

Mayfield Messenger

8th March 2024



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Dear parents and carers,

A message from Mr Howard

It has been an exciting week in primary and secondary this week!

Year 4 pupils and staff have been very excited to attend the residential trip at Minstead Study Centre during the week. The children thoroughly enjoyed staying in the lodge, participating in fantastic learning experiences and having hot chocolate and marshmallows before bed each night!

In seniors, Year 10 pupils prepared themselves to speak to a range of professionals – Business Volunteers - as part of an opportunity to experience an interview. At the end, the professionals have written feedback on the pupil's communication skills, body language etc and this will be given to the pupils next week. The pupils demonstrated a range of skills and overcame their initial nervousness.

During World Book Day, it was amazing to see primary pupils and all of the school staff participate in dressing up as a character from a book. From the three little pigs to Sherlock Holmes, the school had a buzz of energy. With the mission of the day to promote reading for pleasure, this certainly made people excited about book characters. I can't wait to see all of the photos.

I wish you all a great weekend!

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Year 9 options for year 10

Our careers and college provider assemblies have been great this week. Pupils have been learning a lot about the pathways that are open to them beyond school.

A copy of the options booklet ahead of the Options evening next Thursday has been sent out and it can also be found on the school website. On the options evening parents/carers will be given a printed copy of this booklet and their child's pathway information as well as the options form.

If you have not already done so, please pre book one of the timeslots for this evening, 4.30 or 5.00pm. There will be a short presentation by Mrs Firth and Mr Howard and then an opportunity to look at the subject displays and speak to subject leaders and pupils studying the courses on offer.

We look forward to seeing Year 9 parents and carers on Thursday 14th March.

The Learning Place Workshops

At The Learning Place, they will be delivering a few **FREE workshops** and a course that may be of interest to you.

Each workshop is for 2 hours on a Monday morning from 10am to 12pm.

11th March Developing Mindfulness and Self-esteem in your children

18th March Reducing Stress and Anxiety in Adults

25th March Reducing Stress and Anxiety in Children

Tuesday 5th March is the start of a free 4-week course 'Keeping Up With the Kids' which explores how children are learning maths and how parents can support them.

COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE

INSET DAYS - The remaining INSET days will be;

Monday 18th March 2024

Friday 21st June 2024



The school will be closed for pupils on these days.

Year 9 Parents' Evening Reminder

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The online booking system is open for you to book appointments with your child's teachers for the Year 9 Parents/carers evening on Thursday 21st March.

This is a face-to-face parents' evening from **4 till 7pm** and all teachers will be based in the Main Hall.



Lost Property!

We have a number of Lost Property items in Pupil Services especially blazers and coats, please could you remind your child/ren if they have lost a piece of clothing, to please check our 'Lost Property' situated in Pupil Services.

Please could you name all items of clothing!

If there are any items left at the end of this term, we will give them to our Preloved shop or donate them to Charity Shops. We are unable to keep any items here after that time.

Thank you

Vaccinations against Measles



Measles cases are continuing to rise across England, with a number of unvaccinated children and young adults requiring hospital as infections take hold.

This month, millions of parents, carers and young adults in England are being contacted by the NHS to book missed measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccines as part of a major new campaign to protect those at risk from becoming seriously unwell.

NHS figures show millions of children under the age of 16 years are either unprotected or not fully protected and at risk of catching these serious and completely preventable diseases.

Measles is not just a childhood disease and can be serious at any age. If caught during pregnancy it can be very serious causing stillbirth, miscarriage and low birth weight and NHS bosses are also urging young adults to catch up on any missed doses before thinking about starting a family.

Two doses of the safe and effective MMR vaccine are needed for maximum life-long protection, with the first dose given around the child's first birthday, and the second dose given at around three years and four months old.

However, anyone can catch up at any age on any missed doses and it's never too late to *protect yourself*.

If you or your child have not had both dose of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP surgery to book an appointment as soon as possible and catch up.

Easter food vouchers

Portsmouth City Council (PCC) has made further funding available for supermarket vouchers to support low-income families with the cost of food.

Families will receive a voucher for every child attending school in Portsmouth who is eligible for benefits-related free school meals. The funding for these vouchers is from the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund and is intended to help families with the ongoing cost of living pressures.

Further information on the scheme will be shared with you next week.

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unvaccinated children can catch measles if someone in their class has it



Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations.

FOOD BANK



Help with Food

As well as the above, if you are struggling with the cost of food, there are services in Portsmouth that are here to help. [Help with food - Portsmouth City Council](#)

For example, food banks provide around 3 days food for your whole household if you can't afford to buy food. Some food banks need a referral, and some can help you without being referred. If you don't know who can refer you, contact Advice Portsmouth (open Monday to Friday) – call 023 9279 4340, text 07789 550593 or email advice.portsmouth@theyoutrust.org.uk.

Free school meal VOUCHERS



2 doses of the MMR vaccine can stop your child becoming seriously unwell with measles



Make sure your child is up to date with their vaccinations



Make sure your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

Check your child's red book, and make an appointment with your GP practice to catch up on missed doses



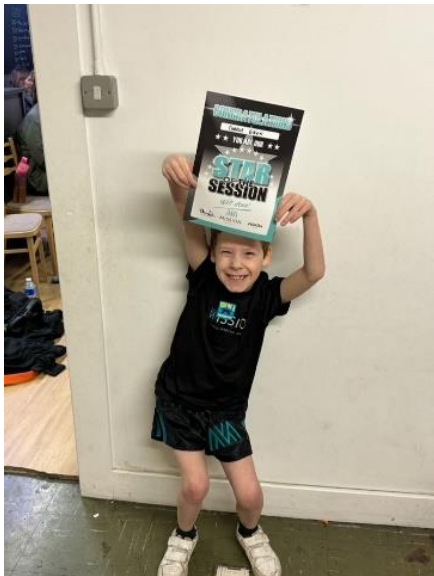
Share your child's success outside of Mayfield

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

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

On Thursday Charlie achieved star of the day at karate. He has done amazingly well and his family are so proud of him. Well done Charlie!

Jensen in year 6 competed at the MAG and WAG English championships this weekend in the FIG under 12 category. He came a respectable 17th out of 54 incredibly talented gymnasts. Huge congratulations Jensen!



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