

# Mayfield Messenger

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

## A message from Mr Howard

It has been another busy week with a range of activities including discos, due diligence reviews conducted by Salterns Academy Trust, interviews, book swaps and celebration house assemblies to name a few.

Also during the week, our amazing musicians from across the school provided an evening of musical entertainment from playing the piano to singing to playing the guitar to drumming. Each performance was incredible and demonstrated the confidence of all our children. I left the evening feeling lifted and inspired as did the audience who commented on the achievements of the children.

Lastly, to end the week, we welcomed in our Year 7 parents and carers to celebrate the learning, attitudes and progress the children have made this academic year to date. The face-to-face meetings continue to be a huge success and the feedback on the work that the school has done was wholly positive.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone, including our fabulous team of staff who have helped in and supported the events which have taken place this half-term, and of course a big thank you to our parents and families who give such strong support to our young people, and the school. I wish you all a safe and happy half-term.

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## Staff changes

In March we said goodbye to our valued member of staff Billie Knipe. Billie ran Wednesday group and worked for young carers for an amazing 23 years! We will be sad to see her go but she will be coming back as a casual member of staff to help out during the holidays and is currently back on Wednesday to help us out in Chelsea, her successful replacement takes over in June.

## Young Carers May / June Holiday Activities 2023



During the May / June school holiday you can pick **1** activity session, and if you are interested in any **extra sessions**, please book them as **'reserves'** and **contact us before the activity to see if there are any free spaces**. Please speak with us if there are any sessions you are really interested in.

- To book please call/text **Becky's work mobile number (07534 922980)** and include the **young carers name and age** and ensure you have received confirmation text or call for your booking.
- If you are **unable to attend, please cancel any sessions** as soon as possible so the place can be offered to another young carer. When delivering activities, it may be difficult to respond immediately to calls or texts, however we will reply as soon as we can.
- There are large numbers of young carers attending the project so to make it fair we need to **share out popular activities** during the year, so these may need to be chosen as reserves if you have attended these before. We also need young carers to be able to meet the **behaviour expectations** to ensure their and others safety, thank you.
- Please bring a **drink** & a **coat**. If the weather is sunny please wear or bring sun-cream to the session. You can also bring a **snack** if you would like to.
- Please can parent/carers check we have an **up-to-date 'Consent' form** before attending activities with the service. We will have blank Consent forms for you to complete at activities, should you need to.
- Places at our **Wednesday and Saturday groups** continue to be offered to some young carers and currently have waiting lists. Please contact us if interested and we can discuss this more with you.

## Great news!

Ten of our Year 9 students are attending the 'Inspiring STEM' event in June, to be held at the National Oceanography Centre, in Southampton.

We have just been informed that the multi-national company Lockheed Martin have offered to sponsor our students at the event.

This means that representatives from Lockheed will act as ambassadors for our students, helping and guiding our students throughout the day. Lockheed have also very kindly offered to pay our fees for the day, so means the event is now free for our students to attend!

Thank you Lockheed Martin! How very generous!  
Watch this space for photos of their inspiring trip.

Please find attached the young carers May/June Activity Programme and the latest Young Carers Newsletter.

### Random act of kindness

This week we received an email from a member of the community who commented on one of our pupil's random act of kindness.

**“Last week I was pushing my bike home when one of your students approached me to offer to put my chain back on. He was extremely helpful and polite and this was all unprompted. I am really grateful for his help and I'm wondering if it's possible to identify him so that I could drop him off a thank you card and a big bar of chocolate to your reception. If a card and present aren't appropriate but you're able to identify him, perhaps you could make his tutor or similar aware of his kindness. Thank you very much for your help and consideration.”**

Well done Christian in Year 6 for demonstrating respect and kindness. A great role model for your peers.



### **SEND and Wellbeing Newsletter**

The SEND & Wellbeing newsletter includes some info about the link between hay fever and low mood, Matthew McConaughey and his advice around wellbeing, Neurodiversity and Tourette Syndrome - **please have a read!**

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 Mayfield School  
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Welcome to our  
Mayfield SEND  
& Well-Being NEWSLETTER!



Matthew McConaughey  
— And What's He Got to Do  
with Wellbeing??



Hello and welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer Term!

Since our last edition, we have welcomed longer days

When we think of wellbeing and people who speak out about it, giving life advice and making suggestions on how we can best make our way through this topsy-turvy journey that we all embark upon from the moment of birth, then 'Matthew McConaughey' is unlikely to be one

### Friends of Mayfield Summer Fete

The Friends of Mayfield summer Fete is being held on the afternoon of **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.**

We hope to see as many of you at the summer fayre as possible.

**Thank you for your continued support.**



### Year 10 exams reminder

**Year 10 exams** are starting in the **first week back after the half-term holidays** and will **last until 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Pupils and parents have been sent the examination timetable for Year 10 on Classcharts.

Please print this off and display it in a prominent place at home so that your child can be fully prepared for their exams.

Teachers have been talking to their classes about the exams and giving them tips on what to revise.

Pupils will need to bring a **black pen, a pencil, a ruler, a rubber, a highlighter** and a **calculator** to their exams. The equipment needs to be kept in a clear pencil case or plastic bag. **Pupils are not allowed to have a mobile phone** on their person in the exam hall. Phones need to be **switched off and left in your bag.**



### Have you changed your contact details?

If you have changed any of your contact details including mobile phone number and home address, please can you contact the school office to let them know.

[general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)



This is important so that we can make contact with you in an emergency.



## Looking smart every day

Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported us to ensure that children are dressed in their full school uniform and look smart every day. Half term is a great time to make sure that you have everything you need for the summer term. If you need support with providing uniform, please email Mrs Anders on [anderse@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:anderse@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) in the first instance. We also welcome donations for our pre-loved shop so if you have any spare uniform you would like to donate, please drop it to the main reception.

A reminder to all senior pupil parents that facial piercings are not allowed. Therefore, please make sure that these are removed and replaced with clear retainers over the half term break. Pupils who arrive to school with nose studs/rings will be required to remove them before coming into school. Jewellery is limited to one earring in each lobe of the ear and a watch. Additional items of jewellery will need to be removed at the gate and will be confiscated until the end of the school day.



### Mayfield School News

Welcome to the Summer 1 edition of the Mayfield School News.

Here you will find all of the great things that we are doing across the school from Year R to Year 11.

It has been a busy, exciting half term!

Included are some of the key dates for the second half of the summer term.



### INSET day

This is just a reminder that there will be **no school** on this day due to staff training.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**



## This week's successes outside of Mayfield are;



Congratulations to Aleks in Year 6 Today who won both the Player's Player and the Parent's Player of the Year awards at the end of season awards ceremony last week.



Congratulations to Thomas in Year who was presented Clubman of the Year for his football team Baffins Milton Rovers FC for his contribution, determination and sportsmanship for the club.



Well done to Jensen in Year 2 Jensen who competed in the Milton Keynes Men's Artistic Gymnastic Open Competition and won a gold, a silver and a bronze medal. He also won Gold for the Under 8s category.



Congratulations to Lily, Willow, Lily-Rae, Ashleigh, Halle and Leia who all competed at Hemel Hempstead in Set Dance, Rock'n'Roll, Solo & Pairs and placed in finals. Leia & Ashleigh have both also qualified to compete in October at the All England Grand National Finals. A huge well done to you all!

### **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](mailto:general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

**We look forward to seeing you all again when we return after half term.**