

### **HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes**

I am pleased to confirm that the opening of the new entrance gate for Year 1 to 6 has – generally – been very successful. During this week and over the course of the next two weeks, we will be taking feedback from parents and carers about how the system is working with a view to tweaking this routine after half term – to share any ideas, please email Miss. Pippa Andrews, Deputy Head of School (Primary) on:

[AndrewsP@mayfield.portmsouth.sch.uk](mailto:AndrewsP@mayfield.portmsouth.sch.uk)

### **Covid Vaccinations at Mayfield School on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Second dose covid vaccinations can now be offered to 12–15 year olds and therefore Mayfield School will be hosting the School Immunisation Team on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The team would like to offer an opportunity for eligible young people to have their second dose vaccination in school on the above date.

There are also a number of young people in this age group who have not had their first dose and this could be for a number of reasons. They will also offer a first dose vaccination to this group on the above date for those who missed out previously.

Since the last vaccination date in school earlier this year, there will be some young people who have since turned 12 years of age and are now eligible for their first dose – vaccinations will now be offered to this group on the above date.

Parents still have the option of making appointments for their eligible young people via the National Booking System, if they prefer.

The benefits of the vaccine are clear:

- It is estimated that a 60% vaccine uptake among healthy 12- to 15-year-olds will reduce confirmed cases of COVID-19 in this group in the period up to 31 March 2022 by 33%. This equates to a reduction of 110,000 school days absent in this age group due to confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- Research shows that those who do become infected 3 weeks after receiving one dose of the vaccine are between 38% and 49% less likely to pass the virus on to their household contacts than those who are unvaccinated.

Consent forms will be given to students on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February and must be returned to Pupil Services by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 3pm.

### **Guidance for administering paracetamol in school**

A reminder to parents/carers that paracetamol can only be given out from the medical room between 10.45am-2pm. This is to reduce the risk of children having too much paracetamol within the correct timescales.

### **Extra-curricular Spring 2**

Bookings for spring 2 extra- curricular open this week on the following days at 6.00pm on;

Monday 7th February - Year R  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Year 1 & 2  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3 & 4  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Year 5 & 6  
Friday 11th February - Year 7 & 8

The descriptors for the clubs can be found on the website under [extra curricular](#). If you have any issues with the booking system please contact [backhoused@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:backhoused@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

### **Friends of Mayfield**

Volunteers: Friends of Mayfield are looking to recruit volunteers and committee members and would like to encourage any members of our school community to complete the attached form, we would be very grateful for any time you may be able to use to support us.

<https://forms.gle/w75Zvd9Uz4vWmEe48>

Donations: We are looking for donations of a number of things to help support our fundraising and to enrich the lives of our pupils. If you have any of the following you may be able to spare us, we would be incredibly grateful. Please bring donations to main reception.

- Used, good condition Mayfield School uniform
- Gardening items for our Spring and summer gardening clubs- flower pots, hanging baskets, compost, seeds, bulbs, gardening tools.
- Unwanted scooters, trikes, bicycle helmets suitable size for our infant children
- Outdoor play equipment such as balls, skipping ropes, cones etc or plastic kitchen items that could be used in our outdoor play areas.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers for February Half-term**

Portsmouth City Council and Mayfield School will be providing free school meal vouchers for the February half-term holidays. The vouchers will be worth £15 per eligible child and will be emailed or posted out on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February. The emails will appear in your inbox from a company called Edenred.

Please note that pupils in Year R – 2 who receive the universal infant free school meals are not included in this scheme.

### **Reducing Air Pollution**

Clean air is vitally important to the health of our school community. If you are waiting outside the school in your car at drop-off or pick-up times, please can you turn your engine off.

### **Head of Seniors – Miss Louise Hillier**

This week we have opened the Main Reception area which is accessed from Mayfield Road. This means that the Seniors are now the only pupils coming into school through the Kensington Road entrance. The gates on Kensington Road are on a lock which releases at 7:45am and locks at 9:00am. If your child arrives after 9:00am then they should come in through Main Reception. The gates then reopen at 3:00pm and lock at 3:15pm so if your child is leaving outside of these times, again they will use Main Reception. We are still checking equipment and uniform every morning, and in particular I would like

to draw your attention to the fact that if your child arrives at school on a scooter or a bike then they must have a helmet. Thank you for your support with this.

Years 7 and 8 were lucky enough to have a visit this week from Stewart Foster, the author. It was lovely to have a “normal” event running after such a long time of turbulence. I heard the pupils ask some fabulous questions and they really enjoyed this opportunity.

