

## **HT Message**

You will no doubt be aware of the rapid progress that Kier are making with the groundworks for our new build. I am delighted to be able to invite any interested party to our official "ground breaking" ceremony. This will take place Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The timings are as follows:

8:30am to 9.00am	Guest gather on the East Field muster point
9.00am	Lord Mayor arrives
9.00am to 9.30am	Ground breaking ceremony takes place
9.30am to 10.30am	Refreshments available in the Main Hall

Please note, that there will only be limited shelter available if the weather is not favourable. We hope to see you there!

We are actively recruiting new members to the school's fund raising group called "The Friends of Mayfield". These volunteers come together to organise a range of fun events such as the Christmas Fayre, Summer Fete and after school activities which help bring the school community together and provide an invaluable income stream. Being a member of this team is also a great way to meet new people and share your skills and experience. There is no minimum time commitment and the FOM are happy for volunteers to give as little or as much time as can be spared. If you are, or someone you know, interested in finding out more, please contact Mrs. Judith Firth, Chair FOM on [FirthJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:FirthJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

Please be aware that as we come to the end of this half term, we will be posting out a letter to all parents and carers as well as sending home reports for all pupils. It is essential that we have your correct contact details. If these have changed recently, then please alert us by sending an email to our SIMS Manager, Mrs. Helen Patis on [Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

To help our families plan their time, we have produced an extract of the school calendar containing all of the key dates for Spring 1. This can be downloaded [here](#).

## **Head of Seniors (Miss. Louise Hillier)**

Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 is a Week B

The theme of the week is Reflection: Making the most of my opportunities

On Thursday, over 150 of our most able students from across Years 7, 8 and 9 participated in the initial stages of the 'Solutions for the Planet' national STEM-based competition. Our day was led by Erel and Sarah from Solutions for the Planet, the day based upon the theme of a 'Big Idea'. Guided by Business Mentors from SGN and Tarmac (whom we are very grateful for their time, efforts and support), our students covered topics such as how we should all be more sustainable, how we could do this, and what we could do to encourage others to live a more sustainable life too. Students then worked in groups to choose, develop and then design one 'Big Idea' that is not only creative, but would be beneficial and achievable. The day culminated with many of the groups presenting their work to the audience, then holding Q&A sessions. As a massive end to the day, we had our 2019 National STEM Champions 'Renewabus' present their award-winning presentation to everyone present, receiving a well-deserved and very long round of applause with added cheers! We are now working to progress on to the Regional Finals, to be held in May at the University of Portsmouth. Watch this space...

A number of pupils are wearing Nike Air Max trainers into school either leather look or material. **Neither** of these trainers are permitted in school. A reminder that shoes should be black,

polishable and devoid of visible logos or metal tags. Any pupils wearing incorrect footwear will be given a pass up until half term but will need to be in the correct footwear by Monday 24th February. If you need to check footwear before purchasing it, please email [sands@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:sands@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) or check [here](#) for more information on uniform.

Looking forward it is timely to remind you that ALL pupils will need the new version of the PE kit ready for September 2020. Our uniform requirements are on our website [here](#) including the leaflet detailing the changeover time we published when we introduced the new elements to our uniform.

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 are working on their Spring 1 “Prep” projects. It is important that they do not leave all of the work to the last minute and should be spreading the work out over the term. Details of the projects are on our website [here](#).

Thank you for your continuing support with bike helmets- pupils will only be allowed to use our bike sheds if they have a helmet. Please note that all bikes and scooters using the bike sheds need to be locked up securely.

### **Head of Primary (Mr. Matt Stedman)**

The highlight of our week was the Year 2 Victorian Day on Thursday. The children looked amazing in their Victorian costumes and enjoyed being called by their Victorian names. Everybody got into the spirit of the day, but we all agreed that we prefer our modern day school experience to being a child in a Victorian school!



This afternoon saw the completion of the Friends of Mayfield Talent Show auditions for Infant Section children. There has been an incredible range of talent on show in all classes and I know that each class has found it really difficult to choose one winner to take part in next Friday's Final. The Talent Show Final is taking place from 5.00 till 7.30pm with tickets costing £2 each – it promises to be a fantastic show!

Next week is Family Learning Week and we are looking forward to welcoming parents into the classrooms so that you can see how the children learn. Please can parents arrive five minutes before the session is due to start to register and get your visitor sticker. We will meet parents from Year R, 1 and 2 by the Infant Gate. Parents from the Junior Section should come to the main gate by Year 3. Due to pressures of space in the classrooms and the need to maintain a normal working environment, it is not possible to bring younger siblings to these sessions.

We are holding two additional events for Family Learning Week next week. On Monday, there is an information talk for parents on Primary Section PSHE and RSE in the Main Hall at 3.30 and 4.30pm. On Friday, there is a drop-in session for families to work together on the Prep Projects in the Amazons

classroom. This will help if you are not sure what your child has to do or if you are struggling to find the right resources to complete the project. There is no need to book for these sessions and parents can just come along on the day.

The Booking System for Spring 2 Extra-Curricular goes live next week. As ever, Mrs Guy and the team have put together a tremendous range of activities and I would strongly encourage all children to take part in at least two activities per week. The booking system opens at the following times:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.00pm for Year R

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm for Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm for Year 3, 4 and 5

The booking system closes on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00pm, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Please can I remind parents in the Junior Section that packed lunches must **not** contain any nuts or nut products such as Nutella. We have some children in the Junior Section with very severe nut allergies whose safety is paramount.

Can I also please remind parents that dogs should not be brought on to school grounds, even if they are being carried. We have some children who are very frightened of dogs who feel anxious coming into school if they know that there may be dogs in the playground. Thank you in advance for your co-operation on both issues.

### **Head of Pre-school and Nursery**

The topic in class has now changed to 'Space'. We shall be looking at the planets in the Solar System looking at their similarities and differences. Children will go to the school library to look for books that will support the topic.

Learning intentions linked to class topic:

- Combine media to create planned effect;
- Mathematics - weights and measures;
- Positional language, looking for the Astronaut;
- Create props to support role play.

Letter sound is 'Q'. Could you create a collage with your children and bring back into class to share at circle time. This is a nice activity to do together which will support language.

Few reminders if you have any changes to you contact details please inform the office, also a number of parents have been disappointed that cardigans and jumpers are going missing. Therefore, can I urge you to name all belongs?