August**, to help families be more active, fitter and discover more of the city, with a focus on swapping car journeys for cheaper, cleaner ways to travel. This is a fun, family event which I think would be of interest to parent/carers of school pupils, families, and school staff.

At the event there will be a range of free activities designed to get people of all ages and abilities on the move, plus there will be the chance to win a **free bike and accessories!**

There's plenty of activities for people to get involved with, including a cycle obstacle course, face painting for the kids, bike safety checks and security marking. Plus, there's free giveaways, and offers of up to 50% off used bikes (up to £50). To find out more about the event visit <https://travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/cleaner-air/get-active-events/>

Go and join at:

- Weds 2 Aug - Paulsgrove Park
- Thurs 3 Aug - Hilsea, Alexandra Park
- Weds 9 Aug - Southsea, Canoe Lake
- Thurs 10 Aug - Baffins Park (near playground)

A big thank you from the nursery!

During activities week, some of our senior students had the opportunity to support the children in the nursery. This was the email that I received from the nursery manager.

“Good morning Mr Howard, the students who came to our setting yesterday were amazing. They joined in with activities, and children's play, they were a credit to themselves and the school. It would be great if we could start the childcare club again as these students expressed an interest in participating, and our children would gain so much from that experience. Once again please pass on my thanks to:

Willow, Jessica C, Jessica N, and Tilly.

Regards Issy



IMPORTANT DATES AT THE BEGINNING OF TERM

I would like to confirm the **beginning of the Autumn term 2023**. There will be **2 INSET days** when we begin the academic year 2023/24. There will be **no school for children on these days**. I have consulted with the Local Authority who have approved a staggered start On **Wednesday 6th September**, where school will be open for **primary, Year 7 and Year 11**. **This is to ensure that** our new students become quickly settled into the routines and expectations at our school.

INSET day

The confirmed INSET days are;

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

On **Wednesday 6th September**, school will be open for **primary, Year 7 and Year 11 only**.

On Thursday 7th September, school will be open for all children.

Further INSET days will be;

Monday 4th December 2023

Monday 18th March 2024

The last INSET day will be in the summer term. This is still yet to be confirmed, and I will update you on this as soon as possible.

This week's successes outside of Mayfield are;

Jessica joined the fire cadets for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service - based at Portsmouth's, Southsea Fire Station.

Jessica has attended in her own time to learn new skills over a Thursday evening and weekend sessions throughout the year. This has led to her gaining a level 2 qualification in public safety.

Part of her training was firefighting skills and drills, at the end of the year (last Thursday) her team demonstrated to all the parents and guardians a mock incident where the cadets arrived on blues to the incident, set up ladders and gained entry to a building whilst fighting the fire and rescuing a casualty. For this mock incident Jessica was the officer in charge and was then nominated cadet of the year which no one was expecting including Jessica. This award was presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and Officers of the fire service.

A huge achievement. Well done Jessica!



Well done to Mollie from year 5 Caribbean who has completed her 200 metre distance swim badge. She is an amazing swimmer!



Congratulations to Leo in Year 5 for winning "Parents Player" of the season, as well as his team winning their U11's league at AFC Porchester's summer tournament. We are really proud of you!



Well done to Mikey, Leo and Isaac in Year 2 who scooped several awards for their football team. They have worked really hard over the last year to improve on their skill level, understanding the game, dribbling and, most importantly, working as a team. Well done boys - we are very proud!



Congratulations to Emily in Year 7 who performed in a Peter Pan themed "Second Star to the Right" show with Ballet, Tap and Lyrical dance segments at the Kings Theatre last weekend. What a star performer!

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 our last Mayfield Messenger of the academic year.

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

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

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