Year 10 football team were in action this week in a League game against Priory on Wednesday night. Well done on a 6-0 victory to them and thank you to Mr Campbell for supporting them. They now face Crestwood on Monday in the Hants Cup Quarter Final- best wishes for that!

Huge congratulations to the senior Dance Live team who were an absolute credit to the school yesterday, the staff and pupils worked incredibly hard over the last 5 weeks to create a fantastic piece which placed third overall. Well done to all the team taking part!





This week a spotlight on our PSHE curriculum this half-term:

Year 7 have been learning about healthy lifestyles, and are moving on to spending time understanding the risks of smoking, as well as resisting peer pressure.

Year 8 are learning about emotional wellbeing and ways of coping with different emotions. They will soon be moving on to learning about relationships and staying safe.

Year 9 are learning about sex and relationships education, including positive relationships and keeping safe.

Year 10 are learning about keeping healthy, exploring debates surrounding vaccination, as well as views on blood and organ donation and the importance of self-examination and screening.

Year 11 are moving onto their final topic, which is sex and relationships education.

If you have any questions about the PSHE curriculum then please contact Miss Colmer on [colmer-rachael@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:colmer-rachael@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) who would be happy to help.

The nominees for Hot Chocolate Friday were:

Victory	Louisa and Fatima
Discovery	Rosie and Amelia
Intrepid	Olivia and Charlie
Endeavour	Vada and Finlay

As ever it was the highlight of my week- they were delightful!



Finally, a reminder to Year 8 parents that Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February is the Year 8 virtual Parents Evening. Booking is on our website using the following link:

[SchoolCloud - Mayfield School](#)

We look forward to seeing you all there so we can work together to support the pupils.

**Head of Primary – Mrs Fiona Rogers**

It has been a huge relief to get the main entrance open to all our pupils and carers this week. Thank you all for your patience whilst we have been putting new systems in place. Please can I remind parents that the gates close promptly at 8.45am so please ensure that you arrive before this time.

A number of parents and staff have raised concerns about parking on the zigzag lines at the front of school. Please do not use the lines for parking, even if it is to let a pupil out of the car to walk into school. The front of the school is always very busy, and the safety of our families is a priority.

Today we are wishing “good luck” to junior pupils and staff for the first ever Mayfield Primary Dance Live entry. The staff and pupils have worked so hard on rehearsals for this, and we cannot wait to find out how they get on. Go Team Mayfield!

Several children have been bringing Nutella into their lunch boxes either in pots or sandwiches. Please note that we do not allow nuts to be brought into school due to pupils with severe nut allergies being present.

Year R have been learning all about the celebration of Chinese New Year! They have been taking part in some of the traditions such as cleaning, ready for the new year, and making decorations. They were very excited to watch the dragon dance and enjoyed reading stories all about the celebration.

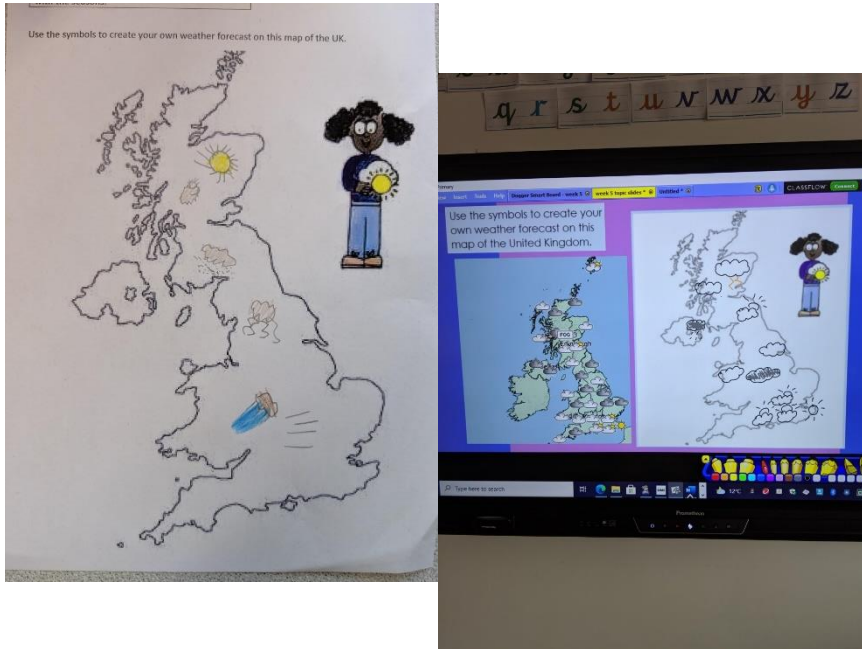
Year R have also finished learning all Phase 2 and 3 sounds from Little Wandle this week! The remainder of Phase 3 phonics will focus on reading longer words, such as 'rabbit' and 'digger', and reading more complex sentences to build their fluency. Please keep reading the e-books and library books to support with this.

