

MAYFIELD MESSENGER



Autumn Half-Term 2019



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Headmaster's Foreword



Dear all,

The half term seems to have flown by, although an awful lot has been packed into a short space of time! I hope our pupils and parents have been enjoying the Rugby World Cup in Japan – it has certainly been a talking point in the staffroom – and with the semi-finals this weekend, there is a very real possibility of England v Wales in the final on 2nd November – wouldn't that be great! Further highlights of the half-term include the MacMillan Coffee morning, so ably organised by Lower III with Mrs Andrews' help,

and £500 was raised for this worthy cause. The PTA Film Night featured the timeless classic 'Peter Pan' and was thoroughly enjoyed. The PTA Hallowe'en Disco last Friday was frightfully good. Thanks to DJ Sam and the parents and teachers of the PTA for giving our children some great times.

Nursery invited parents in last week for a lovely Harvest Festival and they all enjoyed a nice warm bowl of soup together, while in main school we rounded off the half-term in fine style with our celebrations of Harvest Festival. Lower and Upper School have practised hard with Mrs Gerighty and it was a lovely occasion! Our thanks go to our guest speaker, Reverend Allcock, from St Martin's. 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.

Regarding staffing, Mr Tobin has settled in quickly and organised several football matches against other schools. Shortly after half term, Mrs Hawthorne will go on maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to having her back at the start of May next year. Mrs Marston will be covering the maternity leave. She has been a primary school teacher for 23 years in Birmingham, Sandwell and Walsall, specialising in Maths, Science and ICT and spent 7 years as the Assistant Headteacher at Tameside Primary School. We also have two part time teaching assistants starting after half term. Mrs Bowen will be supporting Form II. She is a very experienced learning support assistant, who has worked for many years in Cheltenham and

Birmingham, most recently at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. Mrs Cadman will be working Thursdays and Fridays in Nursery. Similarly, she is very experienced and has worked extensively in Walsall schools, most recently as a learning support assistant at Whetstone Primary School. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them all to the Mayfield family.

Parking around school has come up again. A sixth form student at Queen Mary's Grammar School was knocked down on Sutton Road a few weeks ago, but thankfully not seriously injured, while parents, local residents and Linda the Lollipop Lady have complained to me about cars parking on the zig zags by the zebra crossing, which is illegal and dangerous, and cars parked across driveways, including the entrance to the Franklin Gardens flats opposite the school,

which is inconvenient and also illegal. Again, I am asking parents to park legally, safely for our children and with respect for local residents. I have also been advised that the local authority has been contacted which will inevitably spark off a wave of traffic wardens after half term who will be issuing tickets. Thank you for your co-operation.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that shortly after half term, all the snagging work will finally be finished on our new sports hall. I wish you all a wonderful half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 4th November. Remember that the children need to come back in winter uniform.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M. Draper
Headmaster

Addendum

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

Halloween Disco

There were some fantastic costumes at the Halloween Disco this year. Our next event will be the Christmas Fair which is open to all. We hope that as many of you as possible will be joining us on the 6th December.



Movie Night

The PTA Movie Night was held this half term. Children were able to watch Peter Pan in their onesies. We raised over £300! Thank you to all of the teachers and parents involved. We are hoping to show Elf at the next Movie Night after Half Term.

Elections

Lower III representatives were once again duly elected as everyone exercised their democratic right to vote. Well done to all of the children who bravely stood at the front of school to deliver their speech or in some cases speeches. In addition to the roles listed here we also have assistant librarians, music monitors, ICT monitors and School Council leaders.

Congratulations to all who have been awarded a position of responsibility.

School Election Results 2019		
Head Boy: Yuvraj		Head Girl: Eva
Head Librarian: Harkiran		
Livingstone	Nightingale	Scott
House Captains: Maya Tuneesh	House Captains: Amaan Kierat	House Captains: Amraaj Raniya
Games Captains: Aneesa Nivaran	Games Captains: Bilal Amrita	Games Captains: Muneet Ben

Geography

Lower II have been using their geographical skills to measure distances from Birmingham to other cities in the UK, using an eight point compass and a distance scale. They also located



the highest mountains in the UK and completed bar charts



for monthly rainfall, comparing Birmingham to Wales!

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Lower III hosted the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 27th September. It was great to see so many parents at the event. We are pleased to have raised £500 for such a worthy charity. Thank you to everyone for your support and well done to Lower III for playing the perfect hosts.



