

HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes

As school life returns to normal, our focus is increasingly around improving pupil attendance. If your child is unable to attend for any reason, then please do let us know as soon as possible using either the StudyBugs App or by calling our attendance team on 02392 693432. Please provide a daily update so that we can monitor attendance rates accurately.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance to school, please email Mrs S Rolfe, on: rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk or Miss G Newnham, on: Newnham-grace@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

As a extension of the above, we are running another surgery next Wednesday 25th May between 4pm-6pm for any Pupil Premium parents. Please do feel to drop in if you would like to discuss your child's attendance. You can make an appointment online using the online booking system.

FOM Summer Fete Friday 15th July

Friends of Mayfield are running our summer fete on Friday 15th July 3-6.00pm, If you are interested in having a stall or helping with this event, please contact us on FOMevents22@gmail.com

Year 6 and 7 Workshop

On Wednesday May 25th, all year 6 and 7 children will be receiving an assembly/workshop delivered by the St. Giles Trust. These sessions have been funded by the Hampshire Police and will be led by a trained professional with lived experience of the criminal justice system to de-glamorise gang involvement and expose the harsh realities of crime and violence (for year 7). For year 6, these sessions will focus on weapons awareness, gangs and the importance of being a good citizen. The sessions will aim to raise awareness about the dangers of gang culture and debunking its perceived 'glorified' lifestyle including risks of drug distribution and County Lines.



Red, White and Blue Day

For the summer 1 end of term reward on Friday 27th May will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with a red, white and blue day. All pupils **from R to 10** will be invited to come to school in non-uniform with a red, white and blue theme. Primary pupils will be taking part in Jubilee activities throughout the day, ending with a 'Tea Party' in the playground. Years 7 to 10 will be attending their usual lessons period 1-4 and period 5 pupils will be in their tutor groups taking part in Jubilee themed activities and will be provided with cake to enjoy in this session. We will be collecting £1 voluntary contributions on the gates to support fundraising for new playground and seating areas for all our children.

Year 11 will have their timetabled exams/lessons on this day but will be leaving school early at 2pm unless they choose to stay in tutor to revise. **THEY MUST BE IN THEIR UNIFORM ON THIS DAY.**

Head of Seniors – Miss Louise Hillier

This week for Hot Chocolate Friday I asked the Heads of House to find me fabulous Year 9 pupils- and they did not disappoint! We had a lovely time talking about the things they like in the new build, their option choices and advice for the new Year 7. Some of their great advice was:

It isn't that scary or daunting

Everything is well labelled to help you find your way.

Don't be afraid of the older years- they'll help you.

The nominations this week were:

Victory	Alfie and Molly
Discovery	Lennon and Lily
Intrepid	Senith and Max
Endeavour	Connie and Millie



A Careers Update from Mrs Denford:

Monday 16th May

Hair Ott came in and did a Hairdressing Apprenticeship talk with a selection of Year 10 pupils who had expressed an interest. It gave them a great idea of what an apprenticeship entails and the career of a hairdresser.

Wednesday 18th May - Year 6 and 8 STEM Roadshow with BAE Royal Navy and RAF. Year 6 and 8 got to take part in a live roadshow about magnetism and magnets. This was lots of fun and the pupils really got involved answering questions. Lots was learnt so please do ask them about it. The end was exciting seeing the magnets force lift the guest speaker!





Attendance to school is very important- please do contact the school if you have any concerns about your child's attendance. Mrs Rolfe can be emailed on rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk. Thank you to all the parents who came along to the attendance surgery last week- we found it very useful getting to know you better. By working together, we can help your children succeed.

Congratulations to:

19 tutor group who have the best attendance in Intrepid House this week.

E2 tutor group who have the best attendance in Endeavour House this week.

D8 tutor group who have the best attendance in Discovery House this week.

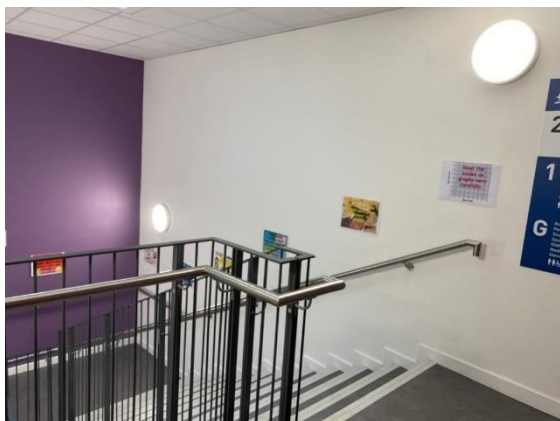
And an extra big congratulations to V9 tutor group who have the best attendance to school this week.

