

MAYFIELD MESSENGER



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Headmaster's Foreword



Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that we are almost at the half term break, the last seven weeks seem to have flown by! The children have loved being in school and the staff have really enjoyed being able to teach in person in school. Thanks to all the safety precautions in school and thanks to everyone, staff, parents and children being careful and sensible, we have still only had one case in school and very few families affected by members of the household having to isolate. When our Form II pod had to isolate for 14 days, or when individual children or

members of staff have had to isolate, the teachers have seamlessly transitioned into virtual learning and live lessons on Teams following the timetable. This has meant very little disruption to the children's learning and enjoyment. Furthermore, we have been able to resume piano, flute, violin and guitar lessons, and extra-curricular activities have also been able to start up. After half term, we will be able to offer more extra-curricular activities and we will let you know further details when school re-opens.

This week, the children have worked hard on celebrating Harvest with poetry recitals in their class pods which have been shared with other classes via Teams. I would like to thank 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.

Also, this week our Lower III pupils have prepared speeches and broadcast live to the rest of the school who have voted for who they want to be Head Boy, Head Girl, Head Librarian, House Captains and Games Captains. Lower III have had a busy half term sitting a number of secondary school entrance exams, and they thoroughly deserve the chance to have extra responsibility in school. They also thoroughly deserve a good rest over half term!

I am delighted that this half term has gone so well and that the school feels very safe. I am also thrilled that after half term, we will be able to welcome back the rest of our staff who have been on furlough. We already welcomed back Mrs Gerightly last week who has been helping Transition with Mrs Smith having to isolate. We will also welcome

back Mrs Hawthorne, the Assistant Head, Mr Tobin, PE teacher in main school, Miss Gamble and Mrs Bowen, Teaching Assistants. As you know, we have restrictions in place to prevent cross-contamination from teaching staff working in too many class pods. This has meant that we have had to let go some staff whose normal job requires them to work across as many as six different year groups, so I am afraid we have said farewell to Senora Maribel, Miss Avril and Miss Mills and I am sure you will join me in wishing them well. I can assure you that drama is being taught as part of the English curriculum, dance as part of the PE curriculum and modern foreign languages are continuing to be taught by qualified and experienced teachers from Transition upwards, with Latin being taught by me in Upper II and Lower III! 'Facta non verba', 'deeds not just words' I could say.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 2nd November. Make sure you all stay safe, that the children have a well-deserved rest and come back firing on all cylinders after the half term. Finally, remember that the children need to come back in winter uniform.

Best wishes and take care,

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); 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.



School Office



We hope you'll join us in welcoming some new faces to the school office as Mrs Sim and Mrs Hall join our Mayfield team.

Mrs Sim pictured on the left is the new School Assistant Administrator and joins us from a financial background. Mrs Sim loves spending time with family and is currently busy training her new puppy called Arlo.

Mrs Hall on the right is

Mr Draper's PA and has a number of years experience working within an educational setting. Mrs Hall enjoys gardening and spending time with family and her pet Border Terrier called Skye.

I asked both ladies how they were settling into Mayfield.

Mrs Hall " I enjoy working in the school office, each day is busy and so varied. It has been a pleasure getting to know the children and families to date, and I

look forward to meeting everyone in due course. "

Mrs Sim "I have been made to feel very welcome and have enjoyed getting to know everyone. Mayfield feels like one big family. I enjoy working in the school office and it has been a pleasure meeting the children and their families and I hope that once it is safe to do so , I will get to know many more of you. "

School Lunches

School lunches have been a resounding success. The menus have included a variety of foods including hot jacket potatoes, pizza, wraps and of course

Friday fish and chips! Children get a choice of a hot or cold meal as well as a dessert.

Due to restrictions of being in bubbles we've been unable to hold

school lunches in the hall as originally planned but we're delighted to say that from the 2nd November we will operate a hot counter service.

Lower III Elections

Thanks to the technology we have in place, the democratic vote for the new Lower III roles was still able to go ahead. Our candidates live streamed their speeches to the whole school and votes were then cast within each bubble. The votes were tallied up and the roles detailed below were announced in Tuesday's assembly, as well as Librarians, School Council Representatives and Monitors. Well done to all of the candidates, all of your speeches were outstanding!

