

Mayfield Messenger

7th October 2022



Ready, Respectful, Resilience, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

A message from Mr Howard

It was a huge pleasure to welcome parents/carers/families and their children to our school during the Open Event on Thursday for new starters in 2023. The school was also open for primary pupils to show off their classroom and their learning. The atmosphere throughout the school was positive and the feedback was very much appreciated. Being able to share the journey our school is on was a privilege and the families I spoke to were very excited about the thought of joining Mayfield in September. We welcome all new families to our Mayfield family.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the school staff for the preparation and work that went into putting this event together. The term 'all together' is definitely true when I talk about our team of staff.

I wish you all a great weekend!



Harvest Festival Assembly and donations

On Monday, primary pupils will be gathering together to take part in our annual Harvest Festival assembly. As in previous years, we would be grateful for any donations of tins, packets and other 'long-life' produce.

All donations will be sent to the Portsmouth Food Bank. Primary pupils can give their donations to class teachers.

Any donations from senior pupils can be handed in at Pupil Services. Thank you, in advance, for your support.



No more Parent SIMS app

From after half term (October 2022), we will be stopping the use of parent SIMS app. The reason for doing this is so that we reduce the number of platforms being used to communicate to our families. We will be using Classcharts only for this purpose.



School Nurse drop ins

Book your private session with our NHS school nurse

Our first NHS school nurse drop in is on Tuesday 11th October from 9-11am.

Our other school nurse drop ins are on:

- 8th Nov- 9-11am
- 6th Dec- 9-11am

To book your private session speak to our amazing reception staff to sign up

Year 11 Parents Evening, 13th October

The **Year 11 Parents Evening** is taking place face-to-face on **Thursday 13th October from 4 till 7pm.**

Appointments with the subject teachers will give you the opportunity to talk about your child's progress and forthcoming mock exams in November.

The Parental Booking System for this evening is already open.

Our shared School motto

The exciting opportunity to be part of a big change where we are seeking views of our community – staff, parents/carers, governors and pupils – to vote for our new school motto, has already begun. The pupils have already voted.



In order to participate, please click on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/X9EJD2H2dG>

The voting for parents/carers will close at the end of next week (Friday 14th October 2022).

Make your vote count! We look forward to sharing the outcome next week.

Top 3 (total votes) so far:

Believe. Achieve. Succeed	17	10	7	34
Every Journey Matters	10	11	8	29
All through. All achieving. All Mayfield.	6	6	5	17



Growth Checks for Children in Year 6

Please find attached the screening letter which all Year 6 parents/carers need to have seen and read.

Children in Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Height and weight are used to calculate weight categories of children.



This helps the NHS understand how many children are overweight, healthy weight or underweight. Your child's class will take part in this year's programme.

The checks are done by trained health care support workers. Children are measured with their clothes on, except for their coats and shoes. This is done in a private space away from other pupils.

Further information about the National Child Measurement Programme can be found at: www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/national-child-measurement-programme

Extra-Curricular

Please note that due to Primary Parents Evening taking place on Tuesday 18th October and Thursday 20th October there will be **no Extra-Curricular clubs running on these days**. This is to allow parents to meet with teachers in their children's classrooms and look at their work. If you require childcare on these days, please book in to tea club via the booking system. If children are not collected at 3.30pm they will be taken to tea club and parents will be charged for this provision. Thank you for your understanding.

Autumn 2 Extra-curricular

The booking system will be open for booking **Autumn 2 clubs** the **week beginning 10.10.22 at 6pm** on the days below and will **close at 6pm on Monday 17th October**. There will be no bookings taken for clubs after this date. Should childcare be needed, tea club will be available for booking.

Year Group	Year R	Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6	Year 7 & 8
Booking open	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Use of mobile phones in school and outside of school

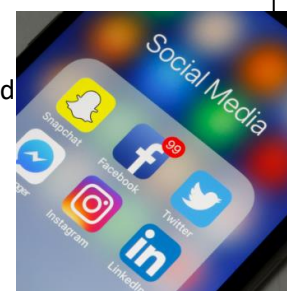
Over the past 5 weeks, we have been working hard to discourage the use of mobile phones in the school building and as a result, the majority of pupils have either handed their phone in or not brought it to school. We have also had individual communication with parents/carers about this and they have supported the school by ensuring mobile phones are not brought in.

