

MAYFIELD MESSENGER



Whitsun Half-Term 2019



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Headmaster's Foreword



Dear Parents,

While this seems to have been a short half-term, we seem to have packed a great deal into it. This is a brief re-cap of events and also a chance for me to bring you up-to-date with further news.

Everyone at school worked hard during exam week and early signs indicate that the results have been excellent. We await the publication of the KS1 and KS2 SATs results in July with great anticipation.

The Swimming Gala was very well-attended as always. My congratulations go to all the swimmers, from the learners in Nursery to the developing and intermediate swimmers right up to the advanced older children. Eesa and Muneet emerged as the top swimmers and Livingstone won the House Swimming Cup. Well done to all the competitors and thanks to Mrs Pittaway and all the staff for a wonderful gala.

While we welcome back Mrs Best (formerly Miss Lyons) from maternity leave, we say a huge thank you to Mrs Winson for her inspirational art teaching. Mrs Andrews, Mrs Leonard and Mrs Hayward have all given birth to healthy babies and are all doing well. I also want to bring you

up-to-date with staffing arrangements for September. There will be no change in Pre-Nursery. Miss Roberts and Miss Cummings will join Mrs Evans, Mrs Hayward and Mrs Sal in Nursery, while Mrs Higgins and Mrs Adams will take over in Kindergarten. Mrs Whatmore will join Mrs Smith in Transition, who will also be taking over as RWI Reading Leader, while Mrs Smith the Teaching Assistant will join Mrs Crosby and Mrs Cook in Lower II. There will be no change in Form I (Mrs Guest and Mrs Dhesi) and no change in Lower III (Mrs Andrews and Mrs Hawthorne). Miss Gamble will join Mrs Pittaway, Mrs Cook and Mrs Inkster in Form II, while Mrs Hatton will teach English and Science in Upper II, joining Mr Watts as Form

Teacher. The children will be able to spend time with their new form teachers on Moving Up day on Friday 5th July.

On a sad note, Mr and Mrs Cook have decided that it is time to hang up their whistles and call it a day. They have both been amazing teachers at Mayfield for a combined total of over 30 years and have brought joy to the lives of thousands of children, parents and staff over the years. I am sure you will join

me in wishing them both well in their retirement and hope that they will come and visit us at our events. Make sure you join us for the Prizegiving at 1.30pm on Tuesday 9th July, when Mr and Mrs Cook will officially open our new school hall as Guests of Honour.

We will therefore be welcoming Mr Tobin in September as teacher of PE, Games and Humanities. He has taught for over 30 years in the independent sector, mainly at Hallfield School, Edgbaston, so he

is hugely experienced, very qualified in all the sports we teach here, including swimming, and is excellent with the children. He will be an asset to the school and I am sure you will join me in welcoming him to Mayfield.

Thus, we come to end of the half-term report. I wish you all a wonderful half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 10th June.

Mr M. Draper
Headmaster

Chess

Amraya has beaten off some serious competition to become the Under 8 Chess Supremal! Well done Amraya!



Half-Term Reading

Here are some new releases and some classics, libraries often have fun activities on during the school holidays, try to check out your local one.

Lower School



Upper School



Meet The Team - Mrs Smith



How has your first term at Mayfield been? ***It has been great! Very busy but lots of fun!***



Do you have any pets? ***A chocolate Labrador called Amber, a grey rabbit called Sammie and a goldfish.***

The most enjoyable book you've read? ***Probably all of the Harry Potter books.***



Which fictional book character would you like to be? ***Miss Honey from Matilda.***



Can you tell me a joke?
***What instrument does a chicken play?
A drumstick!***

If you won the lottery what would you buy? ***A holiday home in Florida.***



What is your favourite food? ***I have a very sweet tooth so I like my puddings!***



What do you like to watch on TV? ***I like reality TV programmes, Britain's Got Talent is my favourite!***



What's the best gift you've ever received?
My two children.



What superpower would you like? ***To be able to fly.***



Pre-Nursery

This half term Pre Nursery have been using their senses to explore the environment.

They have enjoyed planting sunflowers, potato plants and cress seeds. All ready to make cress sandwiches.



Nursery



In Nursery we have been exploring our environment. Watching our caterpillars grow and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly.

We enjoyed two topic days in Kindergarten and in maths we have been working on Number bonds to 10. Looking at addition and subtraction symbols. We also enjoyed using our number monster machines to help with our calculations.



Transition

Transition are really excited to be learning all about dinosaurs this term.

Have a look at these fantastic models we have already made.

Other things we will be learning about include:

The history of fossils

The timeline of dinosaurs and the different periods

Designing our own dinosaur board game

Creating a dinosaur egg

We are really excited about showing you all of these fantastic things !



Form I

Form I's trip to the Black Country Living Museum Form I were transported back just over a hundred to what it would have been like as a child living in World War I on their trip to the Black Country Museum. The children took part in street games, visited shops, homes and factories. They even took part in a wash day session and used the mangle!



Lower II

Lower two went on a walk in the local area with A-Stars to further their understanding of road safety.

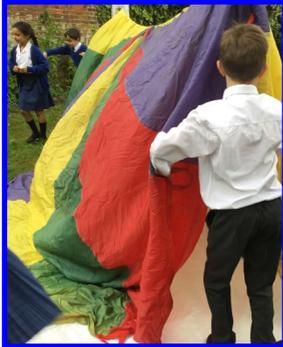
We looked at where it was appropriate to cross, crossing safely between vehicles, how to cross a road safely, safety around drives and stationary vehicles.

