

# Mayfield Messenger

8th December 2023



Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

## A message from Mr Howard

What a great week, full of energy. From our Year R Nativity to the senior Personal Development Day, the pupils demonstrated a range of skills and truly demonstrated our 6 Rs. (Ready, Respectful, Reflective, Resourceful, Resilience, Responsibility).

It was a huge privilege being able to watch the year R nativity. I was particularly impressed with the confidence of our youngest learners, whether that be speaking out loud or singing to an unknown audience of adults. At the end of one particular performance I was joined by a confident individual who shared how proud she was that she made a big effort for everyone to hear her.

We are now looking forward to Mister Samo visiting our school to paint the winning Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) designs inside our school. This will be the perfect way to bring the day and the work of the pupils, together. Please see some of the art work and the winning designs further in the Mayfield Messenger.

I wish you all a brilliant weekend.

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## INSET DAYS

The remaining INSET days will be;

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024



**The school will be closed for pupils on these days.**

## Early closing reminder at the end of term

We will be closing early on the final day of term, **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

Senior section pupils will finish at **1:15pm** and the Primary section will close to all pupils at **1:30pm.** There will be no Extra-Curricular or Teatime Club on this day.



## Early closing on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

We will be closing early on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024** due to a Salterns Trust event where all of the staff across the partnership will be coming together.

**Senior section** pupils will finish at **1:00pm** and the **Primary** section will close to all pupils at **1:15pm.** There will be no Extra-Curricular or Teatime Club on this day.

## Carols Around the Tree

All families are welcome to join us on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 5.00-6.00pm** for a mince pie, cookie and refreshments during our carols around the Christmas tree again this year.

We are hoping to have a choir and musicians to accompany the carols.

Please bring your hats, scarves and gloves and a torch. **We look forward to seeing you all there!**



## Personal Development Day

Wow, what a fantastic day senior pupils had on our first Personal Development Day. Pupils were working in their tutor groups to discuss issues around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, thinking about things that affect them, our school and wider community. They then looked at the power of street art and how this art form can be used to impact on those around us. Working together, they created some incredible designs to put forward to the whole school competition. We had a really tricky time deciding on the winners, but Mrs Copeland and I decided on two designs which will be combined to form the winning piece which will be painted on the wall in cafe Tranquillo on Monday 11th December with street artist Mister Samo.

Congratulations to the winners Kerry-Ann, Eliza, Megan and Meesha, we are incredibly proud of you and can't wait to see your designs come to life next week. Thank you to all of the staff, with a particular mention for Mrs Firth for organising such a great day.



Mayfield School Personal Development Day

Equality Diversity and Inclusion

Winning Designs!

Well done to Eliza, Meesha and Megan for this wonderful design which reminds us that we can all make a difference.



And to Kerry Ann for her beautiful design which shows equality, diversity, and inclusion. And reminds us that everyone is equal and should work together as one.



## SCHOOL REPORT

### Year 7-11 Progress Reports

Next week we will be emailing home your child's Autumn term progress report. This will include information about their progress in lessons, predicted grades (Years 10 and 11) and their Attitude to Learning. We hope this will be a chance to celebrate your child's success this term.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Tite, Assistant Headteacher for progress and outcomes in seniors by email: [tite@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:tite@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

### SEND Review evening

Following the success of our September evening, we are running another SEND Review Evening on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January - this will again coincide with a Mayfield Community Event. From 4-6pm, you'll be able to pop along and catch-up with our SENDCOs, Assistant SENDCOs, and some external agencies, including Portsmouth Parent Voices and the Mental Health Support Team. There's no need to book, just pop along and have a chat!

### Self-harm awareness - support for parents/carers

The last session on self-harm awareness, offered by Mind Solent for parents/carers, will be on;

- **12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 6.00-7.00pm**

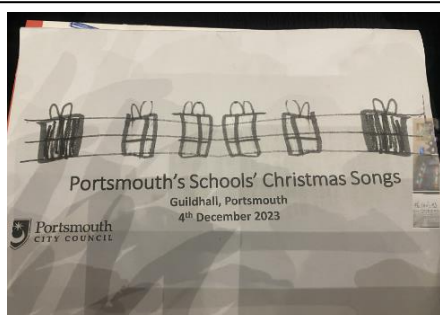
Sessions can be booked via this link:

[Support for parents, carers, and guardians - Mind Solent selfharmsupporthubhants.org.uk](https://supportforparents.carers.andguardians-mind-solent-selfharmsupporthubhants.org.uk)



### Music update

A selection of students took part in the Schools' Carols Service at Portsmouth Guildhall on Monday evening. A fun time had by all.





### **Sanitary Care**

To parents of children that may need sanitary care. The medical Room can provide full packets of Sanitary towels, tampons and lil-lets. Any parent/carer of a child at Mayfield can order what they feel their child may like for their whole cycle every month and we can put this in a sealed paper bag ready for collecting either by the pupil, parent or carer.

Our aim is to provide free access to supplies of sanitary care, for our pupils.

Please follow the link to order <https://forms.gle/ZjyhMp2WxQUforc9>

Any problems, please email medical staff on [medical@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:medical@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

### **Primary Christmas Dinner**

We have organised a Primary Christmas dinner for Wednesday 13th December. A Christmas dinner will be provided for each child with a choice of turkey or a vegetarian option. Special diets can also be catered for on the Christmas menu. The normal Wednesday menu will not be offered on this day. The Christmas Dinner will be the universal free school meal option for children in Year R, 1 and 2. To help us to cover the cost for Junior pupils, parents in Year 3 to 6 are invited to give a £2.50 voluntary donation towards the cost of the lunch. This contribution is entirely voluntary and your child will still be provided with a dinner if you choose not to contribute. All donations should be made through the SCOPay system for Online Payments. Children may still choose to bring a packed lunch from home on this day if they would not like a Christmas dinner.

If you have any queries or questions about these arrangements, please Mr Stedman on [stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)



### **This week's successes outside of Mayfield**



Congratulations to Mollie in year 7 who travelled to the NEC Birmingham stadium on Sunday to perform at the Super Weekender Dance Convention with her dance school.



Congratulations to Thomas Year 6 who has been working really hard all season for his Baffins under 11 team. It paid off with him being awarded Manager's Player of the Match last weekend.

### **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](mailto:general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

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