

Mayfield School News

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Message from the Head



At the end of my first half term as Headteacher of Mayfield, I reflected back upon the past weeks since the start of the new academic year in September 2022.

Over those first seven weeks, the events that we have held within school have demonstrated the importance of welcoming parents and carers on-site and meeting face-to-face. There is no doubt that being in-person is a better way to communicate and share the early successes and future improvements that we seek.

Events such as 'Meet the Tutor' for Year 7, our first Community Event, Year 11 and Primary Parents' and Carers' Evenings and our Open Evening have been just a few occasions when we have been able to share the journey that our school and our pupils/students are on. The parents

and carers I spoke with during the Open Evening were very excited about the thought of joining Mayfield in September, which reflected the positive atmosphere throughout the school during the evening.

In addition to these, other opportunities have been held such as representing the school in sports tournaments (a very successful start to the year), auditions for Dance Live, going on school trips, inviting visitors to speak, Restart A Heart CPR sessions, and performing to an audience as part of the music BTEC.

It has also been great to hear feedback from our school community about the change of our school motto. We have had a huge response to this and I am pleased to say that we will now be working on this as part of a rebrand. Until then, the outcome will not be revealed.

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During this half term, I invited a team of external reviewers from the Local Authority, a leader from another school and an external consultant responsible for curriculum and safeguarding, to support and challenge the school in our current position. Each member of the Review Team had undertaken a range of activities to gather evidence in a variety of areas/themes which included: Early Years, Reading, Mathematics, Geography, Behaviour and Attitudes. The findings confirmed the areas that we are working on and are included in our School Improvement Plan. As part of this, some parents and carers were also spoken to and the positive messages have been welcomed as has the feedback on how we can improve.

I would like to thank you all for welcoming me as the Headteacher of the school. It is a community which is great to be a part of and I am proud to be in the Mayfield family.

I continue to look forward to meeting and greeting as many of you as possible during future events and at the school gates. 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



As the first half-term of the academic year ends, I would like to focus on all the awesome pupils we have in the Senior section. There are 298 pupils in the Senior section with 0 behaviour points - how fabulous is that?!

I have continued Hot Chocolate Friday and have had some new faces but also some familiar ones who have earned the treat again this year! Here are photos of some of the pupils I have had the pleasure of spending time with.

The total roll call of nominees so far this year is:

Discovery - Harley, Phoenix, Katherine, George, Fraser, Ella, J-Mari and Harrison

Victory - Joseph, Jessie, Lexie, Peter-Jack, Holly, Rosie, Molly and Keane

Endeavour - Tom, Eliza, Zeki, Szabolcs, Jessica, Anh, Leighton-Bleu and Logan

Intrepid - Leon, Amelia, Harrison, Jess, Haaniha, Bohdan, Lucy, Harry, Christina and Bobby

Miss L Hillier
Head of Seniors
Mayfield School



House News

Endeavour

We are rewarding our Year 7 who have made an excellent transition to Mayfield and their secondary education with a reward tea to say well done and let them know how proud we are of them.

We are also pleased that Endeavour house have achieved over 4,300 achievement points this half term - we're hoping for even more in the run up to Christmas!

Mrs Campbell

Victory

“Firstly, thank you to everyone who supported the Victory House charity week, and helped us to raise over £300 for the Tree of Hope charity. Your support is much appreciated- here is a photo of some of the cakes that were brought in for our cake sale!

This week will be our reward assembly, where we will celebrate those students who have been excellent ambassadors for Victory House over the past half term. Next half term we will be holding a reward event for some of our Year 7 students, who have made an excellent start to life at Mayfield School.



I am pleased to say that Victory House currently top the house cup leader-board, and so the challenge now is for us to maintain that by building on the fantastic efforts made in Autumn.”

Mr Denford

Discovery



Last week, Year 7 Discovery pupils met for their 'get to know you' reward event. They played games, got competitive with timed events and even had quick fire maths questions. They are a great asset to the House, and we are so happy to officially welcome them.

Mr Flores

Intrepid

We have had a welcome celebration for all Year 7 pupils and for our pupils that are involved in the House council.