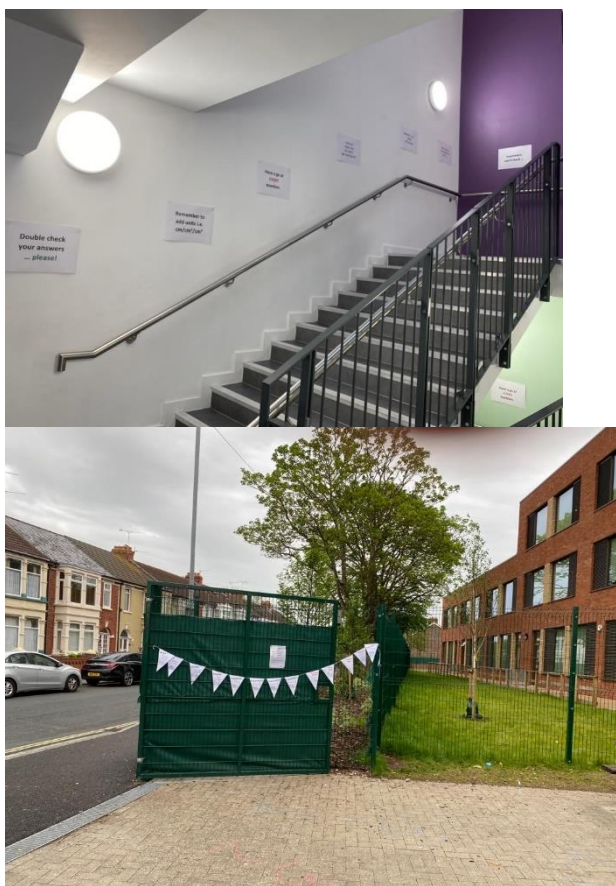


#attendancematters #missschoolmissout

Year 11 are now really in GCSE season with most of the pupils having at least one exam every day. I have enjoyed welcoming them into school every morning and have been delighted with the smiling faces after the exams!

It was a slightly damp morning for the first Maths exam today, but the maths team did all they could to encourage the children on the way in:





Head of Primary – Mrs Fiona Rogers

This week Year R have been learning about 10! We have looked at different ways to make 10 and we now know that these are called number bonds. Year R have been super mathematicians, well done! We are still trying to find that Gingerbread Man... he did leave us a postcard to say that he's at College Park. We are planning a visit there next week to see if we can find him!

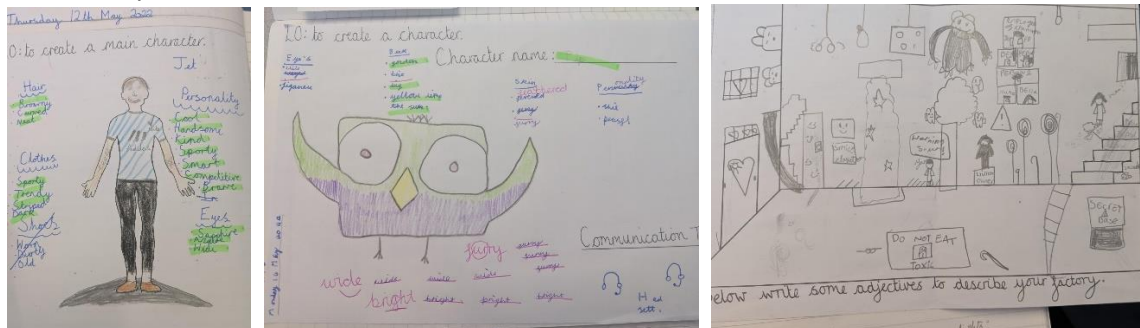
Year 1 have had a very busy week! At the start of the week, we were shocked to find a beanstalk had grown in our classroom! The Giant had written a letter asking for our help. We have been working hard to practise skills ready to write our own letter next week.

