

MAYFIELD MESSENGER

Autumn Half-Term 2018



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Welcome to our revamped newsletter. Inside you will find highlights of activities from this half term as well as information of upcoming events. We will be publishing this journal every half term. We look forward to sharing our Mayfield news with you all!

Headmaster's Foreword



Dear all,
The half term seems to have gone by in a flash! We were so lucky with the weather in September, giving us the opportunity to enjoy a few picnic lunches. Then, a bit of a rough beginning to October has given way to gorgeous Autumn sunshine streaming in through my study window as I write this! I feel a great sense of wellbeing and satisfaction as around me, a real sense of positivity and optimism along the corridors, in the classrooms, the staffroom, on the playground and in the

courtyard. I can really sense a lovely atmosphere of learning and happiness that is typical of Mayfield School going about its business.

We have rounded off the half-term in fine style with our celebrations of Harvest Festival. Lower and Upper School have performed magnificently! Our thanks go to our guest speaker, Reverend Jim, from St Matthew's Church. Thank you also to everybody for your generous donations towards the Walsall Food Banks. I am delighted that we have been able to contribute to such a worthy cause and help out those less fortunate than ourselves.

Other highlights of the half-term include the MacMillan Coffee morning, so ably organised by LIII with Mrs Andrews and Mrs Hart's help. Coffee and cake were enjoyed in the courtyard, drinking in the bright sunshine and

£600 was raised for this worthy cause. Worthy of mention are also the History trips for Transition and Form I to the Sudbury Toy Museum and Lower II and Form II's visit to the Wroxeter Roman Village. How nice it is for members of the public to compliment our children on their excellent behaviour!

Finally, I am delighted to announce that shortly after half term, construction work will begin in earnest on our new sports hall. There will be minimal disruption to the children's learning, possibly some noise. The playground will be closed for the duration of the project, but all other parts of the school and grounds will be open and functional. The work is scheduled to take 5 months, so we are hopeful that by the time the summer term starts at the end of April, we will have the use of our brand new sports hall! Watch this space for

further updates.

All in all, it has been a very successful half-term. I wish you all a wonderful half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 5th November. Let me remind you that the children need to come back in winter uniform.

Addendum

As a result of recent changes in legislation, I am required to inform you that the following are available on the school website www.mayfieldprep.co.uk and on request at school free of charge should you wish to see them:

School address and

telephone number; name of the Headmaster; name of the Chair of Governors and her contact address and telephone number (care of the school); school's ethos, aims and vision; the school's academic and examination results from the previous year; a list of staff and a summary of their qualifications; and the school's policies on and arrangements for: admissions; discipline, sanctions and exclusions; special educational needs; English as an additional language; curriculum; Early Years Foundation Stage (containing EYFS curriculum for Pre Nursery, Nursery and Kindergarten);

behaviour; anti-bullying; health and safety; complaints, including the number of formal complaints made during the previous year; child protection, including procedures for handling allegations of abuse against members of staff, staff code of conduct and staff recruitment procedures; and the most recent inspection report.

Matthew Draper

Mr M. Draper
Headmaster

Visitors

The children had lots of fun when Grandad and Jack came in with Andi Markham from Kids UK Trust to tell us about their adventures.

Lisa from Network Rail came to speak about rail safety.



Also this half term QMGS Skiffle Group paid us a visit, led by Paul Hughes. Instruments such as the Ukulele and the

Washboard were used and we heard lovely renditions of Knees up Mother Brown, My Old Man's a Dustman and Holiday Rock!



Harvest Service



We have enjoyed two lovely Harvest Services from Lower School and Upper School. Proceeds will be donated to the Walsall Food Banks. Thank you for your continued support.

Elections

Head boy and Head girl elections took place at the beginning of the term. Votes were taken from Kindergarten to Lower III and our Head Boy, Harman and Head Girl, Sahana were elected. Well done to all those who participated in the election process.