This week we are doing a reward Halloween event for those pupils who do 'the right thing' every day.

Intrepid also have the best class attendance in the whole of the school with Intrepid 1 - huge well done to them!

We will end the half-term with our "Doughnut miss out" celebration! 311 pupils in the Senior section have got 100% attendance this half-term - well done to them!

I hope they enjoy their treat.

We also have individual success with our house;

Evelyn B - Giving up her free time marshalling the junior and mini great south run 2022.

Lucy H - Getting into the RAMBERT SCHOOL OF DANCE for an autumn workshop.

Mrs Reid



Events

Careers and Apprenticeships Show - 27th September 2022

A selection of Year 10 and 11 pupils went to Fratton Park for the Careers and Apprenticeship show. This event was a great success and pupils had the opportunity to network and ask important questions for their future destinations with a variety of local employers. They represented the school with respect and the employers said how engaged our pupils were with talking about their future aspirations.

A Parent emailed to say their daughter has had a brilliant time and came home full of exciting ideas.



Quotes From Our Pupils:

“It helped me to think about other career areas that are available.”

“It was really good, learning about important life skills are helpful in employment. The encouragement to always have a go and follow your aspirations was good advice.”

“It was a great chance to interact with employers. It has helped me narrow down what I want to do after leaving Mayfield.”

“It was good talking to specialists.”

“The speakers were engaging, and I found it informative.”

“A lot of variety of employers to speak to and they were very helpful.”



Oxford University Visit - 29th September 2022

A selection of Year 10 pupils took part in a workshop from the University of Oxford exploring the benefits of going to university. They then investigated the entry requirements for a variety of university courses and explored their campuses and courses available. The pupils were really engaged thinking about their future aspirations and which University they could attend. Pupils were talking openly about their career journeys and sharing ideas about how to reach them.

Your Future Networking Event for Year 10 and 11 - 20th October 2022

All of Year 10 and 11 pupils attended a networking careers event thinking about their future options Post 16 leaving Mayfield School. There was a wide variety of Post 16 providers including COPC, HSDC, Fareham College, Chichester College and UTC. There were also apprenticeship providers for pupils to talk to including, HTP, PETA and Steve Willis Training centre for Plumbing, Electrical and Gas. Also present was our Enterprise Advisor, Anna Smith who brought along local employers from across the city.



Pupils has the chance to speak with other local employers such as BAE, HSBC, NHS, Childcare, PCC, Biscoes and Hair Ott.

The University of Portsmouth there to raise awareness of next steps as well and linking post 16 choices to future careers journeys.

There was a lot of choices for pupils to interact with and ask important questions about their next steps and to inspire their aspirations.

The pupils across both year groups enjoyed this event and the opportunity to speak to industries and employers to really get an insight into their next steps toward their careers journey.





Quotes from our Pupils:

“I really enjoyed the event and have learnt a lot.”

“I found it was very good because it opened my eyes to see the options in my future.”

“I loved the variety on information I received.”

“I found the Childcare provider very helpful as they gave me some information on what I need for the job I want.”

“Great advice from the employers.”

Thank you for all the support the providers have given our School. If you would like to be involved in future events as a local employer, please email; denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk for more information and our future events.



A banner for the Southampton International Boat Show. The text is in a bold, dark blue font. The background of the banner features two images of boats in a marina. The left image shows a close-up of several boats docked at a wooden pier. The right image shows a wider view of a marina with many boats and people walking on the piers.

SOUTHAMPTON INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

16-25 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Female Leaders Society

In FLS this half term, we have been talking about different careers and opportunities that our students may consider in the future that they may not have ordinarily thought about.

As part of this, we were able to visit the Southampton Boat Show, where we spoke to a range of people in the marine industry and were able to ask questions and find out the different careers that they had.



Quotes from our Pupils:

“I loved learning about the boats and how they were made to be recyclable, as they were made from aluminium.”

“I loved the talk with women who were experienced in the marine industry, as we were able to direct specific questions about our personal aspirations.”

