

Mayfield School

News

Autumn 2 2022 Issue



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Message from the Head



Welcome to the second edition of our half-termly Mayfield News.

The second half of the Autumn term started very positively with Year 10 parents' and carers' evening. Other events such as 'Be bright, be seen day' and 'Go Global' in primary demonstrated the active engagement our pupils are having during their learning journey. There is no doubt that this half term has been packed full of exciting events including author visits, school trips, school performances (including the Year R Nativity) and the Christmas Fayre.

On 11th November, we came together as a school community to recognise the personal sacrifices made by men and women, past and present, and paid tribute to those who have lost their lives in war. Many children arrived at school in the special uniforms

that represent the groups they attend outside of school, such as Cadets, Cubs and Brownies. Within house groups, the children across primary and seniors came together and showed their respect by observing the laying down of the poppy wreaths, listening to the poem 'Flanders Field' read by our senior prefects and holding a silence as the Last Call was heard. At 11:00am, the whole school observed a 2-minute silence and the respect shown throughout the school was incredible.

We raised £1,180 for Children in Need and started Anti-Bullying week with World Kindness Day, which was another opportunity for us to raise the profile of kindness and the impact our actions have on others, how we can be kind to others, and how we can be kind to ourselves. Some of the senior

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pupils were surprised to see some teachers dressed as bees but all became clear when it transpired that this was to promote our 'Bee Kind' agenda. Being kind, treating others as you would like to be treated, using kind language and calling out unkindness and bullying behaviours, has continued beyond this week and has been part of the work we continue to do – it is a key focus of our school as we move to embed the culture and ethos to one that is positive, one of kindness towards others, and one where diversity is respected and each individual feels valued, as they should. This has included signing up to the Anti-Bullying Alliance, working with parents/carers and their child/ren and taking a whole school approach to mental health with the support of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). We are also being supported by Kooth, a local service for young people's mental health, and the Multi-Agency Behaviour Support Service (MABSS). This half term has also seen the introduction of our new primary specialist Nurture provision, The Cove, which will be fully up and running as soon as we return from the Christmas break.

During this half term, we also saw the visit of an Ofsted inspection team for 2 days on Tuesday 15th

November and Wednesday 16th November. Whilst we wait for the report, we will continue to work on our key priorities. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey and help us to reflect on the strengths and areas for improvement of the school.

It was a pleasure to watch our senior pupils performing in the Addams Family. Events such as these demonstrate the importance of creating communities that share common values, beliefs and a sense of belonging. These events also showed how each pupil has unique skills and talents and that when they are brought together to work towards a common goal, it enables the group and team (our school community) to be stronger and more resilient. During the rehearsals and performances of the Addams Family, the team of adults and pupils worked together to create something special – not just the final performance itself but the way in which different age groups came together recognising each other's strengths, supporting one another, and celebrating their achievements. This 'family' was further strengthened by our primary pupils wanting to watch the show with their parents/carers after seeing part of the show

earlier in the week. A great, 'We are in this together', spirit.

In this last week, we are now looking forward to the events of Christmas dinner and 'Carols Around the Tree'. I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year. As always, your support in encouraging your/our children to be their best every day has been welcomed.

Mr A Howard
Headteacher
Mayfield School



Message from the Head of Seniors



Another very busy half-term for the Senior Section as the reports from the Houses, Performing Arts, FLS and PE will show you! There are 218 senior pupils with no behaviour points and 675 senior pupils with over 100 achievement points - a huge well done to all of them. Every week the Heads of House select me some lovely pupils for Hot Chocolate Friday - a selection of pictures of some of the recipients this half-term are below!

The total roll call of new nominees this half-term is:

Discovery - BJ, Lexie, Jack, Elsie, Layla-Rose, Alecz, Gracie and James

Victory - Jamie, Ella, Bella, Rowan, Hugo, Coco, Amelie and Thaibah

Endeavour - Amelia, Lara, Ibrahim, Summer-Jayne, Sophie, Alina, Lily and Lucy

Intrepid - Christina, Declan, Zachery, Daisy, Jasmine, Charlie, Oscar and Mari



I was also extremely proud of both our Senior prefects as they took a leading role in our Remembrance Day assemblies - well done to Jamie and Lenny for fulfilling their roles so well.