All students were focussed, kind and interested.



Form II

The English text for this term has been Swallows and Amazons. Form II have had lots of fun learning how to make a tent and next term they'll be going sailing!



Friday 3rd May

How to make a 1930's tent

Have you ever thought what it would be like to live the life as a Swallow? Well if you did you will need to make a waterproof tent! 1930's camping brings joy to life and there's an added extra sail through the seas while enjoying fresh air!

Equipment:

- canvas (waterproof)
- rock's (heavy)
- rope (2-3 metres)
- two trees

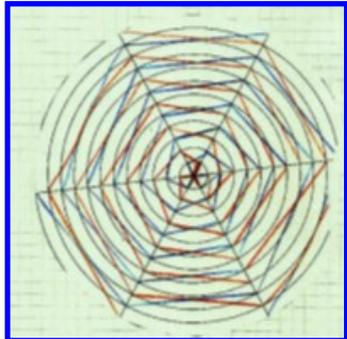
What to do

1. The first thing you need is two strong trees far apart.
2. The second instruction is to get a rope and tie a knot on the tree's as high as possible.
3. The third thing you need to do is tie the rope between the two trees as high as possible.
4. The fourth thing you need to do is put your canvas on top of your rope.
5. Lastly you need to pull the canvas a bit and focks on it then you put in your furniture. And finally try out your 1930's tent.



Upper II

In Geometry this term Upper II have been learning about shapes and spirals. We have studied about important Mathematicians from Ancient Greek times like Archimedes. In an Archimedean spiral the gap between the curves of the spiral stays the same.



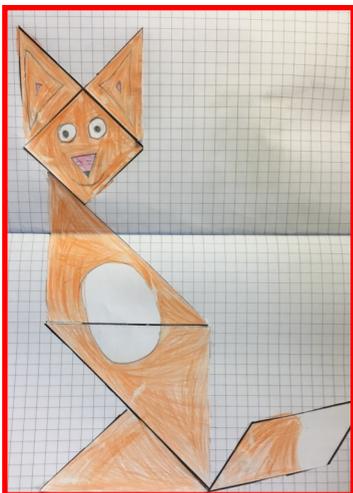
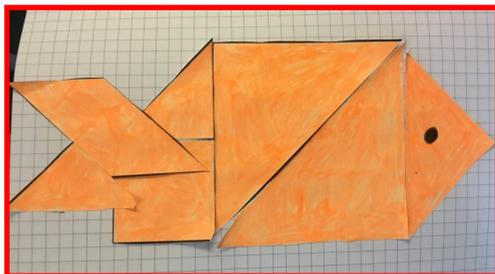
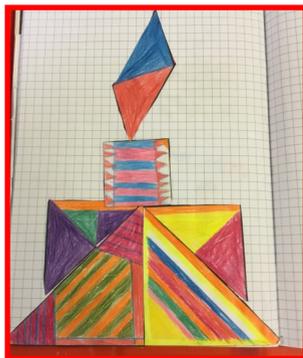
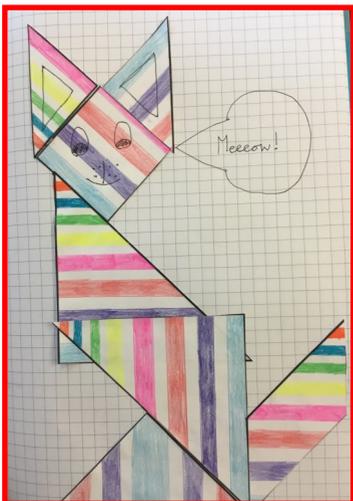
Some spirals are man made.

Others are found in natural things such as plants and animals.

A collage of images illustrating various spirals. It includes a pink flower, a galaxy, a seashell, a nautilus shell, a spiral staircase, a fan, and a spiral galaxy.

Lower III

Lower III have worked hard this half term preparing for their SATs examinations. As they are now complete we spent our first maths lesson after the examinations looking at Tangrams - an ancient Chinese puzzle consisting of seven shapes that can be used to create many images, with a little strategy, clever thinking and determination. The children created some excellent images and flexed their brains while having a good time!



Recycling

Following on from Professor Gatrad's WASUP (Walsall Against Single Use Plastic) visit last term, we have been making a conscious effort to reduce single use plastics around the School.

The children are keen recyclers and we ask if you could help them by trying not to send in single use plastic items in their lunch boxes.

We have a range of recycling boxes around the school now for paper/cardboard, clean plastics, crisps and batteries.



Key Dates - 2019



- ◆ 10th June Lower III to residential trip (5 Days)
- ◆ 12th June PTA meeting
- ◆ 14th June Transition to Dinosaur World Live Show
- ◆ 19th June UII Maths Challenge
- ◆ 20th June LIII Bikeability (2 days)
- ◆ 21st June LII to Go Ape
- ◆ 21st June PN to Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park
- ◆ 26th June Upper School Sports Day
- ◆ 27th June LII & FII Soloists Concert
- ◆ 28th June FII & UII KES Science Challenge
- ◆ 29th June Summer Garden Party
- ◆ 2nd July Form II Sailing Trip
- ◆ 3rd July Lower School Sports Day
- ◆ 4th July UII to Cadbury World
- ◆ 11th July Lower III Farewell Party
- ◆ 12th July End of Term



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