“I really enjoyed looking at all the boats and talking to the women who worked in jobs which are usually dominated by men. It was very inspirational!”

“During FLS, I have enjoyed being able to get to know so many confident people like at the Southampton Boat Show trip that we were lucky enough to go on. Not many people get this chance, so I am glad Mayfield School has such an empowering club.”



Experiencing an industry that is big on the south coast and relevant to the pupils of Mayfield as a potential arena for a blossoming career was very interesting for the girls who got to experience all the different sectors available including having a go at riveting.

We will soon be inviting Year 9s to join our re-launched 'Future Leaders Society'!

We are very grateful to Lily Ross-Smith, Field Sales Manager at C-Quip and also to Lyndsay McClay, Commercial Manager at Marine Industry News for putting together such a fun filled and action packed day for the FLS@Mayfield Group.



Sport

U11 Girls Football Champions

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our amazing U11 girls football team for winning the Portsmouth Schools League B Tournament. The girls were amazing winning 5 out of their 7 games. Special shout out to Mabel Sloan in Yr 4, for scoring 5 incredible goals! The girls were brilliant and are a credit to Mayfield school.

Thank you to Mr Rolfe for the team selection and the training he has given the girls.

Mr Reid



U11 Boys Football League Winners

Congratulations to our U11 Boys' football team for winning the Portsmouth City league. The skill and desire to win was amazing! We are very proud of you - what an achievement!

Mr Rolfe and Mr Reid





Message from the Head of Primary



What an amazing start to the year it has been in primary! It was a huge privilege to be on the gate on the first day back to school in September seeing the smiling faces of the children as they returned from their summer break, clearly excited for the new term. In the seven weeks of this half term, they have achieved so much; everyone has settled fantastically into their new classes, got to know their new teachers, formed new bonds with children they hadn't been in classes with before and strengthen those with the children they knew well. Our new starters in Year R, Year 3 and a few others in different year groups have been welcomed and with help from their adults, have quickly become part of our Mayfield family. Our school councillors have been elected by each class so the children have representatives who will work to share their voices and have a say in matters which are important to them.

The new year has brought all sorts of new learning and opportunities for the children with topics including 'Our Journey', Seasides, Earth's Kitchen,

Save the Rainforest!, To Boldly Go and Fight for Survival. Some year groups have been out on trips already or welcomed visitors into school. Some classes have already have the chance to share some of what they've done through their class assemblies, which have been amazing and so well-received. We are all looking forward to next half term's! In addition to what goes on in classrooms, this year has also brought us new playground space and more places to play. Children have enjoyed using the first of our newly purchased play equipment and have been learning in PE this week about different games they can play during break times and exploring even more equipment which will be available to them after half term.

When I've asked the children what they would like me to make sure I include in the newsletter to share with their parents, they have given such a wide and diverse list of things which just show the range of opportunities and the amount of positives we have had so far. Children talked about their

favourite subjects: Maths, because it's the best thing ever; Learning about space in science because it's so interesting; Writing about their ideas and getting to share what they've done with friends; Science and getting to try to show in their books everything they have learned. They have also talked about the challenges of doing some assessments and the pride they feel in themselves for doing them and the sense of achievement from being able to try their best. Across the school, children have expressed excitement about their learning and subjects including making clay dragon eyes, decorating gingerbread, getting to look at and handle creatures in Zoo lab, senses afternoon with blindfolded colouring, restart a heart day, and, of course, the fossil expert who brought fossilised dinosaur poo! Perhaps most importantly though, so many children have spoken about how much they enjoy time with their friends, playing with children from other classes and their own, how much they like their teachers, TAs and adults in school and their general joy of being in school and being at Mayfield. Our aim next half term is, of course, to ensure this continues!

Next half term brings many more exciting times for primary children including our first Big Write week and our first themed week of the year – Go Global Week. There will be more class assemblies and opportunities for parents to join children in their year groups to share in their learning.

And don't forget about the sponsored danceathon – keep an eye out for the letter with more information coming after half term! It's going to be another cracking half term and we look forward to being able to tell you all about it.