Attendance

The rankings for House attendance are as follows:

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| 1st | Intrepid |
| 2nd joint | Endeavour and Victory |
| 4th | Discovery |

Please do remind your child that coming to school every day is so very important.
Thank you for your support.

Miss L Hillier
Head of Seniors
Mayfield School





House News

Endeavour

This half-term, Endeavour has celebrated with reward events for all our pupils in Year 7 and 8 that have less than 5 behaviour points since the start of the year. This is a fantastic achievement and we all enjoyed some treats! We would like to say well done and that we are extremely proud of you. The next reward event takes place on Friday 2nd December for all the Year 9s in Endeavour with less than 5 behaviour points.

We would also like to say Good Luck to all the Endeavour pupils that are taking part in the Addams Family production. Particularly to Lara and Tanner who are playing the parts of Alice and Lucas.

Miss Hutchinson

Victory



Hello from Victory House!

Autumn 2 has been a very action-packed half-term indeed....

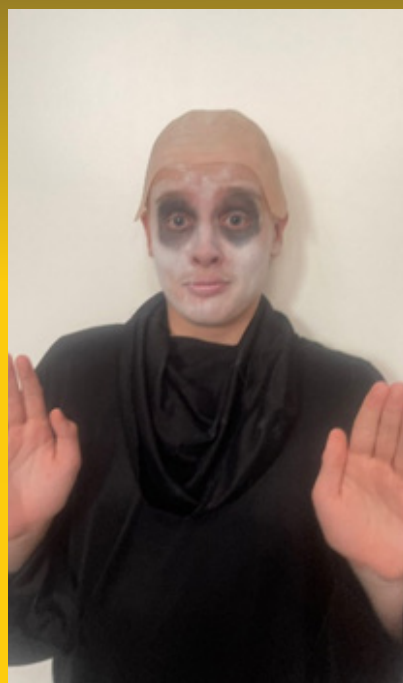
Victory House has been busy swapping Panini World Cup Stickers with students, setting up the Fifa World Cup fantasy football league (where Mr Denford and Mr Browning are not doing as well as they would have liked!), and we have also held a football reward event for some year 7, 8 and 9 students.

In tutor times, our students have been getting ready for Christmas time by creating decorations, and getting ready for the Christmas Fayre.

Autumn 2 has also seen the school production of the Addams Family, where as a house we have been represented by a number of students. Well done to Aaliyah B, Tayla F, Jamie H, Ashton P, Finley S, Lily A, Millie L, Dollie W, and Tallulah T - we are very proud of you all.

When it gets here, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Mr Denford



Discovery



These are the reward events that have happened so far this year:

- Year 7 'get to know you' where the new pupils were able to get to know each other to help them settle into Mayfield. We played games, had some treats and even did a very popular maths quiz!
- Year 8-11 'Ready' tutor nominations. Tutor each nominated two pupils from their tutor groups who have made a great start to the year and demonstrated that they are role models to the younger pupils.
- Every week in assembly we award prizes for the most improved attendance as a tutor group.
- Hot Chocolate Fridays with Miss Hillier have deemed very popular since their return with two pupils being selected weekly to spend tutor time with Miss Hillier, hot chocolate and biscuits.

We currently have 54 pupils on 0 behaviour points- there will be a raffle for prizes for these pupils who are always doing the right thing and such a credit to team Discovery.

There will be more reward events before the end of term- keep an eye out!

Congratulations to all of the Discovery pupils performing in the school production on *The Addams Family*. Our house have two leading roles!



Frankie Adams
as
Gomez Addams



Grace Jennings
as
Wednesday Addams

Supporting roles:

Caitlin Arthur, Kacey Fearon, Jess Coles, Abi Irish, J-Mari Davis, Lily Marriner, Eliza Bartholomew, Raella-Belle Farndell, Jadesola Olayemi, Sofia Heyward, Isla Blackman, Layla-Rose Burns, Katherine Hill and Oliver Smith.

Miss Franklin

Intrepid



Intrepid has set up a regular 'Nurture Group' on Monday for pupils to come and do Art Therapy activities with Mr Gardner. This has been running successfully with pupils from Year 7 through to Year 11.

Our most recent Autumn reward event Pumpkin Painting involved those pupils had been a positive influence to intrepid house.

