

Mayfield Messenger

17th November 2023



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Dear parents and carers,

A message from Mr Howard

On Sunday, our 2 Year 11 head prefects and I attended the Sunday Remembrance Service at Portsmouth Guildhall. The Remembrance Service was preceded by a parade of Veterans, Military Personnel and Youth Groups with a two-minute silence followed by the Service. We then laid a wreath by the cenotaph on behalf of the Mayfield community. This was a very respectful event, and our head prefects represented our school perfectly. (See below the photographs of this event and our school act of Remembrance on Friday).

This week, we were visited by inspectors from Ofsted. This was our first monitoring visit since our last inspection in November 2022. Monitoring visits are carried out to check to see whether leaders are taking effective action to address the priorities which the last inspection identified and for us, whether safeguarding is now effective. I will be able to feedback the outcome of the visit in the next few weeks when it is likely that I will receive the letter. I look forward to sharing these outcomes soon.

I wish you all a great weekend.

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Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December

Pupils can wear a Christmas jumper on **Thursday 7th December**. A £1 donation to wear a Christmas jumper over the top of their shirt and tie is suggested. This is a very important charity so we would like to raise as much as possible.

Christmas Jumper Donations

The festive season is almost here, and in preparation, we are asking for donations of Christmas jumpers to Friends of Mayfield uniform shop.

These can be dropped off at Main Reception.

These will be available to buy or swap in time for Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 7th December**.



Children in Need

Don't forget parents' evening!



Children in Need - Friday 17th November

Today we held a cake sale to raise money for Children in Need. We do not have the total cost yet, but I am pleased to say that the cakes ran out and they were delicious so I am certain we raised lots!

Year 10 Parent's Evening Reminder

Thursday 23rd November between 4 and 7pm

Currently, there are only 45% of year 10 parents/carers booked on to parent's evening. It is so important that we see as many of you as possible.

BOOK NOW



Weekly music

This week, Year 9 created Leitmotifs in their music lessons. A leitmotif is **a repeating melodic phrase in music that is used to represent a character, setting, emotion, or theme** and is often used in films.

The certificate shown above has been presented to us by Portsmouth Music Hub.

Music Mark members are leaders in music education and collectively form a national network of organisations and individuals providing high-quality music education for all children and young people. The membership comprises of music services, the lead organisations of music education hubs, music education organisations, schools and individuals working or studying in music education.

Through the collective strength of our membership, we are able to develop networks and resources that help the sector to support children and young people in their social and musical development.

Remembrance at Mayfield

As mentioned in last week's Mayfield Messenger, the children across primary and seniors showed their respect by observing the laying down of the poppy wreaths, listening to the poem 'Flanders Field' read by our senior prefects and holding a silence as the last call was heard. These are some of the photographs from our act of Remembrance.

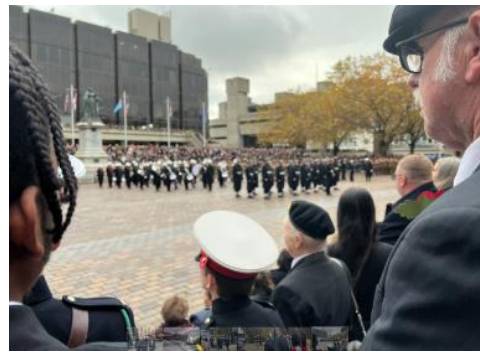


Remembrance Sunday at the Guildhall

As mentioned in my message at the start, our Head prefects laid a wreath on behalf of the Mayfield community.

They also had the opportunity to speak to Stephen Morgan, Portsmouth South Member of Parliament and Labour Shadow Minister for Rail.





SEND Coffee Morning!

If your child has SEND or is neuro-divergent, or if you just fancy a chat, or you'd like to ask any questions about SEND, then please do join us for a coffee morning on **Wednesday 22nd November at 9am - 10am.**

Portsmouth Parent Voices will be attending too, and it will be a great chance to chat and meet other parents and staff.

You are very welcome!



Life of Pi Theatre Trip

This week we took 14 GCSE Drama students to see Life of Pi at Chichester Festival Theatre. It was an incredible production with some amazing physical theatre and puppetry which really inspired our pupils.

What a wonderful opportunity for them to see, live theatre and develop their imaginative theatrical skills.

The pupils were a real credit to the school and we are looking forward to seeing the influence of this show in their Drama work.



Food vouchers

This winter Portsmouth City Council will again provide a food voucher to all families of children, in reception through to year 11, eligible for income-related free school meals (FSM). Families will receive an **£80 supermarket voucher** for every eligible child attending school in Portsmouth. This scheme does not apply to pupils in Year R, 1 and 2 who receive free school meals through the universal scheme.

As previously, we will use Edenred for this scheme, and vouchers will be sent out in the week beginning **Monday 27th November**. The best method of getting the vouchers to families is by email.

Please can you let us know if your email address has changed since the last set of vouchers were processed in the summer. You will receive an email from Edenred (noreply@edenred.co.uk) after 27th November, containing a code which will allow you to claim your voucher - this email does not come directly from Mayfield or Portsmouth City Council.

We can provide families with a pre-printed paper Tesco voucher if you do not have a working email address. We will provide paper vouchers to families who have had these previously unless you let us know otherwise.

Please email stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk with any queries about email addresses.

This week's successes outside of Mayfield are;

Congratulations to Freyja in Year 5 who recently did a photoshoot for Portsmouth City Council and is featured on the winter events leaflet.

Freyja will also be on the December issues of Flagship magazine.



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

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday

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