Miss P Andrews
Head of Primary
Mayfield School



Year R

It has been a fantastic start to the year with Year R. We are so amazed at how the children have settled into their new school and have faced many new challenges. We are leaving Autumn 1 with happy, confident and independent children who are at the beginning of their exciting learning journey through Mayfield.

Our topic this half term 'Marvellous Mayfield' has allowed the children to learn about their new environment, the school community, the friends in their classes and all about themselves as individuals. A particular highlight for both classes has been sharing their family photos with each other and being able to show off their WOW books at parents' evening.

The children have made a fantastic start to their reading journey, where they have been learning a new sound every day in their phonics sessions.

They have begun to blend sounds together to make words and have been practising writing the letters too.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support with your child's learning journey!

We hope you enjoy a restful half-term break.

The Year R Team

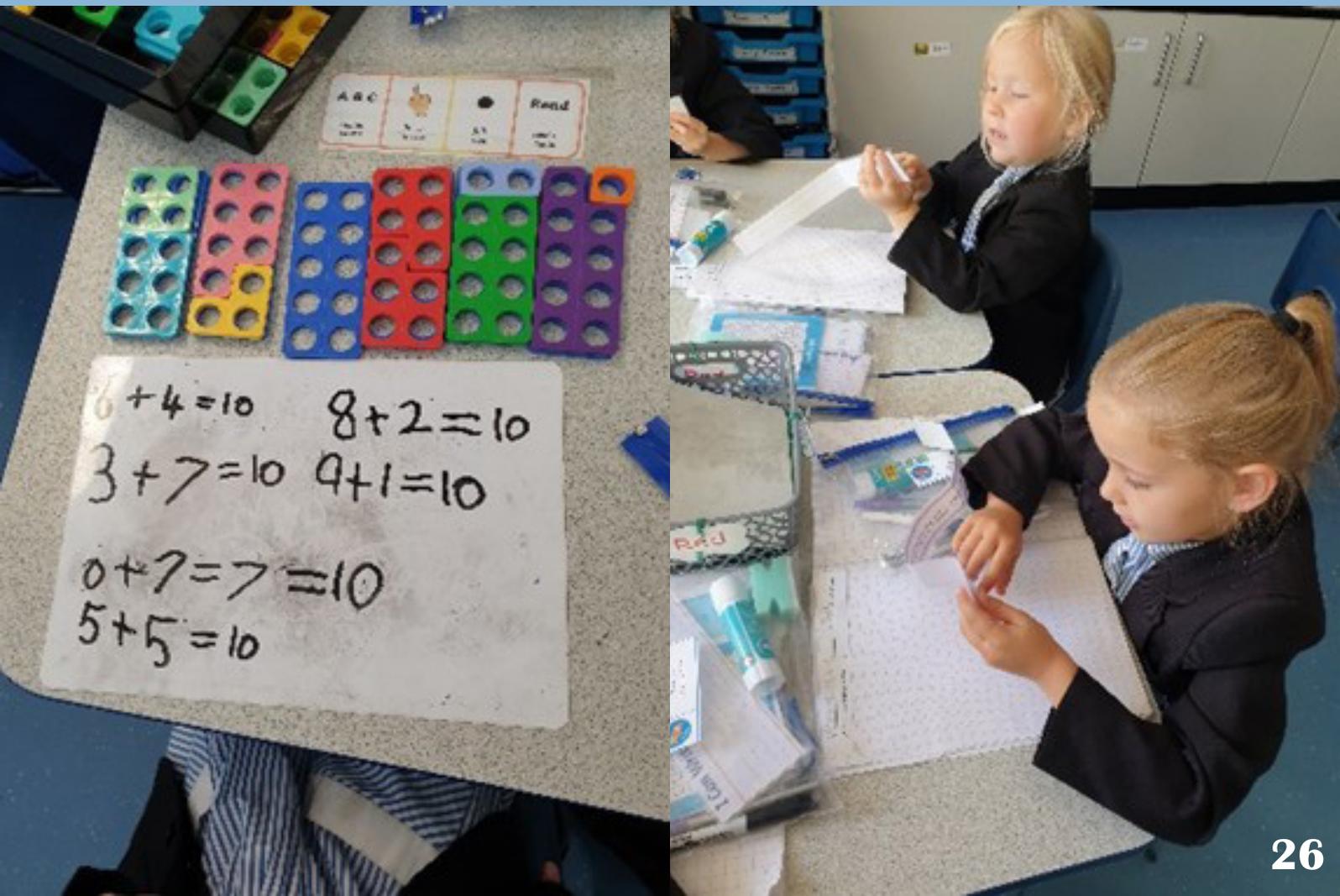


Year 1

Year 1 have had a great start to the year! They came into school ready to learn and they have all engaged with our interesting and exciting lessons!

What have we been learning in Maths?

In Maths, Year 1 have been becoming experts at numbers to 10! Within this, we have been learning how to identify 1 more and 1 less than a number, finding number bonds within 10 and also beginning to add! The children have been super resourceful and used number lines, diennes, counting objects and even pasta! Take a look at our great Mathematicians!



What have we been learning in English?

In English, we have been reading 'This is the bear' and have enjoyed learning how to re-write the story! We added actions to the story, to help us remember it, and we also used Role play, to help us to understand what it was like for the bear when he went to the rubbish dump! Within this, we have learned key skills including finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. The children have already made great progress with these skills, and their final stories are great!



What have we been learning in our Topic lessons?