Pupil successes have involved;

- Eben Skinner - Training with London Irish Rugby Team
- Jersey Gardner - performing in 'The Nutcracker' in Guildford
- Oscar Addiscott as Pugsley and Jess Caladine as Morticia in our senior production 'The Addams Family'

During are intrepid assemblies we regularly do 'SHOUT OUTS' to celebrate the success of our Intrepid pupils.

Intrepid has also celebrated excellence attendance, with Intrepid 1 having the best attendance in the school.

Mrs Reid



Events



The Female Leaders Society

In FLS this half term, we have been fortunate enough to have participated in the City of Portsmouth Unloc Challenge programme. This is a series of 6 sessions all aimed at developing skills in our young people. We met Faith and Jess who delivered the sessions for us and the FLS crew found it both invaluable and enjoyable. All culminating in a graduation ceremony at City of Portsmouth College.

Session 1: Enterprise

Each team had to create a tower to support a sizable piece of fruit. The challenge involved buying materials, trading materials with other teams and delegating tasks.

Session 2: Explore

Pupils were asked to think about their future and what things they needed to be their future best and also about what they already have to give to their future selves.

Session 3: Exercise

Team co-operation and motivation were key skills here for being a winning team, alongside physical activity.





Session 4: Extension

The FLS crew loved debating a variety of topics improving their communications skills.

Session 5: E-Curriculum

This session involved working as a team to create an app to help younger pupils with homework.

Session 6: Experience!

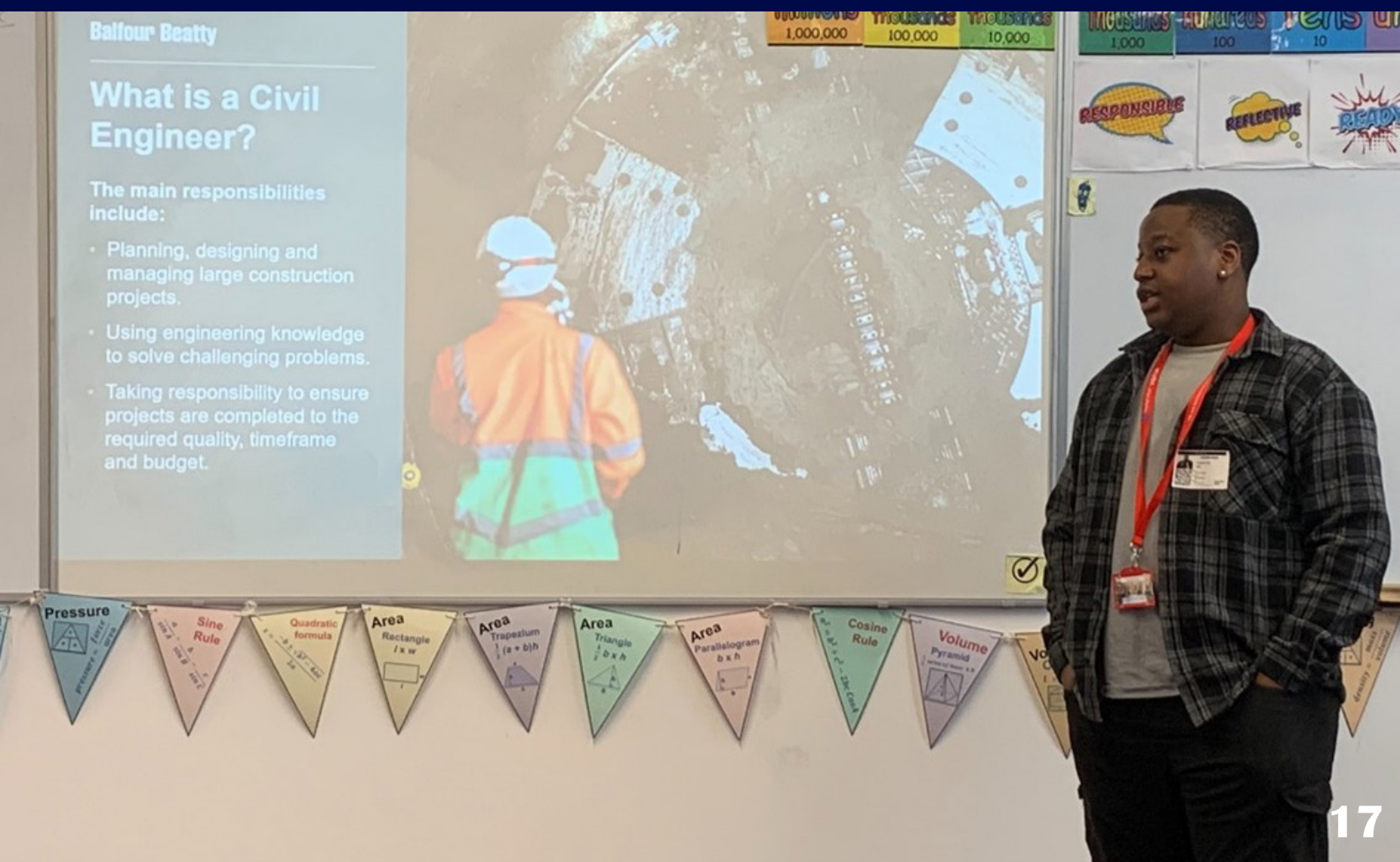
The FLS crew were given 4 challenges from various different sectors e.g. science, building, logical and outdoor interests. They drew on their group knowledge of the different aspects to complete the challenges.

Ask Apprenticeship Talk for Year 11

Year 11 pupils were invited to attend a talk about apprenticeships looking at the different types they have available and how to apply for them.

There was also a current degree apprentice in talking about the roles and responsibilities of completing a degree apprenticeship with the University of Portsmouth. He is currently in his second year of his degree apprenticeship. It was really insightful for the pupils to ask questions about the ability to manage University and working and to discuss what an apprenticeship is like in the real world and what skills he has learnt from this route to his future.

Mrs Denford





Creative Careers Roadshow

A selection of pupils in Year 8 and 9 took part in a 'Creative Careers' workshop looking at all the different careers behind the stage within performing arts industry. The pupils got to ask questions about what pathways to take leading to a career in the performing arts sector and raise awareness of the variety of career journeys possible working in the industry. They also looked at how the industry is creating new careers that are only now being invented. Such as extended reality, motion capture and photogrammetry. We look forward to visiting the University of Portsmouth to see their facilities in action for some of these new career pathways!

Quotes from our Pupils:

"I know what I need to improve on and what my skills can help me do."

"It was inspiring and fun."

"Never give up on your dream."

"I liked how the people made me feel like I can do anything."



Message from the Head of Primary



What an amazing first term of the year we have had! It has continued to be a huge privilege to see the children settled into their classes and year groups and share so many positive experiences. This half term's learning has included themes of 'Take a peek at the Ancient Greeks', 'Treat yourself' – with the Mayans, 'I'm a Survivor' and 'Healthy Me'.

Our first 'Big Write' week of the year saw every child in primary studying the same book, *The Journey*. We produced so much high quality work, from drawings of the magic door with ideas where it could lead from yR up to full adventure stories from year 6. The 'Big Write' week enabled us to enjoy the shared opportunity based around the love of reading and stories while stretching our imaginations! The Dance Live club were so inspired, they even managed to identify their show theme for this year as a result of the week... more news on that next term!



When I asked the children what they have enjoyed or what they remember most about this half term, they told me:

“The science museum trip was extreme fun - I got to be astro-dude!”

“I’ve made some new friends.”

“I liked learning about the Ancient Greeks and what it was like in their time – they had a lot of battles and it was brutal. I wouldn’t have liked that!”

“Go Global week was so interesting – we learned about Australia and tried a sauce they have called vegemite. It was disgusting ... but so fun!”

“I liked going in the big garden with my friends.”

“I liked every single thing.”

“My favourite is when we find out who the jellyfish of the day is and we’re nice to them.”

“Learning about Wales was really cool – they’re joined on to us!”

“I’ve enjoyed learning my maths and also all my different sounds and phase 5.”

“I liked it when we wore our jarmies for the day to help with Children in Need!”

“I’ve been helping my teacher do the world cup chart every day so I make sure I know all the scores and find it all out at home before I come in every morning. I really like the responsibility because it’s a special job.”

“Reading is the best!”

Christmas is now in full swing with classes decorated and work themed around a Christmas story or text in each year group, YR nativity, upcoming carols and some truly spectacular Christmas jumpers!

I'm sure we will all be ready for a break – but will finish the term full of fabulous memories, important experiences and a huge sense of achievement for how brilliantly everyone has done this term. I'll take this opportunity to thank you, as always, for your on-going support, valuable feedback and combined efforts to drive the continued development of our primary children's education and school experience. I wish you all a very enjoyable and restful (hopefully!) Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. I look forward to seeing you all in the spring term, ready and raring to go!

Miss P Andrews

Interim Head of Primary

Mayfield School

Events



Go Global Week

This half term saw our curriculum theme week 'Go Global'. To coincide with the beginning of the World Cup, everyone joined together for an assembly where each class found out which country they had been allocated in an exciting draw. We all spent the week learning about our different country's culture, food, art and more. As a culmination, we went on a world tour; every class got to walk round and visit every other class to see their work and what they had prepared to exhibit for the event. It was absolutely fantastic to see the children get to visit every class, share what each class had created and feel part of our primary family.

Miss Andrews



Danceathon

Once December arrived, we kicked it off with our sponsored Danceathon; we got our dancing shoes on and boogied to such delights as the Macarena, Saturday Night, YMCA and 5678! It took a huge amount of planning and effort from the staff but was an extraordinary event with the whole of primary, having an excellent time, being together and raising money for a great cause.

Thanks to the donations of our pupils, we raised a total of an amazing £1389.36 for Dance Live!

Miss Andrews





Year R

It has been wonderful to see how confident and independent the children have become since they started school. The children know our school routines well and are taking school life in their stride. Our topic this half term has been 'Adventures' which kicked off with our Big Write on the book 'Journey'. The children drew their own worlds that they would like to go on an adventure to. We had some fantastic examples, which included a waterpark world, jungle land and space! The children have continued to practise their phonics and they have made great progress – hopefully they are showing off their reading skills to you at home. This half term, we have been reading books written and illustrated by Nick Sharratt. The children really enjoyed exploring these and 'Shark in the Park' is a particular Year R favourite! In maths, we have been exploring the different ways we can make a number; for example, 3 can be made up of $2+1$ but also $1+1+1$! We also have been looking at shapes and their properties – the children have great vocabulary when talking about sides and corners. To end our term, we had our Nativity, which is always a highlight in Year R. We are so proud of the children as they showed great resilience when practicing and learning the songs.

Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed an amazing term learning all about heroes. For Hero Day we dressed up as a wide range of heroes, which included vets, firefighters, doctors amongst others and enjoyed listening to the special visitors tell us about their job and how they are a hero at work. In English we wrote about what hero we would like to be as a grown up – some of us even came dressed as that hero at school! Learning all about different materials and sorting objects into the material they are made from as well as exploring their properties allowed us to design the perfect cape for Supertato. We had to make sure the cape was waterproof so some of us had a small cup of water poured over our heads to see if we got wet!



In Maths, we have been working with numbers to 20 and how to compare them as well as recognising how many tens and ones are in each number – we are proud of how well we have been doing! We all loved Go Global Week learning about Wales or Portugal and seeing the learning from all the other classes. Welcoming our parents into our classrooms to make pants was a lot of fun and getting to share our learning with them was lovely. Our Christmas book has been a lot of fun to read and we have been thinking about how the aliens helped save Christmas with Panta (Santa) Claus!

Miss Large



Year 2

Year 2 have been learning how to be healthy and active this half term! We enjoyed our trip to Tuppenny Barn, even though the weather was awfully wet and slightly cold. Tasting different flowers and herbs was the best bit with most children being adventurous to try new things. Exploring food groups helped us with our science learning this term and we all understand that all foods make up a balanced diet. We have looked at the artist Archimboldo who used fruit to create artworks and had a go at making our own using pictures of fruits and vegetables. We had a great time on our Health and Fitness Day learning how to cut fruits correctly and making a fruit kebab as well as being put through our paces on a circuits course on the playground! In English we wrote our own story about Bad Banana and his friends who went on a new adventure. Our maths learning has been linked to adding and subtracting

numbers which we have explored using different strategies. The 10 children who represented Mayfield at the gymnastics festival were very responsible and enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills including a teddy bear roll and using a vault to jump! As December started, the children loved getting festive and being in their pyjamas to watch The Polar Express which was magical – a definite Year 2 highlight so far!

Mrs Beechurst



Year 3

This half term, Year 3 have been exploring our 'Prehistoric Peek' topic. We started the half term with a special hook day where we travelled back in time through a magical doorway and explored the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We even went so far back that we discovered a dinosaur! Throughout the topic, we have then continued to explore these periods in history and have also explored different types of rocks and discovered how fossils are made. In English, we have enjoyed writing our own stories inspired by the idea of going through the magical doorway and into an unknown land. In maths, our focus has been on addition and subtraction and we have explored lots of different strategies to use to help us when solving problems.

Mrs Pountain



Year 4

This half term, Year 4's Topic was called Survivors. We had a wonderful time reading our amazing book, *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. At the start of the half term, we had our hook morning. The children experienced a range of activities. They tried new food from around the world, danced to traditional Maori music and were blindfolded and led on a sensory trail.



In English, this half term we have written some beautiful poetry and wrote exciting diary entries. The start of the Men's football World Cup also saw the launch of our Go Global week. During the week, the children got the chance to talk to children in our school that lived elsewhere in the world. One of our parents came in to speak to us about life in Hong Kong and how it has changed. The children got to find out interesting facts about their countries and ended the week with a 'world tour', looking at the fantastic work the children had been doing.

In maths this half term we have been learning our times tables in all sorts of fun ways. Also, we have been learning how to tell the time and relating that to time around world. It has been a busy, fun term in Year 4 and we are really looking forward to the exciting adventures in spring.

Mr Head



Year 5

Year 5 have had a great half-term, learning all about the Ancient Greeks. We started with a themed day, where we tasted Greek food, made wreaths, and explored the Greek gods. We then used our skills as historians to analyse why the Greeks were so successful as merchants and what secondary and primary sources can tell us about them as a civilization. In maths, we explored factors, multiples, square and prime numbers. We enjoyed using manipulatives to represent our work and reasoning about why numbers can and cannot be categorised in different ways. In writing, we linked our learning to our topic on Ancient Greece by reading and studying *Who Let the Gods Out*. We enjoyed exploring the book and the characters it contained. We then wrote a variety of recounts to develop our sentence structure and range. Year 5 have enjoyed studying forces in Science. This has allowed us to make predictions before conducting experiments to see if we are correct. We have enjoyed exploring the variables within an experiment and how we ensure a test is fair.

Mr Newsam



Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant half-term packed with lots of interactive experiences and challenges for the children. We have been learning about the ancient Mayan civilization and welcomed to school a real Mayan archaeologist. She wowed us with real artefacts from Mayan sites, and even got us searching through ancient coprolite (poo!) specimens to determine the diet of ancient civilizations. In English, we have been using the classic story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to write missing posters and action scenes. We also produced some fabulous fact files about Brazil during our Go-Global week. In maths we have spent a lot of time consolidating our knowledge of fractions whilst revising strategies to approach tricky problem-solving questions. In art, the children studied the artist Romero Britto and produced some stunning self-portraits!

Mr Davies



School Calendar

First day back after Christmas: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

JANUARY

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| 9th January | Year 11 BTEC Sport Immersion |
| 11th January | Year 11 BTEC Music Immersion |
| 11th January | Pacific Class Assembly in Main Hall |
| 12th January | Year 8 Kooth Workshops |
| 14th January | Year 3 Family Beach Clean at Southsea Seafront |
| w/b 16th January | Year 10 Mock Examinations in Sports Hall |
| 23rd January | INSET DAY |
| 25th January | Get Inspired Careers trip to Guildhall |
| 26th January | Portsmouth School Sports Hall Athletics Championships at Mountbatten Centre |
| 27th January | Havant and Southdowns College interviews |
| 30th January | Havant and Southdowns College interviews |
| 30th January | Octopus Class Assembly in Main Hall |
| 31st January | Year 11 BTEC ICT Immersion |

FEBRUARY

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| 1st February | Mississippi Class Assembly |
| 2nd February | Year 11 BTEC Travel and Tourism Immersion |
| 7th February | Meet the Headteacher Community Event |
| 7th February | Cynthia Murphy Author Visit |
| 7th February | Will Mabbitt Author Visit |
| 8th February | Apprenticeship Bus visiting the school |
| 8th February | Portsmouth School Girls' Football Tournament |
| 9th February | Year 8 Parents Evening |
| 10th February | Primary's 'I am unique' Non-Uniform Day |



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