School Council

Meet your new School Council team, who have been elected by their peers and are led by Priya and Tuneesh. They have meetings once every half term and discuss issues which may have been brought to their attention by other children. The council members also look at ways to improve and enhance the school.



A STARS *

A ACTIVE

S SUSTAINABLE

T TRAVEL

A AND

R ROAD

S SAFETY

Children from A STARS went to Walsall Council to meet up with representatives from



other schools to talk about our inaugural roles as A* sheriffs and consider how we can make a difference to the environment this academic year. Eve, Yuvraj, Annah and

Thomas entered the A* Safety quiz and created a poster. It was a fun meeting and it was good to meet up with other schools who are also doing the initiative.

www.astarswalsall.co.uk

Meet The Team - Mr Tobin

Describe yourself in three words?

“Active, Receptive and Content.”

What are your hobbies?

“Play most sports— racketball, tennis, golf, park run (completed 106), quizzes, cinema.”



What type of music do you like listening to?

“All sorts, recent gigs Bryan Ferry, Chrissie Hynde, The Stranglers.”



Which football team do you support?

“The mighty West Bromwich Albion!”



Can you tell us a joke?

“In Egypt a new tomb has been discovered. When the bandages were removed the mummy’s body was covered in nuts and chocolate. Turns out to be the remains of Pharaoh Rocher.”



Do you have a claim to fame?

“Played at the old Wembley Stadium.”

Who would you like to invite to dinner (past or present)?

“Ian Rankin, one of my favourite authors. He writes the Inspector Rebus Books and I’ve read them all.”



What’s the best advice you’ve ever received?

“Learn to get on with people.”

What’s your favourite TV programme?

“The Sopranos.”



What is your greatest achievement?

“Being the first in my family ever to go to University. Two well rounded, easy going grown up children.”

Kindergarten

Kindergarten have a class teddy bear called Pop. He is an explorer and loves to visit new places.

This half term he has visited The Amazon Rainforest in Jude's garden and learned about the animals that live there. The children then experienced the sounds of the rainforest.



He explored the Custard Factory in Birmingham with Anise. Pop also went to the Gurdwara with Amreen and wore

a patka. He also visited Resorts World and showed the children where it was on Google maps.

Where will he go next half term?



Early Years

All of the children have settled in well at Pre-Nursery.

As a golden time treat Nursery went on a woodland walk.



They talked about the different shaped leaves and insects. Nursery enjoyed exploring the outdoor

environment. Miss Roberts kindly built a campfire and discussed how to light and put the fire out. She also

discussed the dangers of fire. They all enjoyed some yummy hot chocolate!

Harvest Festival

Nursery invited parents to their Harvest performance this half term. We had beautiful choruses of the much loved Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and This is the Time for Harvest. The children

chopped up some vegetables and Mrs Hayward made a vegetable soup for all to enjoy.

A Harvest Service was also given by Upper and Lower School, and it

wouldn't have felt complete without a fabulous rendition of Cauliflowers Fluffy! Thank you for all of your donations which were delivered to the Black Country Food Bank.



Form II Dentist

Form II have been to visit the dentist. All of the children had their teeth checked. Disclosure tablets were used to see how clean their teeth were.



Football Fixtures

Well done to our Lower III and Upper II boys who played in the Highclare football tournament this Half Term.

Team A were unbeaten in five matches, they won 3 of the matches and drew in the other 2. Team B drew 2 and lost 3.



Team Mayfield have also played in a tournament at Sheffield and had

fixtures against Hallfield, West House and Norfolk House.

Key Dates - 2019



- ◆ 4th November Back to School
- ◆ 8th November Transition & Form I to Tamworth Castle
- ◆ 11th November Lower II & Form II to Wyre Forest Centre
- ◆ 11th November Primary Maths Challenge
- ◆ 13th November School Photographs
- ◆ 27th November Young Shakespeare Company
- ◆ 4th December Transition to Lower III visit Lichfield Garrick
- ◆ 5th December EYFS Nativity
- ◆ 6th December KS1 Nativity
- ◆ 6th December Christmas Fair
- ◆ 6th December Pre Nursery to Ash End Farm
- ◆ 9th December Nursery & Kindergarten to Birmingham Rep
- ◆ 9th December Upper School Christmas Party
- ◆ 10th December Lower School Christmas Party
- ◆ 11th December Carol Service at St Matthews
- ◆ 11th December EYFS Christmas Party
- ◆ 13th December End of Term at 12:30



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