In topic, we have been learning about our 5 senses! This has been great fun, as we have enjoyed smelling new things, tasting different textures, exploring with our eyes and covering our eyes, listening to different sounds, and also feeling different textures.

The Year 1 Team



Year 2

It has been delightful getting to know your children this term and we are proud of how they have settled into the routines of Year 2 and their new class groups.

We have based our learning around Seasides and have looked at features of Portsmouth and some important landmarks, explored stories with a seaside theme and secured our understanding of number. We have been thinking about different materials and their uses and this ended with an investigation to work out the most suitable picnic basket cover to keep Mr Grinling's lunch safe and dry on its journey from his cottage to the lighthouse where he works.

It was fantastic to see so many family members in for our recent Parent Event and it was definitely very competitive with the beach hut models!! There were so many amazing designs and the enjoyment of everyone in the classrooms was clear to see.

Please remember to read as many times as you can with your child each week as this supports their progress within school.

Thank you for your support – see you on 31st October!

The Year 2 Team



Year 3

This half term, Year 3's Topic was called Earth's Kitchen. We have spent our Geography lessons exploring Chile, Italy and the UK and comparing the differences between them, starting with tasting food from each country. We have continued the food theme in our Design and Technology lessons where we have explored the ingredients that come from each country and used our ideas to design and make a soup recipe.

In Science, we have underpinned our learning by ensuring that we know all about how we keep healthy, including learning about balanced diets and human and animal skeletons.





Our English this half term has been based on a version of the Hansel and Gretel story by Michael Morpurgo. We have explored this text in detail in our 'Destination Reader' lessons and then have used ideas from this book in our writing. The children particularly enjoyed decorating gingerbread men which they then used as a basis for writing their own instructions. We also took a trip to Foxes Forest to help us describe the forest that Hansel and Gretel get lost in and this has allowed us to use the children's real life experience to generate adjectives and nouns.

