Mayfield Messenger

2nd February 2024



Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

A message from Mr Howard

As we head towards the end of the Spring 1 term, I would like to reflect on the most recent work the school has been implementing. Within the primary phase, there has been an introduction to a new reading and writing approach to planning, raising the ambition in the words being read and written. Alongside this, there has been further development in behaviour strategies linked to our behaviour rules – safe, ready, respectful. These strategies are becoming more familiar to the children too! The sharing of best teaching practice is also being developed through 'gallery lessons' where staff observe parts of other lessons taught by their colleagues.

In our secondary phase there has been an increased emphasis on the curriculum model and the raising of the quality of teaching through staff training in adaptive practice. There has been a continued focus on the behaviour and attendance of the pupils in seniors. Whilst there are improvements which can be evidenced, there is still much work to be done. In the majority of the areas tracked and analysed, there has continued to be a half term by half-term improvement. A long way to go but a very encouraging half term.

Believe, Achieve, Succeed.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend!
#Believe. Achieve. Succeed. #TeamMayfield



Start something new at the Teach Portsmouth Jobs and Opportunities Fair

The Teach Portsmouth Jobs and Opportunities Fair returns to **Portsmouth Guildhall on Monday 26 February from 10am - 2pm.**

Come along and meet 24 exhibitors including schools, academies and colleges who have teaching, support and site vacancies.

Watch presentations inside the Opportunities Room on trending topics and sign up to taster sessions to build confidence in the classroom.

For more information and to get your free ticket, visit: www.teachportsmouth.co.uk/jobsfair











Year 8 Parents' Evening Reminder

The online booking system is now open for you to book appointments with your child's teachers for the Year 8 Parents/carers evening on Thursday 8th February. SchoolCloud - Mayfield School

This is a face-to-face parents' evening from **4 till 7pm** and all teachers will be based in the Main Hall.

Coffee Morning

Please join us for our Coffee Morning for parents/carers of children with SEND, Monday February 5th, 9-10am!

Portsmouth Parent Voices (PPV) will be present too and will be able to answer any questions, or just pop along and meet some fellow parents, friendly staff, and have a tea or coffee.

We'd love to see you there!



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CHILDREN'S

MENTAL HEALTH

INSET DAYS

The remaining INSET days will be:

<mark>Monday 18th March 2024</mark> Friday 21st June 2024

The school will be closed for pupils on these days.



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week.
The theme is 'Express Yourself - My Voice Matters.
During the week, children will engage in activities
which are designed to promote the importance of
speaking up, listening to each other and being listened
to.

to.
On <u>Friday 9th February</u>, children in the <u>primary</u> classes have a non-school uniform day (£1 donation), where they are invited to dress in clothes which express their personality. There will be more information to follow in Class

Portsmouth SEND Local Offer



Charts.

Young person's SEND survey

Have your say and help shape services for those aged 13-25 years old in Portsmouth with special educational needs and/ or disabilities (SEND).



Complete the survey and make a difference today! Visit portsmouthlocaloffer.org/survey

Zoom Sleep Course for Parents and Carers

"Sleep is as important for survival as food and water; yet most people know very little about this vitally important process. 80% of children with a special educational need or disability struggle to sleep." **There are 2 sessions.**

Session 1: How and Why we Sleep

Session 2: SEND and Sleep

Both sessions are 90 minutes long with time at the end for questions.

You will need to commit to attend both sessions

To book and for further information, please email:

ppvadmin@hsportsmouth.org.uk

Allergies

I would like to remind you that we have children in our school with severe nut allergies.

Please can you ensure that when you or your child are preparing a lunch, none of these foods are in your child's lunches. Thank you.



Dates

Tuesdays 16th and 23rd January 2024, 10am 12pm Wednesdays 7th and 14th February 2024, 7pm - 9pm Wednesdays 6th and 13th March 2024, 10am 12pm Tuesdays 16th and 23rd April 2024, 7pm - 9pm



Share your child's success outside of Mayfield

If your child/ren have achieved something over the Festive period, please share a picture and a brief description of the success. This could appear in the next Mayfield Messenger.

Please send these to

general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.



Congratulations to Leo (Year 6) and his team mates who played in the JPL (Junior Premier League) Winter Cup national finals at Wolverhampton Wanders FC training academy. They were crowned U11's South Coast Winter Cup champions, so 3rd best team in the country and best team in the south of England. Well done Leo!

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