

## **HT Message**

As we come to the end of the Autumn 1 half-term we will be sending out your child's report via the SIMS Parent App. These contain the following information for all pupils:

- current attendance for the year;
- total achievement points;
- total behaviour points.

Also, within the Primary Section teachers have issued an "attitude to learning (AtL) grade for Reading, Writing and Mathematics and also written a summary of what has been covered over the half term and how parents can support children at home.

Staff within the Senior Section have graded pupils on their AtL for each subject they take in Years 7 to 11 and issued a "current predicted grade" for pupils in Year 11.

A full description of the AtL grading system is included in the report. If you have any difficulties accessing the SIMS Parent App please email Mrs. Helen Patis, SIMS Manager, on:

[Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

Equally, if you are concerned about your child's progress then please email their class teacher (for Primary) or their tutor (for Seniors). A full list of email addresses can be found [here](#):

You may have noticed that progress on our new build is excellent and 'Kier' have confirmed that they are on track for a hand over to staff in July 2021 and to be ready to welcome pupils in September 2021. We now turn our attention to the following phases:

- Construction of a pre-school and nursery in the North of the current site from January 2021;
- Decant of existing building from April 2021;
- Demolition of existing building from August 2021.

As a pre-cursor to the above we have erected temporary privacy screens around the North and South fences of the school. This will help ensure that children can use outside spaces without distractions as the above works take place around them.

Since September, we have developed our track and trace procedures to manage a positive case of Covid-19 at Mayfield. It is essential that we receive the information regarding positive test results within our school community as quickly as possible, so that we can track and inform their close contacts immediately. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 over the half-term holidays or on the weekends either side, please email Matt Stedman, Director of Business Operations, on [stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) and text the Attendance mobile phone on 07908 676745.

You may be aware that Mayfield remains a 'community school' and is not an academy. This means that the strategic direction of the school is set by a group of persons called Governors. The current Governing Body consists of 15 members and all are volunteers, except for the Headteacher who is the only paid Governor and member of staff. Attached to this issue of Mayfield

Messenger you will find an update from the Governing Body. More information about their work and who they are can be found [here](#) (Click on 'Governing Body' tab).

The Mayfield Messenger will take a break and the next edition will be sent out on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant and safe break and thank you for your support over the last few weeks.

To help parents and carers plan their time, please find [here](#) a list of the key events for the Autumn 2 half term.

### **Head of Seniors**

**The week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November is a week B**  
**The Theme for the Week is: Democracy- US Elections**

As this half-term draws to a close it is good to celebrate some of the great things our pupils have done. From making me so very proud with the way they have responded to the changes in school, to engaging so well in lessons and attending extra-curricular clubs there have been so many excellent things happening this half-term! If you aren't following us on social media, please do look at our Facebook and Instagram pages to see more details of all the things we do as they happen.

Well done to Year 7 who have successfully completed their first half-term at Mayfield! We look forward to the next successful half-term with them.

Reports have arrived on your SIMS app this week. If you have any questions about the content of the report, then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance. Their email addresses are on the website [here](#).

A reminder that the week after half-term, Year 11 start their first set of mock exams in Mathematics, English and Science. A copy of the timetable is available on our website [here](#). Each day starts at 8:15am with a session with the class teacher for their first exam on the day. We look forward to seeing them bright and early on each of those days!

As you are aware, we have each Senior Year group in separate bubbles for social times. Having run the half-term through we are making some changes to areas, particularly for our Year 10 pupils, where we are looking at increasing the seating available to them at breaks and lunch.

I wish you all a very pleasant and restful half-term and I very much look forward to welcoming all the pupils back punctually on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. It is important that pupils are here on time so if your child is in Years 7 or 8 then they need to be here by 8:10am and if your child is in Years 9-11 then they need to be in school by 8:40am. The darker mornings do make it trickier to get up for a lot of people so it might be worth encouraging them to set their alarm a few minutes earlier than normal to guarantee a prompt start to the school day.

### **Head of Primary**

The final week of the half-term started with our Prep hand-in day on Monday. As usual, it was great to see the children's tremendous creativity shining through their projects. We will be sharing some of this work with you via our Instagram page over the coming weeks.