The Year 3 Team

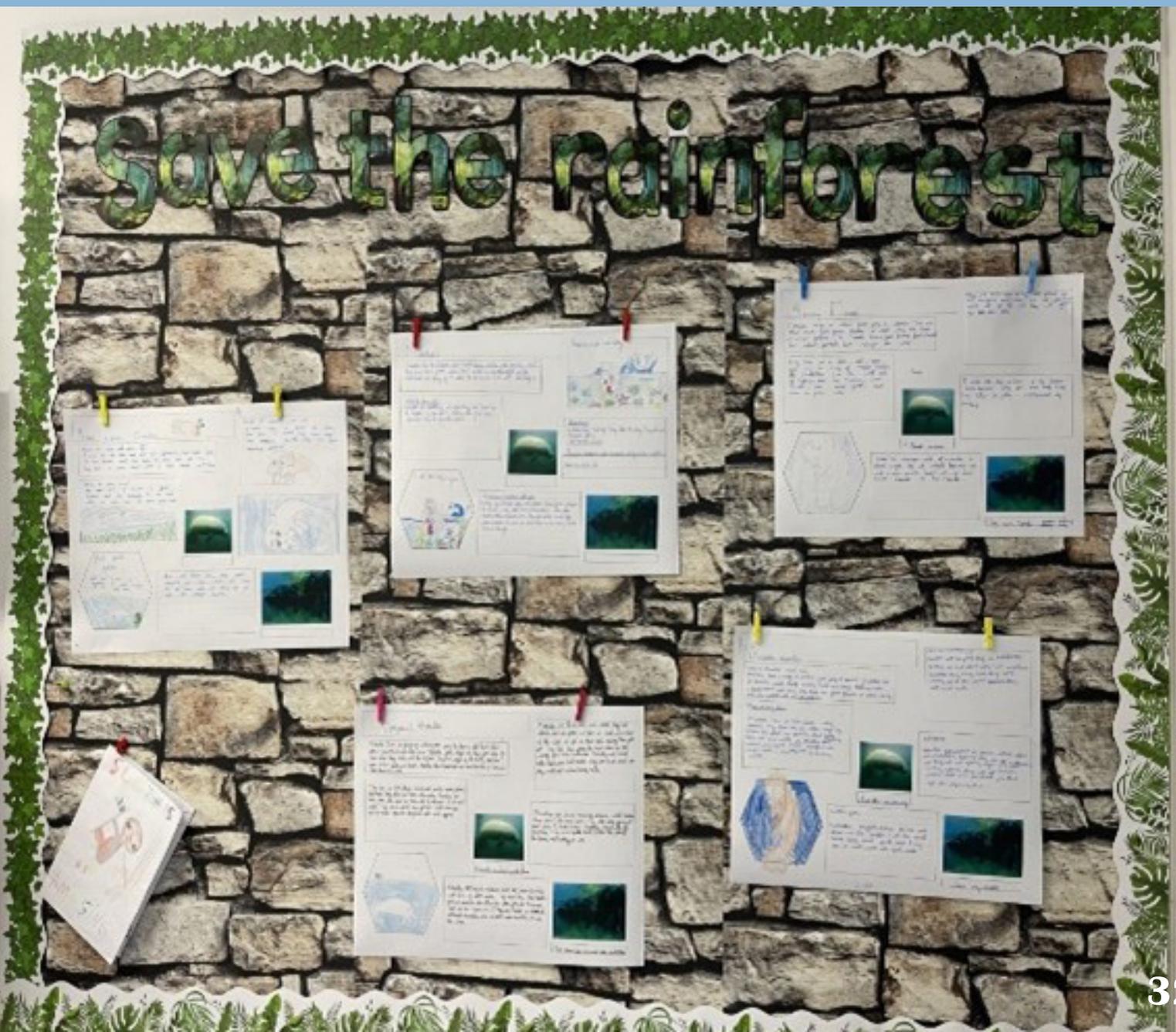
Year 4

This half term, Year 4's Topic was called Save the rainforest. We have had a very exciting time exploring and discovering the world's the rainforests. At the start of the year, we had Zoo Lab visit us. They brought in some amazing animals for us to see, touch and even hold. These included a giant snail, a tarantula, a gecko, a snake and even a scorpion that glowed in the dark!



Our English this half term has been based on a fantastic book called Manatee Baby. The children researched and found out about Manatees and produced some very informative non-chronological reports. We used our knowledge about the rainforest, from our geography lesson, to write persuasive arguments about saving our rainforests and thinking about the impact on our planet.

The Year 4 Team



Year 5

In Year 5, this half term's topic was called 'To Boldly Go'. The children explored a topic based on space and the role of women in society. We explored our Solar System, the planets, seasons and the day and night cycle. We then spent the day at the Winchester Science Centre where we went into the planetarium, created and tested rockets and explored the exhibits. In addition, we studied how women's roles have changed over time and the impact they have on modern day society. We finished the topic by linking biography writing to Black History Month and the impact of world-renowned people of colour.