On Wednesday, we were very lucky to go on our second school trip to Harold Hillier Gardens. We enjoyed investigating and playing games to learn more about seeds and plants. We even made our very own smelly caterpillar!



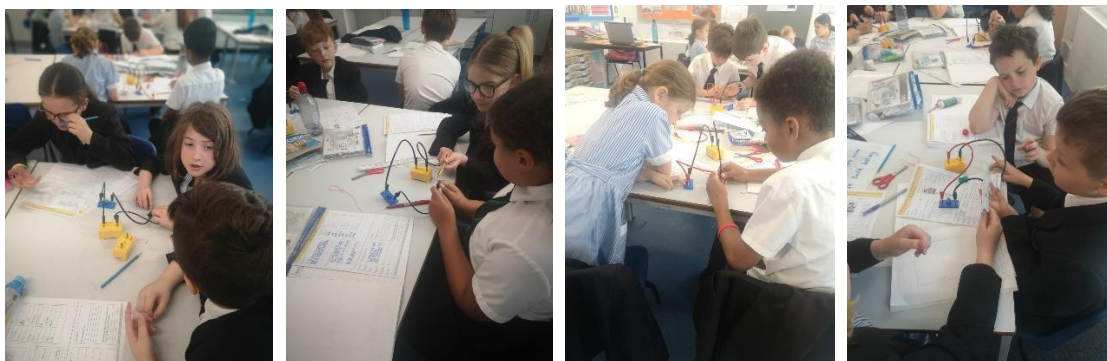
Year 2 have had a busy week welcoming two new children to our classes. It has been lovely for the children to demonstrate the expectations of Mayfield to new children. In English we have been creating our own story about Little Red Riding Hood being a villain and doing unpleasant things in the woods or to Grandma - the children have enjoyed thinking of lots of nasty things! Some children have written a story from the Wolf's point of view and tried to make him sweet and kind. We celebrated all their efforts with a picnic lunch today. In Maths we have introduced the language clockwise and anticlockwise turns and the difference between a quarter turn and a half turn. We have started a plant investigation in school to see what a plant needs to grow. Please help your child to take care of their sunflower in the pots. We have set the children a challenge of who's sunflower can grow the highest.

This week, year 3 have been getting ready to write our own story based on An Alien in the Jam Factory. We have created our own main characters and settings. We have also looked at using speech marks to punctuate direct speech. Next week we are looking forward to our Roman Dress-Up Day on Wednesday.



This week Year 4 have really enjoyed making electrical circuits. They investigated conductors and insulators by adding them to the circuits and seeing if they would light up. After half term, they will be using this knowledge to light up a lighthouse that they are making in DT. To support us with this, we would be grateful if you could send in a pringles tube (or equivalent) by the end of this half term.

We would also like to remind parents that the trips to Southsea are happening next week (Monday 23rd - Mississippi, Wednesday 25th May - Danube and Thursday 26th May - Yangtze). Please ensure that children bring a packed lunch (unless they are free school meals) and wear suitable, comfortable shoes along with their school uniform. Please also ensure that they are wearing sun cream and bring a hat if the weather is looking hot for that day. In case of poor weather, could children please be prepared to bring a coat and warm clothing. If weather is too bad, we may need to postpone our trip for another date.



This week, Year 5 have enjoyed developing their collage skills by selecting different textures to represent different parts of their beast. They have been very resilient with this skill, as they found it tricky to pull apart the different features of their beast and consider its different qualities.

In maths, the children have started to learn how to use a protractor to measure angles. Within this, they have explored with right angles, reflex angles, obtuse angles, and acute angles. They will continue to learn about angles of shape next week.

Year 6 have really enjoyed their transition preparation lessons. They have been very responsible in going to the correct room at the correct time, experiencing lessons in the style they will be delivered next year in Seniors. They have enjoyed starting a D and T project, designing their own solar powered vehicles; investigating the effect of light in science; designing, budgeting and creating their own theme park and doing their RE lessons. Different groups of children have also taken part in enrichment activities designed to support them in preparing for senior school. They have loved activities like finger painting, an enterprise project, planning their own recipe and computing! Next week we are looking forward to our workshop around crime which is being run by the St Giles Trust.

