

# Mayfield Messenger

8th September 2023



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Dear parents and carers,

## A message from Mr Howard

Welcome back!

Firstly, I hope that you all had a good Summer. Although the weather in the UK during the summer break was typical, there was no doubt that as we returned the sun would come out.

The start of the new academic year began earlier this week for staff, who received training during the first 2 INSET days. The training included safeguarding and behaviour (high expectations), the effective principles of high quality teaching/planning and regulation and neurodiversity to name a few. This work will continue to be our focus and drive for school improvement during this academic year.

The start of the year for pupils began on Wednesday (Year 1 -6, Year 7 and Year 11) with the other year groups returning yesterday (Thursday). The children looked incredibly smart and I would like to thank parents and carers in the support they have shown for ensuring the children have the correct uniform every day.

It has been good to catch up with the children across the school to hear about what they got up to as well as hear about how excited they were about their first day and the new school year (although some were also a little nervous). I was particularly impressed with our Year 7 and Year 11 pupils. Our older pupils demonstrated great responsibility in making sure that the younger pupils were able to navigate their timetables as well as navigate the school building. As a result, the children were more confident by the end of the day and ready for Tuesday. We now look forward to welcoming our Year R pupils and families next week.

Have a great weekend.

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## Parent and community Evening (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 4pm-6pm. **Please note, you do not have to attend from 4pm**)

Last year, we held our parent and community evenings, the first being a welcome from me as the new headteacher.

This year, our first evening is next week on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**From 4pm**, the main hall will be open for parents and carers to engage with our Special Educational Needs (SEN) Team across Primary and Seniors. In addition, other professionals such as the city's Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and the Neurodevelopment (ND) Team will also be there. This is for parents and carers who have pupils with SEND or who may have concerns.

**At 5pm** there will be a welcome from me, as headteacher of the school, and then there will be an opportunity to attend one of 2 workshops.

1. All you (Parents/carers) need to know about ClassCharts (With Mr Godfrey)
2. Revision and how to support your child (specifically focussed on Year 11)



We will then join back together where you will then have the opportunity to talk to other leaders in the school. **Refreshments will be available on the evening.**

# OPEN EVENING

## Arrangements for our annual Open Event, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Our annual Open Event for admission into Year R, 3 or 7 for September 2024 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October between 5.00 and 7.00pm. So that we have time to prepare the classrooms and site for our visitors, we will be running a slightly shorter day:

- The **Senior Section** will close to pupils at **1.15pm**. Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will receive this at the morning break time
- **The Primary Section will close to pupils at 3.30pm.**
- **There will be no Extra-Curricular or Teatime Club on this day**

### \*All current primary parents and carers welcome

In addition to this, we would like to invite all of our current Year R to Year 6 families to show them the children's classrooms, opportunity to meet the teachers and to see what goes on in primary.

## MEET OUR TEACHER

### **PRIMARY meet the Teacher Evening - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 3:30-5pm**

This will be a great opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and find out what they will be learning. You will also be able to speak to the class teacher about how your child has settled into the class.

There will be no need to book. Please come along. We look forward to seeing you.



The SEND Review evening which has been promoted will be open to parents and carers from 4pm in the main hall. (Please see above for more information of the evening).



### Allergies

I would like to bring to your attention that **we have children in our school with severe nut allergies.**

I am therefore requesting that when you or your child are preparing a lunch, none of these foods are in your child's lunches. Thank you.



Year 11 Parents Evening, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The **Year 11 Parents Evening** is taking place face-to-face on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Meet the Tutor Evening

### **SENIORS meet the Tutor Evening - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 4-7pm**

Due to some changes with tutors this year, everyone is invited to come in and meet their child's tutor. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child and the start that they have made.

**The Parental Booking System for this evening is already open.**

### IMPORTANT DATES AT THE BEGINNING OF TERM

Further INSET days will be;

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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

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



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





### Friends Of Mayfield (FOM)

The Friends of Mayfield Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in Cafe Tranquillo.

Please come to main reception and sign in. A member of staff or a member of the FOM will be there to meet you.

