

HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes

I am pleased to confirm that the 'Wilkie Scholarship 2022' is now open!

The scholarship was founded by a former pupil of Northern Grammar School (now Mayfield) - Mr. Brian Wilkie M.B.E. It provides for two Year 11 pupils to progress on to the sixth form at The Portsmouth Grammar School with all tuition fees paid in full. To date, over 20 pupils have benefitted from this opportunity – many of whom have gone on to study at the best universities in the country.

If you are in Year 11 and wish to apply then please send a letter to Mr. David Jeapes, Headteacher via Mrs. Lynne Hollis, on:

Hollis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

This should be limited to 1000 words and outline:

- Your achievements to date – both in and out of school;
- What 'A' Level programmes of study you wish to follow;
- What your university and career ambitions are.

All letters must be received by **4:00pm on Friday 11th March 2022**. Following receipt of applications, candidates will be required to undertake an assessment w/b Monday 14th March followed by an interview with Dr. Anne Cotton, Headmistress of The Portsmouth Grammar School on Friday 18th March.

If you have any questions about this process, please speak directly with Mr. Jeapes or email Mrs. Hollis on the address above.

Progress with the demolition of the old school building has been excellent and Kier inform us that they are on track to complete the works by the Summer. Please see below a view from our Prep Room.



Primary parents evening on Thursday 10th and Tuesday 15th March 2022

Parents and carers can choose between having a face-to-face meeting on the school site on Thursday 10th March or an online appointment on Tuesday 15th March. Please use the link below to book either type of meeting:

[SchoolCloud - Mayfield School](#)

For the face-to-face Parents Evening, the teaching staff will be based in the Main Hall. Parents should arrive on the school site via the Main Gate and can access the Hall via the North-east Black Gate and the external doors into the Hall.

Year 9 options and parents evening on Thursday 17th March 2022

The Year 9 Parents and Options Evening is also going to be a hybrid event. The 5-minute appointment slots have been set up as alternate face-to-face appointment slot followed by a virtual appointment slot. Parents have the option to book either face-to-face or virtual appointments using the link below:

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Teaching staff will be based in the first-floor classrooms with three or four colleagues in a classroom in their department teams. There will be Options Displays on the first-floor central corridor and support available for parents with logging on to the Options Online programme. Parents who choose the face-to-face appointments will arrive by the Main Entrance and will be directed upstairs by Pupil Leaders. The intention is that parents move between their appointments during the virtual appointment slots to ensure that their next meeting can start and finish promptly.

Comic Relief

Red nose day is Friday 18th March, all staff and pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform for a donation of £1 to help us support this wonderful cause.

We will also be running a cake sale as a house competition, senior pupils should bring in donated cakes to the house office on the morning of Friday 18th, clearly labelled with their name and tutor group. These will then be sold at break time in the canteen corridor to raise money for comic relief. There will also be a joke competition where pupils will be invited to write out their favourite joke with their name and tutor group and submit them to their head of house by 3pm on Friday 18th March, the winners will be announced on Monday 21st March.

Collection for Displaced people

As a school we want to build an awareness of the world around us and the difficult situation that many people around the world find themselves in at the present time. As such we would like our school community to help us collect items to be sent to help support them in difficult times. Please bring in any donations you are able to make and hand them to your class teacher, tutor or house office. The unopened and unused items we will be collecting are as follows;

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Toiletries
- Nappies
- Sanitary pads
- Paper towels/tissues
- Antibacterial hand gel and wash
- Disposable and reusable masks
- Combs
- Microfiber towels
- Reusable plates, cups and cutlery
- New packaged socks

Friends of Mayfield

Year 6 Disco - Thursday 24th March 5.30-6.30pm

Tickets will be available to buy from main reception on Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th March at 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Tickets will not be available after this time.

Year 7 Rescheduled Disco – Thursday 24th March 7-8.30pm

Tickets purchased for the original event in November are still valid, if pupils no longer have these tickets please do not worry we have a list of names and will send a sims message to all those pupils who are able to attend.

FOM Quiz night – Friday 1st April

No this is not an April fool! We will be running our quiz night in the main hall, £3 entry on the door, no need to pre-book just turn up. We would like to get as many quiz teams together as possible so please spread the word all welcome, this is an adult only event. Please bring your own drinks and snacks, the winning team will take 50% of the entrance fees, so the more people we have in attendance the more money in the prize pot! Dominoes will be selling individual pizza's for £3.

MENACWY Immunisations for Year 9 – 30th March 2022

The School Aged Immunisation team will shortly be offering the Meningitis ACWY and Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio vaccinations at Mayfield School for Year 9. Please refer to the link below for the parent leaflet which contains further medical information and the letter with the consent form.