Head Boy: Samraaj Deputy: Dhruv		Head Girl: Naynaa Deputy: Madeleine	
Head Librarian: Hana			
Livingstone	Nightingale	Scott	
House Captains: Aarush Reena	House Captains: Aryan Amrissa	House Captains: Rohan M Jaya	
Games Captains: William Aniqa	Games Captains: Sharif Priya	Games Captains: Raushan Abigail	

Transition Art

Lots of fun was had by Transition as they created their broccoli print trees and Autumnal art.



Stone Age Art

Lower II have been looking at Stone Age cave paintings in Art. They looked at the Lascaux cave paintings for examples then had a go at drawing and painting their own.



Student Spotlight

This is Dylan's first piece of written work since joining Form I, it's from the book *The Bog Baby*. What amazing expanded noun phrases! Well done Dylan, keep up the fantastic work.

Wednesday 16th September 2020

L.O To use expanded noun phrases in a character description.



3 Merits

The Bog Baby has tiny, small wings. He has boggly, goggly eyes. His pointy, arrow like tail is very small indeed. The Bog Baby is the size of a frog. He is the most ticklish creature in the whole, wide world! His wings are so small that he can't fly even if you blow him. His most favourite food is chocolate cake crumbs. He absolutely loves ~~eat~~ sucking his toes ^{on} the pond. He lives on a magical pond in the lovely Bluebell Wood.

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Wow! Amazing expanded noun phrases

Story Writing

During lockdown Mustafa and Sumayya entered a writing competition. They have both been chosen for publication in a book showcasing young writer's work!

Sumayya wrote a short story about silly school Trips called -The Land Of The Unicorns . Mustafa wrote a mini saga called "The Forgetful Teacher" and he was one of the chosen stories from over 5,000 entries nationwide.

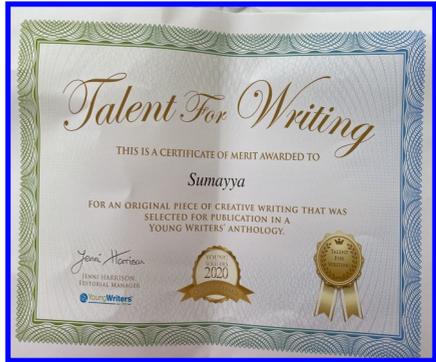
Well done Sumayya and Mustafa!



The Forgetful Teacher

There once was a forgetful teacher who forgot nearly everything! She was always very cheerful but not very good at teaching. She forgot what time school started and she forgot where school was. She forgot what her name was and she forgot the children's names. The one thing she did not forget was to be kind and caring to the children in her class. She always bought them yummy sweets for snacks and forgot to set homework. The children loved the forgetful teacher because she made them happy and never sad. The forgetful teacher really is very fantastic!

Mustafa
Age 7



School trip
To the land of the Unicorns

One sunny morning I woke up in a very very happy mood and I knew that I would have a great day because it was school trip day. So I went down stairs and I had my breakfast got dressed, packed my lunch, got my coat on and went to school.

On our school trip to the land of the Unicorns, we went on a magical school bus. The bus was flying over the rainbow and I saw a Unicorn and the Unicorn led the way but nobody knew where she was leading us. Until finally we reached the most beautiful beautiful place I had ever seen. I started to feel weird and all of a sudden I turned into a princess with a proper princess dress and proper princess shoes and the most beautiful tiara ever. There was even a palace and inside of the palace was lots, lots and lots of candy. We got to play in a river of melted chocolate and fly in the clouds of candyfloss. We got to eat trees of candy and flowers of candy. At lunch time nobody wanted to eat because they'd eaten too many sweets and all had tummy aches.

At the end of the day we got back on the school bus and everyone fell asleep after such a tiring day. When we woke up we were back at school and I was a normal girl again.

The End

Sumayya Age 6.

Muddy Puddles

Early Years have had so much fun this week whilst taking part in the Peppa Pig Muddy Puddle Walk for Save the Children.

The children enjoyed going out on the paddock looking for things to put in their muddy puddles. They found lots of autumn leaves that were different shapes and colours. They also collected sticks, conkers and bark.



The children were able to raise a lot of money for Save the Children whilst having lots of fun!



Key Dates - 2020



- ◆ 2nd November Back to School
- ◆ 13th November Non Uniform for Children in Need
- ◆ 17th/18th November Parents Evening
- ◆ 18th November School Photographs
- ◆ 18th December School closes at 12:30 for Christmas



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