In writing we studied the book *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce and wrote our own version of one of the chapters. We also studied biographies and wrote our own about Jacqueline Mayol who was the first European to break the sound barrier.

Finally, in maths we worked on our place value skills, addition and subtraction whilst also focusing on our fluency skills and applying known facts to different contexts.

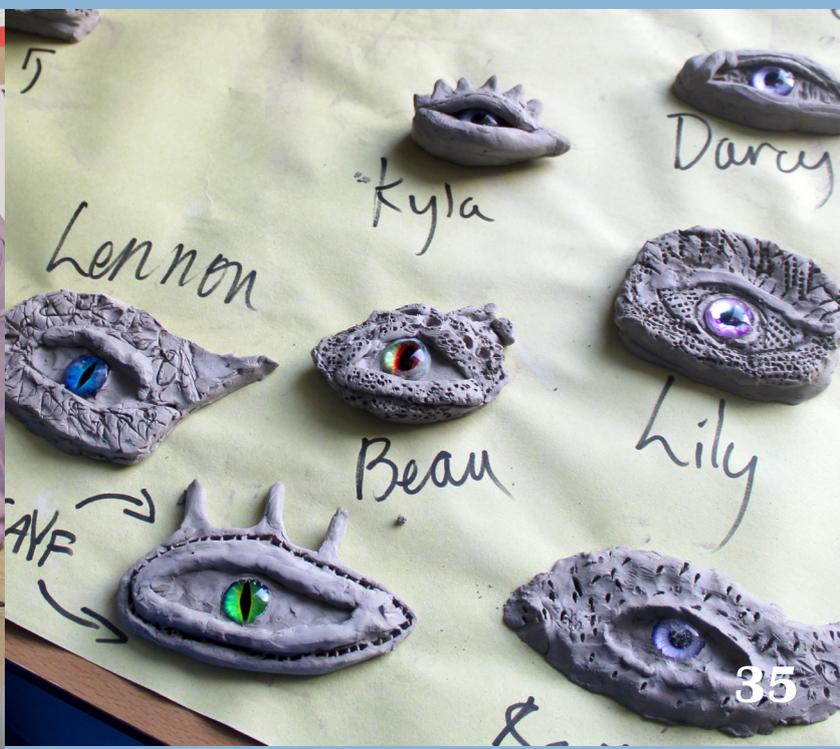
The Year 5 Team



Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the year! From learning about fossilised poo (coprolite) to sitting mock SATS, all the children have shown great resilience, determination and deserve a well-earned half-term break.

Our topic this half-term has been spent learning all about evolution and how we can use scientific evidence to make inferences about the past. The children had great fun studying the evolution of different species, and particularly enjoyed applying their knowledge of inheritance to create Mr Men & Little Miss offspring. In addition to their work in science, the children have learned about Earnest Shackleton's famous Antarctic expedition and how perseverance in even the toughest of times can help you prevail.



The children have enjoyed applying their knowledge of evolution by studying the work of Charles Darwin and his research in the Galapagos Islands. They have produced some fantastic reports on the many different species of animals found in these islands, and have been learning the art of persuasion to encourage tourism to some of the most exotic destinations on our planet.

We ask that you encourage your children to read daily, either on their own or to an adult, and to encourage them to complete their weekly homework to support their learning in school.

The Year 6 Team



School Calendar

First day back after Half Term: Monday 31st October 2022

Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January 2023

First day back after Christmas: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

NOVEMBER

Thursday 3rd November	Year 10 Parents' Evening
w/b 7th, 14th and 21st November	Year 11 Mock Exams
Friday 18th November	Children In Need
Thursday 24th November	Ex-Year 11 Certificate Evening
Tuesday 29th November	Senior School Production, "The Addams Family"

DECEMBER

Thursday 8th December	Year R Nativity Play
Friday 16th December	Last Day before break



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