Thank you all, very much, for your kind donations for our annual Harvest Festival. The children had a virtual assembly and listened carefully to the message about 'not wasting food.' Hopefully, they came home with lots of interesting ideas about things to do at home. The food is being delivered to Portsmouth Food Bank this week.

We have finished off our learning this week, with two different curriculum days: RE day and PSHE day. The children have been very respectful when learning about the beliefs of other people.

Today many of our children have enjoyed a reward afternoon of craft, ball games, films, puzzles, games, ICT and much more. It has been a really nice way to end the term.

As the weather is becoming colder, all Infant pupils will now change into their kit for PE. Please ensure that your child has appropriate trainers. Children can wear a long-sleeved Mayfield PE tracksuit top which can be purchased from our uniform suppliers or a plain black top under their PE top and black jogging bottoms. Please name every item to avoid items being lost. All pupils are expected to wear their PE kit for PE lessons so please make sure that this is brought back into school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. A reminder that year 6 will be taking part in PE on a Monday from 3.30pm - 4.30pm and year 5 from 3.30pm until 4.30pm on a Wednesday after half term. This is initially up until the end of Autumn 2.

This week we held our School Council elections. It was a well thought election with candidates sharing their manifestos followed by some tense voting. Mr Norton is going to be supporting our first school council meeting and explaining the roles and responsibilities of our councillors. Thank you to Mrs Aisha Beech for running our elections.

The following school councillors have been elected:

Octopus Class – Freya Pycroft  
Turtle Class – George Edwards  
Seal Class – Sophia-Rose Stacey  
Dolphin Class – Mabel Sloan  
Nile Class – Alfie Turnbull  
Amazon Class - Theo Walshe  
Ganges Class – Rosie King  
Yangtze Class – Darcy Paffett  
Mississippi Class – Aleks Skila  
Danube Class – Meer Goran  
Aegean Class – Emily Upton-Crouch  
Caspian Class – Elsie Cole  
Caribbean Class – Kyia Coyle  
Atlantic Class – Greta Milne  
Pacific Class – Oliver Carruthers

The Year R topic for the next half term is 'Let's celebrate'. To 'hook' the children into this topic we are holding a celebration day on **Thursday 5th November** for Year R pupils only. Children in Jellyfish and Seahorse classes can come to school dressed in their celebration clothes. Please be mindful that the children will still be playing outside so they will need sensible shoes and warm clothes. If you would also like to send in food items that you would eat at a celebration for the children to share, please send in WRAPPED food items on MONDAY so they can be quarantined.

Summer uniform can no longer be worn after half term and should be replaced with black school trousers, NOT leggings or jeans. Alternatively, there is the option of a Mayfield skirt. A number of pupils have been wearing black canvas/material trainers to school which must be replaced with school shoes over the half term please.

Finally, I hope that you and your family have a lovely half term and get some well-deserved rest and we will see all of you ready for a prompt 8.45am start on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Head of Pre-school and Nursery**

After the half term the topic in the preschool and nursery provision will be Spiders. In preschool we shall be looking at the different species of spiders and their habitats. We shall use the school library to find information books to help us learn about the class topic.

Learning intentions linked to class subject:

- Comment and ask questions;
- Find out about the different species;
- Design a web using a range of media and techniques.

In preschool the letter sound of the week is 'E'. We look forward to seeing the children's work and sharing their lovely creations at carpet time to promote speech sounds.

In the nursery room the children will be working with a variety of media and materials to create spiders and spider webs. The colour, shape, and number for 2 weeks in nursery room are Black, No5 and Circle. We are looking forward to seeing their collages and talking about their creations at keyworker time.

Learning intentions linked to the theme Spiders:

- Sorting spiders by size;
- Show curiosity and interest in living things;
- Notice key features;
- Investigate objects and materials.

Finally, can I please can I remind you to clearly label all items of clothing to prevent these from getting lost and going home with the wrong child. Thank you for your continued support to your children's homework it's been amazing as the children are so proud of their work. Have a lovely half term see you back at school on the 2nd November.