

Mayfield Messenger

24th November 2023



Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

A message from Mr Howard

It has been a productive week this week with the final Year 11 mock exams coming to a close. This has been a great opportunity for Year 11 pupils to experience the build up to exams and the exam conditions. The pupils have already started to talk about their revision strategies and how to improve them. Others have also talked about the importance of the homework and attending additional sessions after school. With this attitude towards their studies, I am certain they will achieve well.

On Thursday, it was our Year 10 parent's and carer's evening. This was the perfect occasion to share the progress already made, the pupil's targets and provide advice on what to practice at home. This was a successful event with very positive feedback from staff, pupils and parents/carers. Also on Thursday, our primary team were visited by leaders from GLF Schools, Multi-Academy Trust. This visit was part of the support being provided to help us in our school improvement journey. Some of our primary team will be visiting one of the GLF schools next week as part of continued professional development, ready to feedback to our primary team.

I wish you all a good weekend.

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Early closing reminder at the end of term

We will be closing early on the final day of term, **Friday 15th December.**

Senior section pupils will finish at **1:15pm** and the Primary section will close to all pupils at **1:30pm**. There will be no Extra-Curricular or Teatime Club on this day.



IMPORTANT DATES REMINDER

INSET days will be;

Monday 4th December 2023

Monday 2nd January 2024

Monday 18th March 2024

Friday 21st June 2024



The school will be closed for pupils on these days.

Allergies

I would like to remind you that **we have children in our school with severe nut allergies.**



Please can you ensure that when you or your child are preparing a lunch, none of these foods are in your child's lunches. Thank you.

Carols Around the Tree

All families are welcome to join us on **Thursday 14th December 5.00-6.00pm for a mince pie, cookie and refreshments** during our carols around the Christmas tree again this year; we are hoping to have a choir and musicians to accompany the carols.

Please bring your hats, scarves and gloves and a torch. **We look forward to seeing you all there!**



Zig Zag lines and drop curbs

To keep everyone safe, these are a no stopping zone between 8am and 5pm and parents should not pull in to drop their children off on these markings.

Parking enforcement officers from Portsmouth City Council are making regular visits to the school and will be issuing on the spot fines.



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**.



Christmas Fayre

We have our annual Christmas fayre coming up, Friday 8th December. If you make your own crafts or own your own business, please email Janice Andrews for more information janandrews0306@hotmail.co.uk

WE NEED YOU!

Friends Of Mayfield are also having a gift amnesty. If you have any unwanted gifts, toys, cosmetics (sealed), chocolates, bottles (alcohol, shampoos, soft drinks), tins, craft items or books. Please give your donations to the office staff, on the week commencing Monday 27th November 2023.

Thank you for supporting your PTA.



Apply for free school meals

It is not too late for parents to apply for free school meals and be eligible for these vouchers.

Parents and carers can apply through this link on the PCC website [School meals - Portsmouth City Council](#) or complete a paper form that is available at Reception.



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.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 5-6PM

We will be holding an information evening for parents across all key stages, to discuss some of the strategies we are using in school to support our pupils' mental health and wellbeing.

We will give you information about MyHappyMind (primary) Mind Apples (seniors) and Zones of Regulation (whole school).

The event will be in the main hall. If you would like to attend, please book a place using the Scopay booking system.

We look forward to seeing you.



Friends of Mayfield - Primary Discos

You raised an amazing £575.20!



The children had a brilliant time, from Sweet Caroline to the Macarena, their dance moves were impressive. We would also like to thank all those who volunteered their time to help, we really appreciate it. All money raised from the discos is going straight to our primary children. The FOM will publicise what was purchased in their newsletter, coming out shortly.

Friends of Mayfield – Quiz Night



What a fantastic night!

We had lots of laughs and raised £344!

We want to congratulate the Simple Minds team for their fantastic win.

The FOM would like to say a massive thank you to Janice Andrews for being our quiz producer, and finally Mr Howard for being a fantastic compere. (Their words, not mine!)



PE

Please can you ensure that pupils are bringing appropriate clothing for PE lessons. We are very lucky to have the use of the facilities at the Mountbatten centre for our secondary lessons.

Pupils will be walking to the centre for their lessons whatever the weather. As we are experiencing more seasonal weather, pupils need a full change of clothes for their PE lessons as well as a warm and waterproof coat.

Music update

On Wednesday, as part of their BTEC studies, Year 11 enjoyed workshops with a local musician and songwriting with Mrs Bannister-Palmer. They focused on developing professional skills, sound engineering and musical collaboration.





This week's successes outside of Mayfield are;

Zachary (Ganges) ran his 100th junior parkrun last week and this week was awarded with his writstband. He even managed a PB on his 100th run achieving 2km in just 8minutes 50seconds!



Jocelyn had a dance competition on Sunday and placed 1st in her solo dance, 1st in her pairs dance, and 1st, 2nd and 4th in her team dances. Huge congratulations Jocelyn!



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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