[Medical Response | Mayfield School](#)

The deadline for completion of the online consent form is 25th March 2022. If you have any questions regarding this process please email snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net

Head of Seniors – Miss Louise Hillier

Welcome back to all our Senior pupils after half-term. This was an unusual week for us as for the first time the Senior pupils took part in dressing up for World Book Day! A huge thank you to everyone who took part- we had some excellent characters with a group of Year 11 coming as characters from An Inspector Calls (on the day they sat their English Literature Mock about that play!), a number of Manga characters, a pokemon and most of the characters from Harry Potter! We raised in total over £500 which will go towards buying more books for the library to foster our love of reading.

Year 11 have had mock exams this week and these continue into next in all of their subjects. This is such a good opportunity for them to find out if there are any gaps in their knowledge before the “real” exams begin in the summer. I would like to thank the core teachers- Maths, English and Science- who are running energizers before school over this two-week period to get the pupils ready for their first exams. If your child is in Year 11 and is not making the most of these opportunities, then they need to start arriving at 8:15am!

Thank you very much to all the parents who met with staff on Thursday in the Year 11 Parents evening. Please do keep in touch with us over the next few months as we head towards the Summer with any questions or queries that you might have.

Our Year 10's performed well at @Landsec @GunwharfQuays this week for the Made In Portsmouth Enterprise competition. We will update you with how they get on when they present in the finals next month.



Views of some of the pupils who attended:

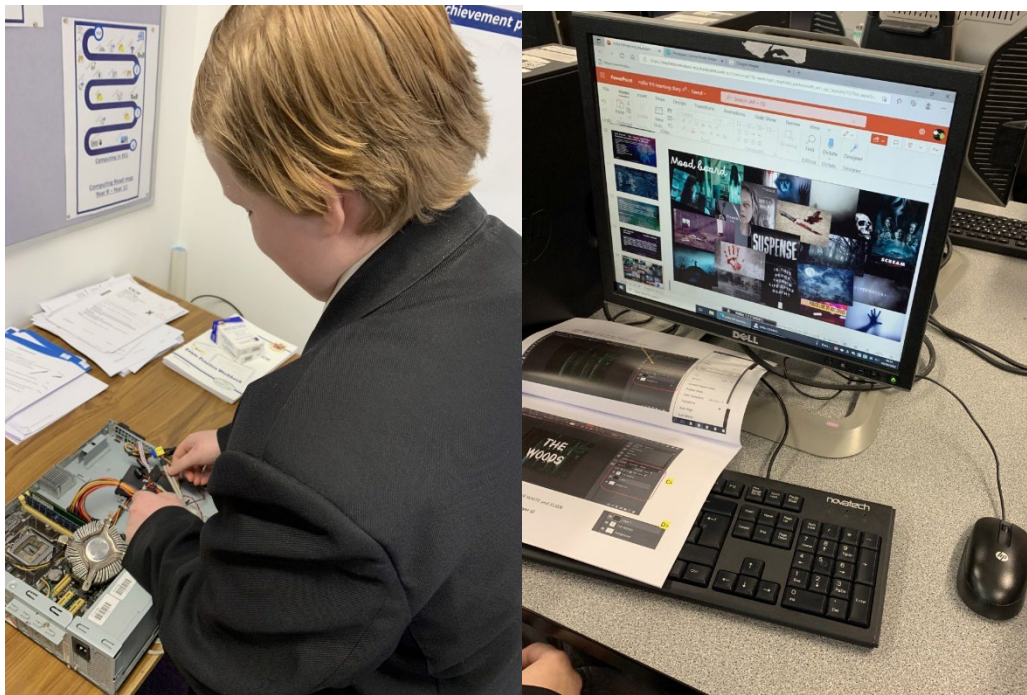
"It was very helpful for my future and to understand business in the real world. We really enjoyed the selling task" Lenny Bell and Blue Singh

Year 9 have started their “Taster fortnight” where subjects will be making sure that pupils are aware of what Key Stage 4 courses are like in each of the subjects they will be offered to choose from as part of their Options Process. Mrs Head will be running an assembly with them in the week beginning 14th

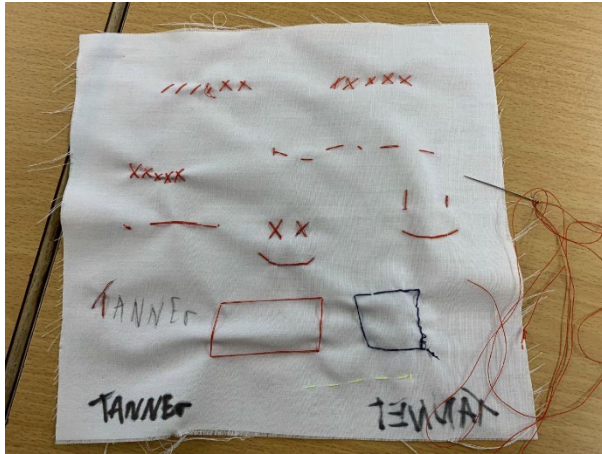
March to explain the process and there will be help on hand for parents if you choose to come to the Parents Evening on Thursday 17th March in person. If you have any questions about the options process, please contact Mrs Head on head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.



Taster session for BTEC Music- looking at music used in films



Taster session for Computer Studies and imedia.