School Election Results 2018		
Head Boy: Harman	Head Girl: Sahana	
House Election Results		
Livingstone	Nightingale	Scott
Captain: Krishie	Captain: Saif	Captain: Sevak
Boys' Sports Captain: Faris	Boys' Sports Captain: Jeevan	Boys' Sports Captain: Taran
Girls' Sports Captain: Kimran	Girls' Sports Captain: Siya	Girls' Sports Captain: Serena

Meet The Team

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rs Hawthorne - Assistant Head Teacher



What are you enjoying most about being at Mayfield? **The children and the welcoming staff and parents!**

What are your hobbies?
Walking, Reading, Baking & Fitness.

Can you tell me a joke? **What did the man say to the child throwing cheese? That's not very mature!**

Do you speak any foreign languages? **Only Binary!**

What is your favourite emoji?



Describe yourself in three words.
Short, Smiley, Optimistic.

If you could buy anything, what would you buy?
Formula 1 race car.

Which pets do you have ?
Two kittens Bourbon & Wilson.

Favourite song to hear on the radio?
Shotgun

The most enjoyable book you've read? **The Night Circus - Erin Morgenstern.**

Curriculum Focus - Science

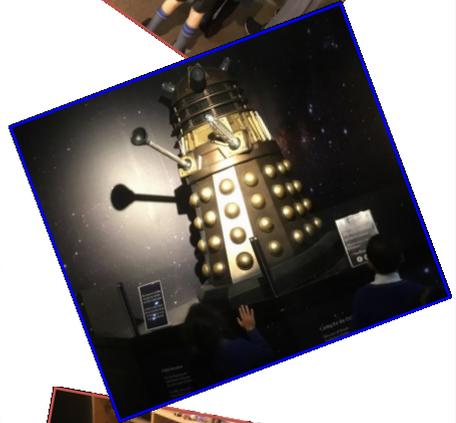
Take a look at our Science lab and some of the exciting work that the children have been doing in Science. Upper II have been learning about measuring whilst Lower II have been making skeletons. Form II have made food chains and have been looking at teeth. They've had a visit from the dentist, where they had the chance to show off their dazzling smiles!





Trips and Visits

Transition and Form I had a very enjoyable trip to Sudbury Hall and the National Trust Museum of Childhood.



Nursery have had a wonderful time at Pizza Express, where they were able to make their own pizzas.



Lower II and Form II had a fantastic trip to Wroxeter Roman Village. The children had lots of fun learning about history!



Art



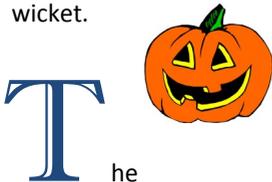
Inspired by Julian Opie, Form I have made portraits of staff members but can you guess who's who?

Enrichment

Football friendlies have taken place this term for Lower II and Form II against Bluecoat School. Our next football fixture will be on 7th November against Hallfield and West House.



Mrs Pittaway is running a multi skills competition during her P.E sessions. The sessions will include hurdles, netball passes, agility runs, football passes as well as throwing a ball at a wicket.



Halloween disco was enjoyed by all. Another great event organised by the PTA!

October has been Walk to School Month and it has been encouraging to see so many staff and pupils take part. Please remember the Walking Bus is run every Friday from The Toby Carvery and from The County Hotel. Further details are available from Mr Watts.



A very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning was held on the 28th September, where we managed to raise over £600 for a very worthwhile cause. Lower III gave a very moving assembly all about the invaluable work that Macmillan do.



Nursery and Pre-nursery have been very busy with their Clay Workshops. It was wonderful to see so many parents taking part.



Key Dates



- ◆ 6th November 2018 PTA
- ◆ 7th November 2018 Hallfield & West House Football Fixture
- ◆ 9th November 2018 Lower III to RAF Cosford
- ◆ 14th November 2018 School Photographs
- ◆ 16th November 2018 Children In Need Non-Uniform
- ◆ 20th November 2018 Parents Evening
- ◆ 21st November 2018 Parents Evening
- ◆ 30th November 2018 Non-Uniform
- ◆ 7th December 2018 Pre Nursery to Ash End Farm
- ◆ 12th December 2018 Carol Service
- ◆ 13th December 2018 Kindergarten and Nursery to Dudley Zoo
- ◆ 14th December 2018 End of Term at 12:30



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