

Mayfield Messenger

23rd June 2023



Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

A message from Mr Howard

This week has been an exciting week with a variety of activity happening across the school. The Year 6 children enjoyed their residential and cinema trips and the year 10 Geography students had an amazing experience on a field trip. The year 10 students also had a great time at college and represented themselves and our school brilliantly. The feedback was incredibly positive from both Mayfield staff and staff from other schools and the college. The students were keen to feedback about their experience with lots considering college as the route they will be taking. I look forward to these coming to fruition.

Although our school was closed due to INSET, this morning was the year 11 Leavers' assembly. It was great to see so many of the students return to celebrate, not only the end to their schooling and GCSE exams, but the last 5 years of secondary education. I've only had the pleasure of knowing them for one academic year, but in that time I've absolutely loved getting to know them, and getting glimpses of the fantastic adults that they are going to move on to become. They have been having school assemblies for over a decade. And now, on the 23rd June 2023, this is it. Good luck to all of our year 11s!

I wish you all a fabulous weekend!

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Artsmark Gold Status

Wow! Mayfield School has achieved Artsmark Gold Status!

This award celebrates everything we do as a school community to promote the arts within the curriculum and all the incredible extra-curricular opportunities we offer our pupils. This is a huge achievement and something we have been working very hard to achieve for the last two years.

We would like to say a huge thank you and congratulations to all the staff and pupils who have contributed to this, and we look forward to continuing on our Artsmark journey over the next two years.

Watch this space for more exciting opportunities and events coming.

#ArtsmarkGoldSchool #MightyMightyMayfield

#MissSchoolMissOut #TheArtsMatter



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Year 10 Havant and South Downs college Taster Day

All year 10 pupils had their first Taster Day at a local Post 16 provider - HSDC. They were able to pick subjects for trial based on preferences for their study post 16. The pupils enjoyed the independence of the day and getting to explore the campus they were at. They represented the school well and can make more informed choices about their future pathway.



Confirmation of Strike day (Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July) - Partially closed As you may be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) has announced two additional strike days in schools in England on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. As I have written previously, members of the unions are not required to let employers know ahead of time whether they intend to strike. However, based on the previous and current information, I have made the decision to **partially close**. 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 and I wanted to give you as much notice as possible. The school will be open to;

- Year 8 and 9 - selected pupils for their Exact test which only takes 1 hour. Mr Clark-Lyons will send a message saying what time that the children will need to be here for.
- Some year 10 students will be asked to come in for subject specific
- Pupils with a current Education, Health and Care Plan
- There will be an online form where parents can sign up for a free school meal which can be collected from the main reception between 1.35 and 2.00pm

Further details will follow next week.

Community Meeting

Our community event, on **Tuesday 27th June, 5pm-6pm**, will focus on the proposed changes to the school day and the rationale for these.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the evening. Refreshments will be available.



FOM are looking forward to seeing you at the summer fayre on 12th July.

We are looking for donations of raffle prizes and sweets, both of which can be donated to the House office of Main reception.

We would be very grateful for any donations you are able to make.



Allergies This is another reminder that we have children in our school with severe nut allergies. I am therefore requesting that when you or your child are preparing a lunch, none of these foods are in your child's lunches. Thank you.



Parking on the zig zags

We have received many concerns from parents and carers as well as our neighbours about the number of cars which are being parked on the zig zag lines. Please could you not do this.

Fieldwork for year 10

On Thursday, we took the first group of our year 10 Geographers on their compulsory fieldwork. They investigated the effectiveness of the Southsea Coastal Management scheme and evaluated the regeneration at Gunwharf. They were all a credit to the school and had a great day! Thanks year 10!!



Summer food vouchers

This summer, Portsmouth City Council (PCC) has committed to provide a **food voucher to all families of children in reception through to year 11**, including children who will be starting school in September 2023, eligible for benefits-related free school meals (FSM).

Families will receive a £70 voucher for every eligible child attending school in Portsmouth this term or registered to start school in September. The funding for these vouchers is from the Household Support Fund (HSF) from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and is intended to help families with the rising cost of living.

We are also able to create vouchers for early years' children who are due to start Reception in September 2023. Parents and carers will need to [apply for Free School Meals by Friday 30 June 2023](#).

Uniform Donations

As we are coming to the end of the year Friends of Mayfield are looking for donations of uniform for our Pre-Loved Uniform shop. If you have any items which you have outgrown and are willing to donate, please bring to pupil services or main reception.

FOM use the money made in our uniform to pay for items for the school such as our playground marking and inflatable assault course for sports day.

We need;

Blazers

Skirts

Trousers

PE kits

Summer Dresses

Our Pre-Loved Uniform shop is open every afternoon 3.30-4.30pm. Please come to main reception.



This week's successes outside of Mayfield are;



Evelyn and Mia in year 8 have been making an immersive Video installation with the National Theatre called Inside. They are pictured in costume at the film studio at Portsmouth University.

Well done to Joshua in Year 7. He has passed his karate grading and has now moved up to brown belt. We are very proud of him.

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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