Taster session for textiles

We were “stormed off” for Hot Chocolate Friday before half-term so it was wonderful to have it back this week. The Heads of House selected some fabulous Year 9 pupils this time for me to meet. The pupils nominated were:

Discovery	Evie and Lucas
Victory	Finley and Evie
Endeavour	Lucy and Emily-Jane
Intrepid	Chaz and Akshat



This week’s pupils were very entertaining, and I enjoyed the time I got to spend with them.

Can I just take this opportunity to remind you that if your child brings a scooter (electric scooters are not allowed on site at all) or a bike to school then they must have a helmet. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, advance warning that on Friday 18th March we will be participating in Red Nose Day 2022. Pupils are asked to donate £1 to this amazing cause which is all the more poignant at this time.

Head of Primary – Mrs Fiona Rogers

This week has been amazing culminating in a fabulous World Book Day celebration on Thursday. The children (and parents) did a fantastic job of dressing up and it was lovely to see Fantastic Mr Fox, Willy Wonka (and his Golden Ticket), The Queen of Hearts and my personal favourite, Captain Underpants, amongst others!

Year 4 have been enjoying their residential at Minstead with two classes having been so far. Thank you to all of the staff who have given up their time to run the residential. These are such an important part of the children's school experiences and will create memories for a long time to come.

Year R have enjoyed a trip to the farm today and were very excited to see all the animals there.

A reminder that parents evening is coming up on the 10th and 15th of March so please do make sure that you sign up for these as soon as possible.

Shortly the majority of the school we will be taking part in activities for science week. The Juniors are collecting cereal boxes for their activities and so if you are able to bring in a cereal box, please can you do so by Friday 11th March.

This week, Year R have been anticipating their first ever school trip to Longdown Farm! To start the week off, we predicted which animals we might see at the farm. Farmer Bob and Farmer Brian led us round to feed many hungry animals and learn some facts about each one. We also got to pet guinea pigs, chicks and rabbits, and collect eggs from the chickens! We learnt the importance of handwashing while dealing with animals and have left the farm as proud Young Farmers.



This week in Maths we have been exploring measurement, children have been using non standard units to measure different objects in the classroom.

In English we have been reading 'The Tiger that came to Tea'. We have been applying different skills within our writing such as suffixes.

Year 1 are very excited for their school trip to Marwell Zoo which is happening on Wednesday. Please can I remind you to ensure your child has a coat with a hood and suitable shoes in case of wet weather.

I would like to give you notice about the show Year 1 will be performing. On Thursday 7th April, pupils will be performing a show called 'On Safari'. This will be happening at 2:45pm. All parents will be invited to watch. Please check your child's bookbag next week for more details.



Year 2 have been excited to be back and beginning our new topic - Go Wild! We had a box arrive on Tuesday from Sunny the Meerkat who sent us some clues about what meerkats are like. We all did some brilliant fact finding and wrote super sentences. In maths we have been exploring 2d shapes this week. Obviously, we had a brilliant World Book Day dressing up and enjoyed lots of different activities.

This week, Year 3 launched their new topic "Invaders". We experienced invading playing Capture the Flag on Monday, we loved strategising our plans. In our writing and reading, we have started our new text "I was there: Boudicca's Army". We are looking at what kind of character Kassy is to write a character description. We loved World Book Day on Thursday; we wrote a blurb and designed a new cover for our favourite books.



Year 4 have had a super busy week with our residential trips to Minstead for Mississippi and Danube Classes. All the children have been fantastic, and it has been a great experience for everyone. Back at school, we have introduced our new Topic about Vikings and have started to create some fantastic artwork to hook us into our topic. We also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day with some fantastic costumes.



This week, in Year 5, the children have been learning how to subtract fractions. Please see their homework for examples of this.

In English, Year 5 have enjoyed World book day! This included learning about Harry Potter and various other magical worlds! The children loved the engaging activities and competitions throughout the week.

Year 6 had great fun launching their new topic: Life the Universe and Everything. They enjoyed orienteering around the school and locating symbols to spell out the school's motto. The children also enjoyed looking at maps and locating where they lived. In English, they read a variety of Survival stories

and have begun to map out how they might write their own. In maths, they have been looking at area, perimeter and volume, investigating how these can change.



Extra-curricular clubs offered by the school are wide and varied, and I know that many parents rely on these each day. Therefore, please can I ask that if your child has been signed up for club, that they attend. Equally, please remember that children must be booked into extra-curricular clubs in order to attend. If children are not collected at 3.30pm and are not booked into club, they will be placed in early tea club which means that a cost is passed on to the parent. Please ensure that you arrive at 4.25pm ready to pick up the children promptly at 4.30pm

Finally, advance warning that on Friday 18th March we will be participating in Red Nose Day 2022. Pupils are asked to donate £1 to this amazing cause which is all the more poignant at this time. This year the theme is “Your Hero”, Superheroes or just being red! We would love to see some creative ideas from all the children.