In maths, the children have been learning about the concept of 'more', 'fewer' and 'equal'. They have been using this mathematical language to make comparisons between a number of objects. They have also learnt that it does not matter about the colour or size when comparing quantities and have been explaining this to other adults around the school.

This week, Year 1 have been learning all about the different seasons and the weather that is associated with these. We looked at a weather forecast and made our own predictions for the United Kingdom.

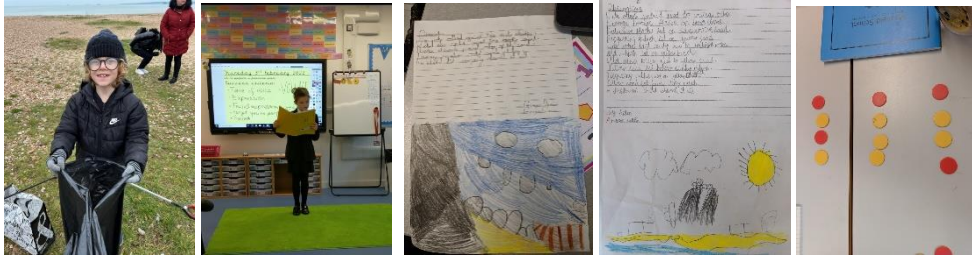
In Maths we have been practising how to count in 2s and recognising the pattern.

We are continuing our search to find Dogger too!



Year 2 had a fantastic learning experience visiting Portsmouth Museum on Wednesday and all of them behaved in a way that was a credit to Mayfield. They enjoyed visiting John Pounds workshop and seeing what he did to support poor children in Portsmouth over 200 years ago. This week in Maths we have been using grouping skills to divide. We had a very exciting letter arrive on Tuesday asking us to assist 'The Queen'. Please ask your child about this as it is linked to our English learning, and we used the letter as a way to inspire their ideas.

Year 3 wanted to thank all the people that attended the beach clean. It was a great success. After the beach clean, we started thinking about our observations of the beach. We used a similar free verse poem from The Wild Robot to create our own poem about the polluted beach. We then performed our poems, some of us were brave enough to do this in front of their whole class. In Maths, we have been looking at grouping and sharing for division. We are so proud of how resilient Year 3 have been this week.



This week Year 4 have been very busy. In Topic we have been exploring Anglo-Saxon artwork and designed metal work with intricate patterns. We have also been recapping what we know about sound by producing our own TV programmes. In maths, we have continued to work on written multiplication methods and in English we have been looking at different tenses that we can include in our diary entries.

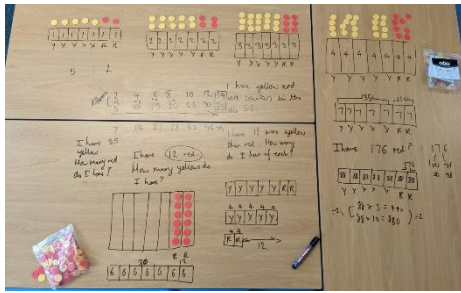


This week, Year 5 have made torture devices in D&T! This was part of their project on researching how crime and punishment has changed over time. While making their models, they used new joining skills.

In Maths, Year 5 have started to learn about fractions. They have explored how to find equivalent fractions using formal methods.

Please remember that next week is Bikeability for Year 5! Bikes and helmets must be in school by Monday morning. They will be kept in the school bike shed for the week, so please bring your bike through the entrance on Kensington Road on Monday morning. If children need to take their bike home each day, they will collect from the bike shed and wheel them through to the main entrance for the usual pick up at 3.30pm or 4.30pm.

Year 6 have enjoyed a week beginning to understand a new mathematical concept: ratio. The children enjoyed exploring ratio by creating their own mocktails and by beginning to understand the relationship between the different amounts. They then moved onto exploring the relationship between different numbers in the same sequence and exploring the links with fractions and multiplication. In writing, the children have enjoyed rehearsing orally explanation texts focusing on how Doctor Who's sonic screwdriver works. In art, the children have been researching the artist, Hokusai, and how he created his work.



Finally, once again, please can I ask that parents refrain from discussing individual pupils over parent WhatsApp groups. It is not acceptable to make derogatory comments about pupils, staff or other parents over social media or WhatsApp groups. If you would like to discuss any issues of concern, please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance.