Mayfield School News



Spring 2 2023 Issue

Senior Dance Live 2023



On Monday 20th February, we took 100 pupils from Year 7-11 to Portsmouth Guildhall to compete in the Dance Live competition. We were lucky enough to place 3rd overall and win the award for creative costume and excellence.

We have been given lovely feedback from the professional judges, Dance Live staff, other schools and members of the public, with many saying that we were their favourite performance and loved how we involve so many pupils and give them all an opportunity. Our pupils were a credit to the school all day and supportive to everyone competing.

We are so proud of all pupils involved including all those backstage and supporting with hair and makeup.

Set team: James, Lloyd, Amelia, Lily, and Charlie.

Hair and make-up: Grace, Phoebe, Chloe, Maisie, and Ella.

Staff team: Miss Franklin, Mrs. Firth, Mr. Ralls Mrs. Denford, Miss Russell,

Mr. Backhouse, and Miss Bishop.

A special thank you to Claire, Rachael and Louise for supporting in rehearsals, making costumes, and helping on the day with hair and make-up.

Theme:

Whatever you do, do not fall asleep!

A class of unsuspecting children learn how the lack of sleep can affect the mind, soul and body of a person... then they are taken to experience the reality. Did it really happen or are our minds playing tricks on us?



Our Dance and performing arts captains: Lily, Tilly, Ruby H, Frankie, Grace, Ruby J, Serena, and Jess, took on responsibilities throughout the dance live process in choreographing, organising and leading.



Year 7 and 8 pupils: Emily, Layla, Tayla, Tallulah, Vada, Jasmine, Georgia, Lillie-Mae, Elsie B, Alexia, Eliza-Mai, and Elsie C.



Year 9 pupils: Lily, Lucy, Lottie, Jasmine, Dollie, Mari, Archie, Georgia, Sophia, Ami, Grace W, Grace M, Lola, Lotti and Raela-Belle.



Year 10 pupils: Lucy, Lottie, Millie L, Lily M, Tia, Lacey, Abi, Reenie, Grace, Emily, Evie K, Millie H, Farrah, Eliza, Matilda, Evie O, Ruby O, Jess, Maia, Lucky, Tilly W, Tilly C, Connie, Darcy, Evie J, Darcie, Holly, Eve, Hermionie, Keira and Ellie





Year 11 pupils: Ellie, Erin, George, Kacey, Lily, Abdul, Tilly, Ruby H, Frankie, Ruby J, Serena, Jess, Grace, Lizzie, Ami, Emily, Jamie, Rosa, Izzie, Ruby-Lou, Bebe, Caitlin and Nadia.



Our 'scientist' section.



Our 'dead soul' section.

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"Follow the three R's. -Respect for self. -Respect for others. -Responsibility for all your actions." Dalai Lama

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

The end of Spring 1 concluded with our amazing year 9's who made it into the final of PETA's **Dragons Den vs The Apprentice.** Not only that, they won! Below the PETA video celebrating is reaching Mayfield the final teams. Congratulations 5 to our incredible pupils who demonstrated commitment. professionalism and a passion for their project. It was a great success and the team were worthy winners.

https://youtu.be/D3IEkf3Z-cw

As we head into the Easter break, we have continued to be fully

committed towards achieving our vision to create a family ethos that raises aspirations and makes a real difference to the life chances of our young people.

Together, we aim to create an environment of respect and inclusion where all young people are valued, supported, inspired and future ready. In order to do so, we are continuing to ensure we provide high challenge and high support with all stakeholders.

During many discussions I have had with staff, there is no doubt that the repairing of relationships is a growing strength within the school. Parents and carers I met during the Year 11 parents' and

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carers' evening, expressed their appreciation of how our school has worked with them as a family and helped to resolve or remove barriers for their child.

repairing The of these relationships is important to get right but it is the building relationships and of maintaining these that are crucial, so that there is reparation required. With high challenge and high support in all that we do, connecting before correcting, the environment of mutual respect and inclusion will continue to develop at pace.

The way in which we create a family ethos also includes the way in which we welcome new colleagues into our Mayfield family. We look forward to welcoming Miss Osbourne head of primary, Mrs Palamidas assistant headteacher primary inclusion/SENDCo, Mrs Forse as primary SEND teacher, **Bannister-Palmer** Mrs an English teacher, Mrs Nicholls as a pupil and family support worker and Mrs Reynolds as evening and weekend receptionist.

I know that you will all welcome our new staff to our Mayfield family.

In addition to this, there has been so much activity going on during this half term with success and victory being two words to sum it up.

To start the half term, our senior pupils who performed in the Dance Live competition at the Portsmouth Guildhall in front of a huge audience, did the school proud and were praised by Dance Live staff, other schools, and members of the public/audience for their performance as well as their attitudes towards each other and other school competitors. competing against We were other schools, sixth forms and colleges and were delighted to come away with 3rd place overall, as well as a creative excellence award in costuming. The head judge said ours was her favourite performance and that she loved how Mayfield involve as many pupils as possible in performance opportunities.

This success was continued with our Dance Live team from Year 3-Year 6 winning first place. Again, the children represented our school superbly and demonstrated our motto, Believe. Achieve. Succeed.

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cabinet!

The greatest success from the two performances was seeing the development of each child. There is no doubt that every performer in both events grew in confidence, took themselves outside their comfort zone great resilience showed and and respect as a result of the preparation and then in the final performances. The performance of both teams, talent, attitude and the commitment from everyone involved - and that included the senior dance captains and the adult volunteers who have done an amazing job, was exceptional. A special thanks must go to all of the adults who supported the journey to this event as without them, this opportunity would not be possible.

Continuing the success, Year 4 and Year 5 boys were amazing and won the football league trophy. The team competed in the A league which means they were playing the best teams in Portsmouth. Convincingly, they won all of their games against some tough opponents. Their attitude and desire to win was impressive and were a credit to our School. Another trophy for our cabinet has seen us struggling for space. We will have to get another

Wider school events such as World Book Day saw all staff and the primary children dress as characters from their favourite or well-known texts, year 4 pupils had a great time during the Minstead residentials and the Year 11 pupils had a great time on the History trip. This was all happening whilst Year 11 completed their mock exams.

It was a very positive end to the half term with Year 11 parents and carers evening taking place. Being able to share in the successes of their learning so far and hearing about the progress the pupils have made was great.

Most recently, as I write this, we have further success to share. Our Year 7 students continued on from the previous success of our year 9 students. They presented their company (ParkEvolve) solar car park idea and won the whole competition as well as 3 hololens' for the school which is £10,000 worth of equipment.

During this half term, we have been visited by a number of people who have attended for tours of the school, interviews, delivered CONT...

training or had meetings. Two of our visitors commented that:

'It was lovely to see the purposeful atmosphere in lessons which we appreciate is underpinned by the building and establishing of good relationships with every child by your teachers and support staff. There are increased challenges across all Portsmouth schools post-pandemic, as anxiety levels have risen and learning habits have been so disrupted, but it was wonderful to see your staff working calmly and collegiately together to support the inclusion of learners by patiently all providing additional support to help them to develop positive learning behaviours in school. Every student we met was polite respectful, demonstrating and pride in themselves and their school. We very much enjoyed our time at Mayfield School, thank you!'

I wish you all well and look forward to welcoming you all back in the new term. 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



Happy Easter!

It has been a jam-packed halfterm for the Seniors from Dance Live at the Guildhall right at the start to a non-uniform day right at the end to raise money for the Earthquake appeal.

I have welcomed 10 new pupils into the Senior Section this half-term and it has been lovely to see how welcoming and nurturing

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our pupils have been to them. They have all settled in really well and are already feeling part of the Mayfield family. In addition this half-term we learned who was joining us in September into the new Year7- I am so looking forward to meeting them all in July on our transition days.

Year 11 have had a busy half-term with mock exams and a last chance to practice before the summer exams which are getting closer and closer. Year 11 Parents' Evening went well this week with the message being, "Revise!". It has been great to see so many pupils asking for "green" points as the prospect of the Prom looms closer too! We also gathered to take the Year group photos this half-term-

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another milestone achieved. The Year 11 looked super smart for these photos – I was very proud of them.

I was so proud of Year 10 on their mock interview day. The pupils were sustaining their interviews well over the allotted 10 minutesit was lovely to see them shine and talk so positively about themselves. Well done Year 10! They are now looking at Prefect applications for next year- and I can already see there is a great set of pupils there ready to step up and be role models for the rest of the school.

Year 9 Options process has just closed. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parents' Evening to discuss these choices. The pupils have been very sensible in their selections and have really taken the time to make sure they have made the right decisions for them.

Year 8 have been cooking in Technology this half-term which has been very popular. I have seen some wonderful pizzas being made- and then eaten!

I was very envious of the trip that

Year 7 went on this week- with alpacas and friendly sheep! It was the first time we have been to this venue as a school, and I am certain it won't be the last!

We also had success right at the end of this half-term with a group of our Year 7 and 8 pupils who were invited to the Climate Change Conference Final at Fareham College. They presented their fabulous solar car park idea- and won! A huge well done to them.

We have football finals for both Year 8 and Year 11 to look forward to straight after the break- please put Tuesday 18th April into your diaries to come along and support them.



I have continued to run Hot Chocolate Friday to say "well done" to some of our loveliest pupils.

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This half-term the nominations have been:

Victory - Bella, Tina, Lily, Adam, Cassidie, Oscar and Jessica Discovery - Dollie-Rae, Sam, Jadesola, George, Ayden, Shiloh, Abi and Eliza

Intrepid - Daisy, Bella, Greta, Jazmine, Louis, James, Stanley, Miai and Emily

Endeavour - Olivia, Elsie, Olivia, Lottie, Ernie, Anh, Lewis and Jack



Well done to all of these awesome pupils- and Mr Campbell who came to visit us on one occasion!

Thank you to all the staff who have worked so tirelessly to support our Senior Section pupils this half-term, and all our parents who are working with us to support our children. Have a fabulous holiday and we will see your children again nice and early on Monday 17th April!

Miss L Hillier

Head of Seniors

Mayfield School

House News

Endeavour

This term Endeavour have continued to build a positive ethos. This week, we have been rewarding pupils in assembly with a raffle that included pupils with above 95% attendance and those that have significantly improved their attendance. Over 20 Easter eggs were handed out as prizes, which pupils seemed to thoroughly enjoy! We will be looking to reward Year 10 and Year 11 next half term.

The great news is that Endeavour are leading the House Cup standings. Hopefully we can keep this going so we can pick up the cup at the end of the year.

Our Restorative Champions mentoring group have started to plan some ideas on how to improve our community ethos.

We also have our Charity Week from the 15th May. Tutors have some fantastic ideas which will be published after Easter.

Miss Hutchinson



Victory



Happy Easter!

Victory house has been really pushing this half term on our attendance and punctuality to lessons and tutor. We have seen a real improvement in many pupils, and each successful student will go into a draw for Easter Egg rewards this week. There is clear statistical evidence to support that pupils' progress more if their attendance and punctuality are high. As a school, we actively encourage 95% attendance and in Victory house we pride ourselves on striving for and maintaining those high school standards.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and hope we come back fresh and ready for the summer term.

Mr Denford and Mr Browning

Discovery



On the week commencing 6th March, Discovery House put on their charity week. The charity that we chose to support was The Roberts Centre here in Portsmouth, who help young people and families going through tough times either within the family or with their mental health. They help provide families with a roof over their heads as well as giving the young people they support the best possible start in life.



During the charity week we had activities including a sponsored cyclathon, guess how many sweets were in the jar, guess the staff member from the baby photo as well as opening up the music room for some jamming sessions. This culminated in a cake sale on Thursday after school which was a big success. We would like to say a huge thank you to each and everyone of you who helped support our charity week. In total we raised £126.08.

The winner of Guess The Sweets was Mrs Reid with the correct guess of 304.

Mr Flores

Intrepid



There have continued to be some excellent successes within the Intrepid House this half term! There were 4 Year 7s in our house who won the English poetry award. In Intrepid we also have over 50 pupils who have 100% green on their classchart wheels which is an amazing achievement and shows how many pupils we have doing great things at School, we look forward to celebrating their success in front of the whole house in assembly!

There's been a range of fun assemblies this half term with activities involving tutors and tutees, you can see a pic from Mrs Reid and Mr Campbell's 'BeeKind' assembly, the best bee drawing wins!

Our Intrepid team are looking forward to starting the primary-senior buddy link, with the first meeting between selected pupils happening on the last week of Spring 2, this is an incentive to further grow the link between primary and senior pupils. As a house team we are also excited to reward tutor nominated responsible pupils who will be making clay egg pots just in time for the Easter break!

Senior

Events



Employer Interview Ready Session

On Monday 16th January, a group of pupils had the opportunity to have a talk by a current degree apprentice talking about their role as a trainee Management Apprentice and about jobs with the company, Willmott Dixon Construction Limited, and the variety of careers there are within this sector.

We also had the NHS in for a talk about over 350+ jobs that are available within the NHS delivered to the whole of Year 9. The NHS is

one of the biggest employers within our city, so it was great to raise the profile of all the careers available to pupils.

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One part of this session that the pupils were really engaged with was an assessment style problem solving activity. The employers present said pupils had great communication skills and teamwork. The pupils were resilient and could identify strengths what needs from different team members to solve the puzzle in the time allocated. Once some of the teams had completed, they helped other teams as well demonstrating their responsibility skills.

The pupils could also identify how important non-verbal behaviours are and how to make the right first impression to an interview. The pupils were respectful during this session and are all prepared for their 1-2-1 interview!



Mrs Denford

Havant and South Downs College – Master Class in T Level Health and Nursing (Level 3)

Pupils in Year 10 were given the opportunity to sign up for a Taster Session in a new T Level Qualification in Health and Nursing at HSDC. The pupils enjoyed the activities such as getting to analyse specimens, apply bandages and learnt how to take basic bodily measurements such as pulse and blood pressure.

They also had the opportunity to interact with the training robots who demonstrated a number of physical ailments. The session was informative and interactive, and everyone was very enthusiastic. Some of the pupils are really keen to explore this course post 16.

The College said, "the students were great and a pleasure to have in the session".



HSDC IS PROUD TO SAY THAT THE HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE T LEVEL PROGRAMMES ARE SUPPORTED BY UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH AND UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER, THESE UNIVERSITIES WILL PROVIDE NURSING AND HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCES FOR OUR STUDENTS TO SUPPORT PROGRESSION ONTO HEALTHCARE RELATED DEGREE PROGRAMMES.

About the course: (www.hsdc. ac.uk)

"This new T Level qualification is an exciting full time course which has been designed in partnership with businesses and employers. It is aimed at giving you the knowledge and skills to move into a career in nursing or nursing-related careers. It is designed to enable you to progress to employment or Apprenticeships in hospitals or healthcare settings or to move on to studying in Higher Education".

Mrs Denford



Parents Evening

Post 16 Providers are welcome to attend out Parents Evenings. On the 23rd March we had a Year 9 Parents evening and PETA Apprenticeships and Havant and South Downs College (HSDC) attended to talk to pupils about their future options and the courses available to them.

Thank you for your continued support!

Please use these links to find out more about these providers:

www.peta.co.uk/9/418/apprenticeships www.hsdc.ac.uk/

Year 10 1-2-1 Employer Interview - 24th March

All Year 10 pupils had an opportunity to attend a 1-2-1 Employer Interview. This is a follow on from their 'Interview Ready' session on the 13th March. Pupils came prepared with their CV they have developed in their CPR lessons.

The feel of the day has been professional, and the pupils have risen to the challenge incredibly well.

They have demonstrated their responsibility and communication skills whilst being very respectful to the employers. Some of the Employers are local employers like BAE and Portsmouth City Council which has been a fantastic opportunity for pupils to make good first impression of Mayfield Pupils.



EBP who organise and run the event have commented the following about our pupils:

"During our day at Mayfield some of the students were very nervous but overcame that during their interview which was great to see. All of the students were polite and all the employers were impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of the students." – Sammie Mortimer

Mrs Denford

Year 9 'Your Future' I Can Session - 23rd March

All Year 9 pupils took part in a session thinking about their future aspirations and reflecting on what is important to them and what their strengths are. This session was also to help focus pupils with selecting the right options for them.

All the pupils were very responsible and ended up writing a golden ticket about their future dream career! It was really exciting to talk to pupils about their dream and aspirations and how to take small steps in school to achieve them!

One activity looking at what is important to you and common theme across all pupils was family, health, and happiness/emotional wellbeing. The pupils could talk about their own personalities and who identify who they are. These are all invaluable skills in knowing what career is suited for you and motivating you to achieve your dreams!

Mrs Denford





Message from the Head of Primary

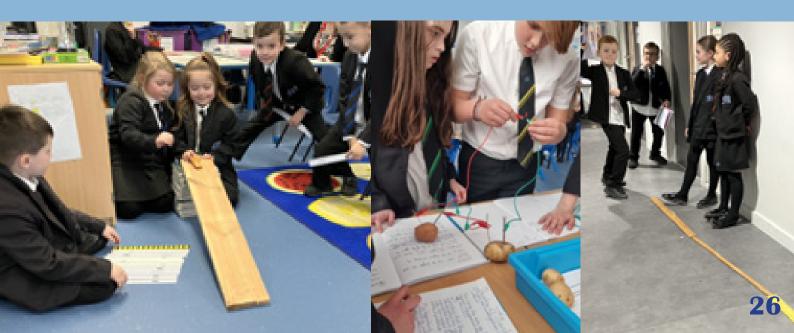




This half term has been one of celebration, raising awareness and exploration! At the beginning of March, we all enjoyed a day of books and reading related activities. Classes enjoyed taking part in a quiz of 'guess the member of staff' along with a variety of other tasks. Everyone looked fabulous in their book character costumes too. Thank you to all of you for your support with the amazing outfits. The staff all joined in too and we all had a great day celebrating our love of reading.

On another non-uniform day in March, we dressed differently for another reason and all wore red in support of Red Nose Day charities. Thank you again for your support and donations which have been donated to Red Nose Day and the Turkey earthquake appeal.

Our theme week this term was 'We Are Scientists' and saw investigations taking place across the school for science week. The children have learnt about how to identify a question to investigate, how to plan what they want to do by identifying factors that could impact their results and how to carry out a fair test. They have then conducted their experiments, collected results and drawn their conclusions. We have seen some amazing science and, importantly, expanded our knowledge and skills in working scientifically.



Another celebration in primary this half term has been our fantastic Dance Live! team. After months of planning, afterschool rehearsals, lunchtimes to make costumes and a huge amount of teamwork, the team of 92 pupils went to compete in their first heat in March. I am thrilled to be able to announce that they won! The Mayfield Dance Live! Team won their heat and have progressed through to the final at the end of April. Every single child in primary can be proud of their efforts to the support the team through our sponsored danceathon back in December that helped fund the team.

Absolutely massive congratulations to the pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 who competed in the event and the very best of luck to them in the final! A particular thank you also to the adults who have given up their time and so much effort in support of the children and their dance. Thank you to Miss Bennett, Miss Leslie, Miss Gregory, Miss Hall and Mr Baptiste.



As we approach the Easter holidays, we are also preparing for some exciting changes and welcoming new additions to the primary staff team next term.

As you will be aware, Mrs Osborne will be joining the school as Head of Primary from the summer term and I will step back to my substantive role as Deputy Head of Primary. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the huge amounts of support you have shown me as I've been in the interim role while a new head was recruited. I am excited to be returning to my deputy role and working alongside Mrs Osborne as she takes the lead. I know you will all be as welcoming to her as you were to me as we look forward to an expanded primary leadership team.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Miss P Andrews

Interim Head of Primary Mayfield School

Year R

This half term has been all about 'Our Wonderful World' - we have been exploring our local community, which included a walk around our local area. Once back at school, the children were able to create their own maps based on their experience. We looked at local maps of Portsmouth and tried to locate some landmarks like the Spinnaker Tower and South Parade Pier! We then ventured a little further and looked at a world map – focusing on Africa. We read the story 'Handa's Surprise' and used this to help us compare life in Africa to life in England. Some of the children were invited to go on a little trip to collect some fruit for the rest of the children to try – just like Handa did for her friend Akeyo in the story.

In Literacy, the children have been amazing us with their phonics knowledge. It is amazing to see them independently applying the sounds they know when they are writing. Although we have learnt all the sounds, we are now applying them to much longer words; like fantastic and swimming!

In maths, we have been focusing on shape and their properties. The children have a deep understanding of 3D shapes and are able to name most of them and talk about them in detail. We continue to deepen our knowledge of numbers to 10, using a number bond song to help.

A highlight of this half term was our parent event – seeing the children decorate eggs with their loved ones was lovely to see. It was wonderful to see the children be creative and encourage their adults to join in all the fun!



Year 1 started the term with a fantastic visit to Marwell Zoo where we saw lots of different animals including penguins, hippos, flamingos and a sloth hiding high up in a tree! We walked around the entire zoo without any complaining. The children have been excited learning all about the animal kingdom this term, including sharing knowledge they already knew; Turtle Class' favourite knowledge fact known was sloths cannot fart!

In science we have been exploring different ways of classifying animals as well as learning about where some animals live e.g. hot or cold climates. This has linked into learning the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world with some fun songs to help remember all the correct names. Science week was also lots of fun too!



In Maths, the children have been extending their knowledge about different ways to measure including capacity, length, height and mass. A lot of new vocabulary has been learnt and is being applied to answer simple problems.

In English we have written a recount of our trip to Marwell, but our main text has been 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have written a character description of Tiger using some great adjectives as well as a shopping list for a tea party. We held a tea party writing an invitation to Year 2 asking them to join us. We had a fun time eating and playing together.

Mrs Guy



Year 2 have certainly had a fantastic term with their topic 'Go Wild!' It started with our African art day when we learnt about the colours and patterns traditionally used in African art. The children created a paper plate necklace, African style mask and used ink to print different patterns onto paper. There is a lovely display in the corridor showing our work, which we hope many of you saw on Tuesday when you came in for the parent event. We had great fun dressing up as safari explorers (and we didn't get lost!) creating our very own safari vehicle with moving wheels.

In geography we have been extending our understanding about other habitats around the world as well as learning about a country in Africa and comparing how some of the features are similar or different to United Kingdom. During science week we have fun investigating floating.

character Sonny, we have written our own postcard about a new destination we have visited telling our meerkat family all about the weather, food and animals we found there. We used all our geography knowledge to help us with some of the facts.

Our main English learning started with a mystery box arriving in the classroom with some clues for us to learn about an animal which turned out to be a... meerkat. We wrote a short report about meerkats before reading our main text 'Meerkat Mail'. As the main



In maths we have consolidated our knowledge about multiplication and division and the relationship between the two. The children have also extended their understanding of addition and subtraction using two-digit numbers, learning different ways to support their calculations.

Finally, inviting our parents in for some easter craft fun was a lovely way to end the term and be able to show them all our learning. We are excited about what we will be learning next!

Mrs Beechurst





This term, Year 3 have been learning all about the Roman invasion! They started the term learning about life in a Celtic village and were very enthusiastic when role playing the different jobs that people in the village did. They enjoyed learning all about the fierce warrior, Queen Boudica, who led the rebellion against the invading Roman army. They also had great fun pretending to be Roman soldiers and learning how to march in formation.

In our English lessons, we have based our learning around a text called 'Boudica's Army' which allowed us to immerse ourselves even further into our topic. We have mainly focused on writing a character description of the main character, Kassy, and the children worked hard to develop and use rich language to include in their writing.

In maths, we continued our multiplication and division learning journey and the children had further time to practise their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We have also been learning about length and measuring in cm and mm.

Mrs Pountain

This has been a very exciting half term in Year 4. The term started with the year group going on their residential to Minstead. It was a fun, adventurous three days away where the children had so many fantastic opportunities outside of the classroom. The children got to experience the beauty of the New Forest, sit round an open fire and sing songs and engage in teambuilding activities. For many of our children this was the first time they had stayed away from home. The children used their 6Rs and an amazing time was had by all.

In English, this half term we have written some exciting adventure stories. Using the story of Beowulf as inspiration, we looked at the setting and description. We used vocabulary to enhance the atmosphere of our exciting stories. We also had a focus of mental health, using My Happy Minds work and connecting it with Children's Mental Health Week. We spoke about making good connections and the impact that it has on our mental wellbeing.

In maths this half term we have been learning our times tables in all sorts of fun ways and have become Times Table Rock Stars! This has really helped us with our work on formal multiplication and division. Year 4 have really enjoyed fluency daily and have some imaginative, fun ways to improve our maths skills.

Mr Head



Year 5 have had a fantastic half term, learning all about the Americas. The children have embraced learning about Frida Kahlo and her artistic style. The pupils loved interpreting her artistic style on masks (with their parent's support). It was great to see some of their creations and the enjoyment which came from spending time with parents and guardians in school.

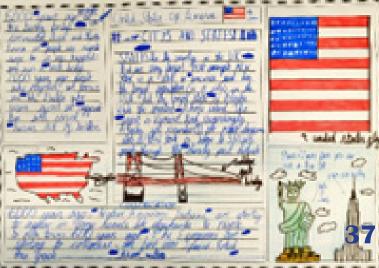
The children also had the opportunity to research the United States collaboratively before

creating their own report which they could then use to inform other children in the year group. They then transferred these skills to creating a report on the yellowspotted lizard from the book 'Holes'.

In maths, the children have learned the formal methods for multiplication and division and interpreted different methods for applying their knowledge. They have enjoyed continuing to develop their fluency skills and applying it in their maths lessons too. It has been great to see the children exploring the links between mathematical concepts as their knowledge increases!



Mr Newsam



Year 6 have had an engaging half term continuing to learn about the Ancient Egyptians, designing and making Egyptian death masks and head dresses and creating tools to help Miss Andrews do her job.

The children have enjoyed learning about hieroglyphics and how these symbols were used to communicate thousands of years ago. After deciphering some secret codes written in hieroglyphics children then created their own messages to share with their classmates. Children currently are now designing and making their own Ancient Egyptian death masks and head dresses and are using Modroc to make their creations 3D.

In maths, children have been consolidating their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages and linking this

knowledge to real life problems. A highlight was spending a maths lessons creating mocktails and using their knowledge of ratio to create different quantities of their drinks.

In English, children have enjoyed creating 'Headteacher Helpers' to assist Miss Andrews in her day-to-day role as Head of Primary. Children created gadgets such as coffee dispensers, megaphones and spy-cameras and were very creative in explaining how their gadgets would make her life easier.

Mr Davies



The Cove

The children in The Cove have had a wonderful time exploring different emotions. They have explored happiness, anger, sadness, and worry. All children created a fabulous 'pizza wheel of feelings' that displays how they feel most of the time as an individual. We encourage the children to accept all feelings and emotions are ok, it's what we do when we experience different feelings that matter.

Our infant children have enjoyed completing puzzles, listening to stories, turn-taking games, and junk modelling. They especially love the sand and Play-Doh trays.

The children have created models of themselves with Play-Doh and used the sand to make a seaside scene.

Our junior children have been focusing on friendships, how we communicate with others and the things we enjoy/dislike. Our junior children love a competitive team game, experiencing winning and losing is important, we always reflect on how we manage ourselves when winning and losing.

Overall, we had a lovely half term and cannot wait to see what the next half term brings.



School Calendar

First day back after Easter Holiday: Monday 20th February 2023 May Half-Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

April		
w/b 17th April	Year 5 Bike-ability Week	
Tuesday 18th April	Incredible Eggs arrive in classrooms	
Wednesday 19th April	Verizons Enterprise Academy for Year 10 Business Studies students at Guildhall	
Thursday 20th April	Year 9 Business Speed Networking	
Thursday 20th April	Year 4 swimming lessons at Mountbatten Centre for the next 10 Thursday afternoons	
Tuesday 25th April	Meet the Headteacher Community Event	
Wednesday 26th April	Yangtze Class Assembly	
Wednesday 26th April	Primary Parents Evening	
Thursday 27th April	Primary Parents Evening	
Thursday 27th April	Year 7 Parents Evening	
Friday 28th April	Primary Dance Live Final at Guildhall	

May		
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday - School Closed	
Tuesday 2nd - Friday 12th May	Year 7 - 9 Examinations in English, Mathematics and Science	
Tuesday 2nd - Wednesday 10th May	Year 11 MFL Speaking Examinations	
Wednesday 3rd May	Trip to Boleh Sailing Trust in Gosport	
Wednesday 3rd May	Year 8 HPV vaccinations dose 1	
Wednesday 3rd May	Portsmouth Girls Football Festival	
Wednesday 3rd May	Street Party for the King's Coronation	
Thursday 4th May	Local Election Polling Station	
Friday 5th May	Year 1 Trip Harold Hillier Gardens	
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed	
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May	Year 6 SATS week	
Tuesday 9th May	School Nurse Clinic for Primary pupils	
Wednesday 10th May	Year 3 Roman Day	
Wednesday 10th May	Tech Truck visit for Year 10 and 11 careers programme	
Thursday 11th May	Trip to Longdown Activity Farm	
Friday 12th May	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Day Walk	
Monday 15th May	Turtles Class Assembly	

May - continued		
Monday 15th May -	Year 11 written GCSE exams	
21st June		
Tuesday 16th May	Catch-up Vaccinations	
Thursday 18th May	Friends of Mayfield Year 3 Disco	
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Tuesday 23rd May	Year 10 Business and iMedia	
	theme day (with visitors from Kurt)	
Tuesday 23rd May	Year 3 Crazy Inventors Parent	
	Event	
Wednesday 24th May	Ganges Class Assembly	
Wednesday 24th May	Peripatetic Music Convert in Main	
	Hall	
Thursday 25th May	Parent Event for Year 1 Gardener's	
	World	



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