We will be looking at this in more detail over the next 2 weeks so that the use of technology in school, particularly through the use of mobile phones and social networking, is swiftly responded to. Through our education programme and e-safety work, students are regularly reminded of the advantages and the hidden dangers of using particular sites.

Unfortunately, some students and on occasions, parents use these sites to try to settle friendship issues that have arisen both in school and the local community. Often, when social networking is used inappropriately in 'friendship' situations the school is expected to solve the problems. As you would appreciate this is very difficult to achieve. We would ask that parents/carers support us by discouraging the use of social media for such purposes. Equally, we would advise any parent/carer of a child who is on the receiving end of unkind comments or actions NOT to post anything on social media as adult involvement rarely solves the issue and is often regarded as antagonistic or even threatening to the minor on the receiving end. Parents/carers are encouraged to seek advice from the school or the police if they are concerned about derogatory comments which have been posted about their child.

When a student uses their mobile phone to contact parents/carers during the school day about a situation that has arisen in school. It is very upsetting for any parent to hear their child report an issue which has occurred in school. There are always two sides to any situation and schools are best placed to establish the facts. We would ask parents/carers to respect our guidelines which are that students should not make contact via mobile phone during the school day. If a child does contact a parent it is more helpful for the parent to contact the school for further details before any conclusions are reached. We would ask parents to trust the judgement of the school and abide and support us in the restricted use of mobile phones during the school day.

We are incredibly grateful to all our parents/carers for supporting us with the appropriate use of mobile phones and social networking



Attendance

Thank you to parents who are making sure they contact us every day that their child is absent from school. The easiest way to do this is by using StudyBugs. If you haven't set up your account yet, please go to www.studybugs.com and click on "**Get Started**".



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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

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

Thank you





Careers and Apprenticeships Show 27th September 2022

A selection of Year 10 and 11 pupils went to Fratton Park for the Careers and Apprenticeship show. This event was a great success and pupils had the opportunity to network and ask important questions for their future destinations with a variety of local employers. They represented the school with respect and the employers said how engaged our pupils were with talking about their future aspirations.

Pupil Quotes:

“The speakers were engaging, and I found it informative”

“It was good talking to specialists”

“A lot of variety of employers to speak to and they were very helpful”

“It helped me to think about other career areas that are available”

“It was a great chance to interact with employers. It has helped me narrow down what I want to do after leaving Mayfield.”

“It was really good, learning about important life skills are helpful in employment. The encouragement to always have a go and follow your aspirations was good advice”.

A Parent emailed to say their daughter has had a brilliant time and came home full of exciting ideas.



Oxford University Visit 29th September 2022

A selection of Year 10 pupils took part in a workshop from the University of Oxford exploring the benefits of going to university. They then investigated the entry requirements for a variety of university courses and explored their campuses and courses available. The pupils were really engaged thinking about their future aspirations and which University they could attend. Pupils were talking openly about their career journeys and sharing ideas about how to reach them.

Did you know?

It is 90 years today since Mayfield's opening. Different building and a different name but education has been provided to the local community for 9 decades.

It is also a year since the new building was officially opened!



Allergies Reminder

As you know, we have children in our school with severe nut allergies. **Please could you ensure that** none of these foods are in your child's lunches. Thank you.

This week's successes outside of Mayfield are;



Teddy has had a fantastic start to his new football season. He plays for Paulsgrove U9's and has scored 5 goals in 3 matches! He has been man of the match twice already and also been voted manager's player of the match! He scored two goals this Sunday even in the miserable weather! We are very proud of how well he listens and his great sportsmanship.

Both Zamin & Fatima Ali have passed their Martial Arts Grading & move up onto a Blue belt which is belt number 8. They are now just 4 belts away from black belt. A very proud celebration for us all.



Congratulations to Eli who completed the Summer Reading Challenge for an incredible sixth year in a row! I wonder what his favourite book to read was?



Honor competed in her first horse show as well as her first show jumping competition today. She was so nervous before but loved every moment of them!!



Morgan from Octopus class, achieved his marathon wristband at junior parkrun at the weekend which means he has completed 21 park runs so far. Also it was in the pouring rain! A great achievement. Well done Morgan!



Mollie in year 6 has successfully auditioned for the Christmas Panto of Robin Hood at the Groundlings Theatre. We look forward to seeing her perform soon!

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

Unfortunately, we will not be able to share all of these. However, we will use them to contribute to a beyond Mayfield display.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday