

HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes

Welcome to the final edition of the Mayfield Messenger for this term, we hope you have a pleasant Easter Break, the next issue will be published on Friday 29th April.

Today we say farewell to several staff including:

Chad Musselwhite	-	Pupil Support Assistant
Jasmin Baxter	-	Assistant Headteacher
Alana Reynell	-	Teacher of Art and Technology
Rebecca Clarke	-	Assistant Headteacher
Jo Buck	-	Deputy Head of School (Primary)
Hannah Carlin	-	HR assistant
Sharon Shaw	-	Assistant SENCo
Chris Dyer	-	Facilities Manager

I would like to extend my thanks to all the above-mentioned colleagues and wish them every success in their future endeavours. We welcome a number of new staff members for the Summer Term, we will share their details in the next edition of the Mayfield Messenger.

Please be aware that next half term is relatively short and punctuated with an additional school closure on Tuesday 3rd May in recognition of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – this is a Portsmouth City wide date and follows the usual May Bank Holiday on Monday 2nd May.

A message from Mrs. Jo Buck

I would like to say a big thank you to all the children and their families for the amazing assembly, kind words and gifts I have received today (Thursday). I have loved every minute of my time at Mayfield School and will cherish many happy memories. It has been a joy to work with so many amazing children and their families. I will miss you all very much but know the children and school will continue to achieve great things.

Mayfield as a Polling Station

Portsmouth City Council have asked us to act as a Polling Station for the local elections on Thursday 5th May. The Polling Station will be located in the Main Hall with voters accessing the venue by the main path and external doors. There will be additional temporary fencing in place to make sure that members of the public are not able to get into the main school building, which will be operating as normal.

FOM Summer Fete Friday 15th July

Friends of Mayfield are running our summer fete on Friday 15th July 3-6.00pm, If you are interested in having a stall or helping with this event, please contact us on FOMevents22@gmail.com

Extra-Curricular

Having listened to pupils and parents' feedback, we will be changing the booking system to ensure that pupils can't book on cooking club two half terms in a row. This is an extremely popular club and we would like to ensure that as many pupils as possible have an opportunity to access the club. Over

the past term we have increased the number of cooking clubs we are able to offer, going forward there will be one club for each of the junior year groups.

Exam Invigilation Opportunity

We have some opportunities to join our examination invigilation team for this summer. The hours are flexible, and we can work around the availability of parents and grandparents who may need to drop off on the school run before starting work. The examinations this summer will be running throughout May and June. Details of the rates of pay and duties are available on the vacancies page of our website: [Vacancies | Mayfield School](#) or email our Exams Officer, Helen Patis on Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk if you would like further information about the role.

Volunteering Opportunity

Over the course of this year, we have started to resume our programme of trips and visits. We are always keen to have parent, carer and wider family volunteers to help us with this programme. If you are interested in helping at the school, can you please complete the volunteer application form that can be found on the vacancies page of our website:

[Vacancies | Mayfield School](#)

Please note that all volunteers must read and sign the 'volunteer policy'.

Head of Seniors – Miss Louise Hillier

I would like to say a well done and thank you to all the Senior pupils who have worked so hard this term. We have managed to weather the Covid disruption well with only a few changes for year groups to online learning.

Hot off the press I can report the following success in this year's "Made in Portsmouth" competition:

"An excellent performance in this year's Made in Portsmouth with 'Team Welfare' coming in 1st place and winning a trip to Fratton Park, a day out Sailing and they will be selling their Chili's bottles to raise money for their chosen charity, Water Aid. Additionally, congratulations to Team Legacy for coming 2nd place in the south coast Enterprise competition. We look forward to competing again next year. Fletcher Simpson's quote from 'Team Welfare' is "The competition was a good experience and it allowed me to see into the world of business, outside of school".



Well done to all the pupils involved with this competition and thank you to the staff who worked with them and took them to the competition.

We have been wishing all the Senior pupils a Happy Easter this week with a free hot chocolate. I have loved giving out the vouchers on the gate- the anticipation has risen all week as the last House, Victory, had to wait to Friday to get theirs!





There are some pictures of Intrepid getting their treat on Wednesday on our social media- with a few replicated above for you!

My thanks go to the House Teams who have been celebrating with the children who do the right thing every single day. Huge congratulations to those pupils and well done on being awesome on a daily basis. There is a write up from each house below.

Victory

This half term Victory House have held reward events for pupils in years 7 (pictured), 8 and 9. These students were selected because of their exemplary behaviour and positive attitude towards all aspects of school life. These students had very few, and in most cases, no behaviour points. Well done and thank you to those invited. After the Easter holidays we will be running a similar event for our year 10 students.



We have also been focusing on our House Ethos and celebrating and rewarding students in House assemblies. Well done to V7 who last week won the spelling challenge and got to enjoy chocolates for their whole tutor group, and more recently (pictured) V5 who won the bib challenge and will get to enjoy doughnuts in tutor this week!



Discovery

Discovery pupils with excellent attendance, effort and behaviour were invited to a reward event this term. These are just a few of the students that we are proud of for demonstrating the house ethos in their everyday school life and being role models for other pupils in the house.

We have been rewarding individual students and tutor groups with vouchers and prizes which we will continue to do in the summer term. More prizes are available to win #MISSSCHOOLMISSOUT.



Intrepid

Pupils were chosen for the Intrepid Easter event by their tutors for their positive and hardworking approach to school. They took part in fun team building activities, colouring competition and refuelled with easter treats. Thank you to Intrepid house pupils, you have done us proud this term.



Endeavour

This half term Endeavour have rewarded Year 7 pupils with zero behaviour points this year. This is a great achievement, and we would like to say a huge well done to these pupils. After the Easter we will be running a similar event for Year 8 and Year 9 pupils.



We have also been celebrating and rewarding pupils in our House assembly with lots of prizes being won. Well done to E7 who won the bib challenge, they will be rewarded with doughnuts today in tutor!



Careers Update

Year 10 have all received their feedback on their Employer Interview so please do share in their successes with them. There have been some lovely comments about the pupils. The employers have praised our pupils for this process. There has been a parent survey sent out on the Sims Parent App so please do complete this as any feedback is welcomed alternatively, email denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

I wish you all a safe and restful Easter break and look forward to greeting the pupils back to school on Monday 25th April by 8:10am for Years 7 and 8 and by 8:40am for Years 9, 10 and 11.

Head of Primary – Mrs Fiona Rogers

As we come to the end of a long half term, we were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Buck on Thursday. Mrs Buck enjoyed a superb assembly with performances from all the year groups. It was a very emotional farewell, and we wish Mrs Buck and her family all the very best for the future.

I know that the children have been doing some great things outside of school and we always love to share them. If you would like to share with the school and the wider community, please email me on rogersf@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Year 1 have been very busy this week! We were so excited when Writing Rabbit hopped into our assembly on Monday with a book to enjoy and use in our English lessons. We had lots of fun writing and recording a news report.

In Art/DT, we practised making orange by mixing primary colours. We used this to create our background for our African Savanna. After, we created different African animals to use for our moving picture. We were also busy practising songs for our performance, thank you to all those who came to enjoy Year 1's first ever performance!

We have ended the half term with an Easter treat for all to enjoy. Have a restful holiday and we look forward to seeing you in Summer 1 to explore 'Gardeners' World'

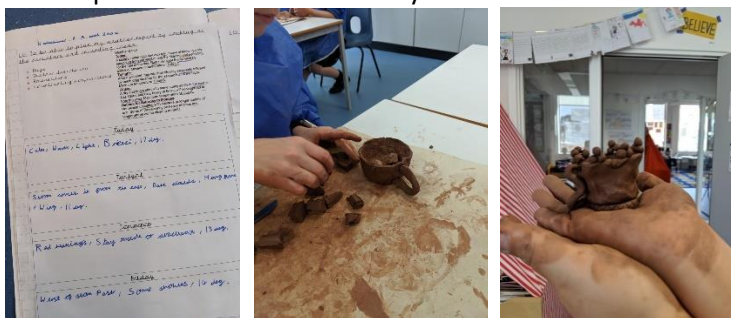


We have had a fantastic week in English with our book 'Flood'. We have worked hard to write a diary entry as one of the characters in the book about how she feels about the flood coming and needing to pack up her house and leave. To understand what it might feel like, Miss Hanick and Mrs Beechurst told us to pack up our classrooms with everything needing to be above the height of the tables.



We have completed our work on Africa, learning how Mombasa in Kenya has some similarities with Portsmouth as well as some differences. Thank you to all the parents who came into our event on Monday and listened to the children talk and share their learning for this term's topic. Have a happy, relaxing and chocolate filled Easter break, from all the Year 2 Team.

It has been a lovely half term in Year 3. We have finished our 'Invaders' topic by creating Roman clay pots, we attempted two techniques and reflected to pick our favourite for our final design. We are very sorry for any clay covered shirts though! In our English, we have been taking part in 'The Big Write' exploring the Flood text and writing our own weather reports. We had great fun filming this! Please remember our trip to Winchester Science Centre is on Tuesday 26th April and the children will need a packed lunch. Have a lovely Easter break!



Year 4 have enjoyed their 'Big Write' this week where they have been writing stories to record onto an audio book version of 'The Flood'. In addition to this, we have been adding and subtracting Fractions this week in maths and in Topic we have been learning about the end of the Vikings in Britain. The children who have attended extra-curricular clubs this term have really enjoyed them so a big thank you to all of the TAs who run them. Miss Patterson's sewing club has been a particular hit with the children and as you can see from the photographs their end results were very impressive.

A big 'well done' to all of our children this term. They have continued to work really hard, and their behaviour has been excellent. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and are already looking forward to the exciting things we have planned for the summer term!



This week, Year 5 have had great fun making burgers! This was part of their topic, where they have made a burger which represents part of America. When making the burgers, they enjoyed learning about the nutritional value of different food items.

In English, they have enjoyed sharing a picture book. Through this, they have consolidated important Reading skills including inference and deduction.



Year 6 have enjoyed working on the school's Big Write project. They have continued to be journalists applying the skills they learned last week. In maths, they have been continuing to revise in different groups, enjoying revision tailored to their learning need. In RE, the children have continued their study of Christianity, specifically Resurrection.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful Easter and I hope that the sun shines for all of us.