

MAYFIELD MESSENGER



Christmas 2020



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Headmaster's Foreword



End of Term Round Up

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, it falls to me to preface our end of term magazine with a summary of Mayfield life since November. Just as 1666 will be forever remembered for the Black Death and the Great Fire of London, and 1918 for Spanish Flu, 2020 will be forever remembered in history for the Covid pandemic. Now that the vaccine has begun to be administered, we can see light at the end of the tunnel and hope that life can soon return to normal. However, until it is deemed safe to resume normality, we

must all remain vigilant and adhere to the strict rules we have been following so successfully. Despite the restrictions, we have tried to bring festive cheer to the school with lights, Christmas trees, Christmas parties in class pods, Christmas cards and plenty of fun for the children at the end of a long, hardworking term. We have also managed some other things, too.

Mayfield Preparatory School has now been in the Sunday Times League Tables Top 100 Prep Schools for the tenth successive year, currently ranked 11th, our highest ever position! I hope everybody is very proud of our wonderful school!

Pupils in Upper II and Lower III have also performed admirably in the Primary Mathematics Challenge, with a number of them achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. A small number of children have also qualified for the bonus round in

February, providing an opportunity to achieve a much-coveted Bronze, Silver or Gold medal. Watch this space!

The first event after half term was Remembrance Day. Thank you to all those who bought poppies to donate towards the British Legion. The two minute silence was observed remotely and impeccably to the haunting notes of the 'Last Post'. Shortly afterwards, Scott House organised a non-uniform day to support Children in Need, and we raised £370 for a great cause. Last week, the PTA also organised Christmas Jumper Day and thanks to all those who donated toys for the children's ward at the Manor hospital and local Surestart centres. Finally, thanks to all those who donated to the Bags2Schools to provide clothing and shoes for those less privileged than ourselves – we have certainly done our bit!

Nursery and Kindergarten have tried

hard to get us into the Christmas spirit with charming little nativities posted remotely on Tapestry. While Transition and Form 1 have given us another great Mayfield Nativity, entitled 'Lights, Camel, Action!' To put the nativity together remotely without the Transition and Form 1 pods mixing, and without choral singing, has proven quite a filming and editing challenge, but our talented staff have performed miracles and the whole school has thoroughly enjoyed their wonderful play. Well done to all the

children and staff.

Looking back on the term, the staff and children have worked hard and the learning has been incredible. The children have adapted to staying in their pods and have really enjoyed coming into school, mixing with their friends, making the most of their PE lessons in our new Hall of the Olympians and, most importantly of all, the children are happy.

I would like to wish everyone, this year more than any other year, a very Merry Christmas, hopefully reunited with any family members you

have not seen for a while. Stay safe, enjoy the holiday and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and well on Thursday 7th January. Let's put behind us 2020 and look forward to a bright, new future in 2021!

Mr M. Draper

Headmaster



Children In Need



Children had lots of fun on Friday 13th when they all raised money for Children In Need by coming into school in non-uniform. There was a competition to work out what Pudsey's name would be if it wasn't Pudsey. The lucky winner was Avraj from Form I, who correctly chose the name 'Branden'.

We were able to send £370.15 to Children In Need, a big thank you to everyone for your kind donations!

School Lunches

Full counter service is now available for school lunches. The new dining tables have also been a hit!



Music

During the summer holidays Orin from Lower II entered for a new and unfamiliar online Trinity grade three piano exam. His piano teacher shared that Orin's musicality and dedication to practising was evident and that he has received a high merit.

Many congratulations Orin!



Student Spotlight

Mrs Smith has been very impressed by Jude's online work in Transition, particularly his art work. Well done Jude!

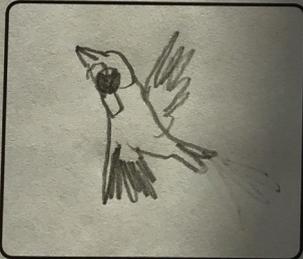
Animals in Winter

Draw three different animals and write about what they do in winter. Choose:

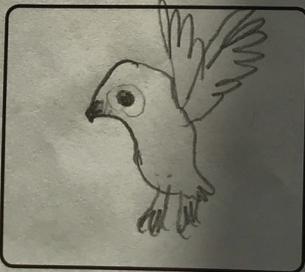
- 1 animal which hibernates;
- 1 animal which migrates;
- 1 animal which changes its appearance.



This hedgehog is going to sleep until its spring.



This swallow is migrating to a warmer place.



This snow owl ^{you} has lots of spots but in the winter he has eight spots.



Animals in Winter

Blank writing area with a decorative border and three circles on the right side.

Choose an animal which adapts its behaviour or appearance to survive winter. Draw a picture and write some sentences to explain what it does.



This snow owl is sneaking up on his prey. In the winter he turns white for two reasons. One is for sneaking on his prey and the other reason is to hide from predators such as foxes.

Form I Nativity

Despite the restrictions in place we were still able to see Form I's wonderful nativity, 'Lights, Camel, Action'. What a dazzling performance from them all, well done Form I!





Nursery



Nursery have been spending Friday mornings on the Paddock. We have been having a really fun time. We have learned Mathematics such as prepositions by placing cuddly toys in, on, under and behind trees.

We have made magic wands, dens for small animals and a string walk when we had to use our senses to get from one tree to the other. We even had snack time outdoors.



Mrs Higgins.





Winter Wonderland

The children in Pre-Nursery and Nursery have made a lovely sparkly winter wonderland .



Key Dates - 2021



- * 7th Jan Back to School
- * 11th Jan Extra-Curricular Clubs Start
- * 12th Feb Chinese New Year Activity
- * 12th Feb End of Half Term



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