We would love to meet anyone who is keen to support us so **please come along to find out more.**



### Important dates for school nursing service checks and immunisations

**Thursday 14th September:** Year 6 height and weight checks. Information has been sent out to parents.

**Wednesday 1st November:** Flu immunisation KS1 & KS2 (information to follow).

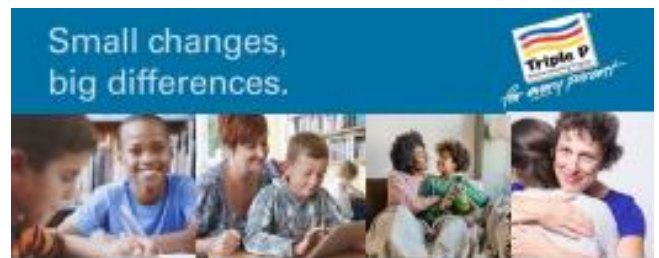
**January 25th and 26th 2024:** Reception health checks (information to follow).

### Entitled to Free School Meals

We are aware that a number of families' circumstances have changed over the summer holidays and they may now be entitled to free school meals. You can apply for free school meals through the link below:

[School meals - Portsmouth City Council](#)

The application process is very quick and you normally get a decision the same day. Eligible children in Primary can choose any hot meal from the normal menu. Children in seniors will be credited daily to spend on their cashless accounts which can be used at any of the food outlets.



### New parenting information

Small changes, big differences.



The Parenting Service offer different forms of support to parents and carers across the city, such as one off 1:1 sessions with a parenting practitioner, discussion groups with other parents run by a parenting specialist, as well as behavioural management courses available to those with a lead professional (should you meet the criteria).

**Please see below or contact our Pupil and Family Support Team – Mrs John, Mrs Nicholls or Mrs Winzar for more information**

### **Triple P Discussion Groups**

For School-Aged Children

Learn how to set boundaries and create routines that work for your family. All sessions will offer basic strategies and ideas for anyone who wants to help their child to be the best they can be.

#### **Dealing with Disobedience**

Thursday 21st September 2023, 10:00am-12:30pm

Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth, PO6 3PL  
T: 02392 88 25 88

#### **Coping with Teen Emotions**

Tuesday 10th October 2023, 11:30am - 14:00pm

Milton Park Family Hub, Perth Road, Southsea, PO4 8EU  
T: 02392 88 25 88

#### **Reducing Family Conflict**

Tuesday 17th October, 10:00am - 12:30pm

Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth, PO6 3PL  
T: 02392 88 25 88

#### **Managing Fighting and Aggression**

Thursday 23rd November, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth, PO6 3PL  
T: 02392 88 25 88

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CALL THE RELEVANT FAMILY HUB**

### Attendance

Thank you to parents who are making sure they contact us every day if 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](http://www.studybugs.com) and click on "Get Started".



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## **2024 Wilkie Scholarship - Year 11**

Over the last 11 years, Mr Brian Wilkie, M.B.E, and ex-pupil of Northern Grammar School (Now Mayfield), has returned to Mayfield to share his learning journey and present an exciting opportunity – The Wilke Scholarship.

The Wilkie Scholarship was founded by Mr. Brian Wilkie in 2012. It provides for at least two Year 11 pupils to benefit from fully funded places at the sixth form of The Portsmouth Grammar School. To date, more than 20 former pupils have benefited from this opportunity – many of whom have secured places at the best universities in the country.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Mr Brian Wilkie, will be presenting alongside a member of staff from the Portsmouth Grammar School and one of the previous scholars.

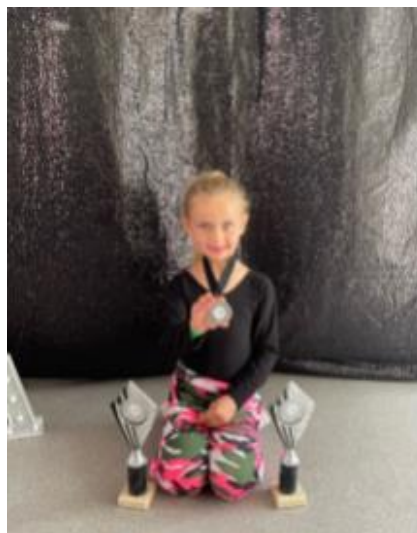
Year 11 pupil will then have the opportunity to apply for the scholarship.

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

Congratulations to Matilda in Year 5 who won Gold (Javelin), Silver (skipping race) & Bronze (running) medals in her Brownie sports event before the summer holidays. Well done Matilda!



Congratulations to Georgia in Year 2 who took part in her first dance competition just before the summer holidays. She did amazingly well, winning two trophies and a medal.



### **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)

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday

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