



# MAYFIELD MESSENGER



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MAYFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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# Headmaster's Foreword



## Half-Term Round-up

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of the first half term of the year. Well done children, staff and parents for your hard work whether remote learning or teaching, looking after critical worker children in school and managing their remote learning or teaching Pre-Nursery and Nursery in school. Very importantly, we ran a number of assemblies, workshops and activities last week during Mental Health week to support the health and wellbeing of our children. This week, we have also provided pupils, staff

and parents lots of information on online safety and cyber security during assemblies and activities on 9th February's Internet Safety Day. It is also important to mention that as a multi-cultural school, we celebrated Chinese New Year on the last day of the half term, and took the opportunity to provide the children with some much needed 'off-screen' learning activities. One of the interesting outcomes of the previous lockdown and remote learning in the Summer Term was that we completed the year's planned curriculum with several weeks to spare before the end of the school year, which allowed us to actually get ahead and reinforce many concepts in preparation for the new academic year in September. The same has happened during the current lockdown and once again the pupils and teachers are roaring

through the curriculum, which is having a very beneficial effect on the children's progress. Such is the quality of our provision of remote learning that our children are benefiting enormously in comparison to children in state schools, and even in other independent schools. Let's be proud of a fantastic team effort and keep up the great work, everyone!

There is also light at the end of the tunnel and many reasons for optimism: the numbers of infections, hospital admissions and deaths are going down in the right direction, and with the incredible rate at which the vaccines are being administered, our way out of the lockdown restrictions must surely be imminent. A few weeks ago, the Prime Minister announced that they planned to re-open schools from 8th March in England, and a more detailed plan would be unveiled on 22nd

February. Great news, as we know we now have an end date to remote learning in sight and can begin to plan for the wider re-opening of the school.

So, make the most of the half-term break, everyone, re-charge

your batteries, enjoy family time, keep social distancing, washing hands regularly, wearing masks, keep being careful and I look forward to seeing you, some remotely, some in person on the 22nd February, and I hope to

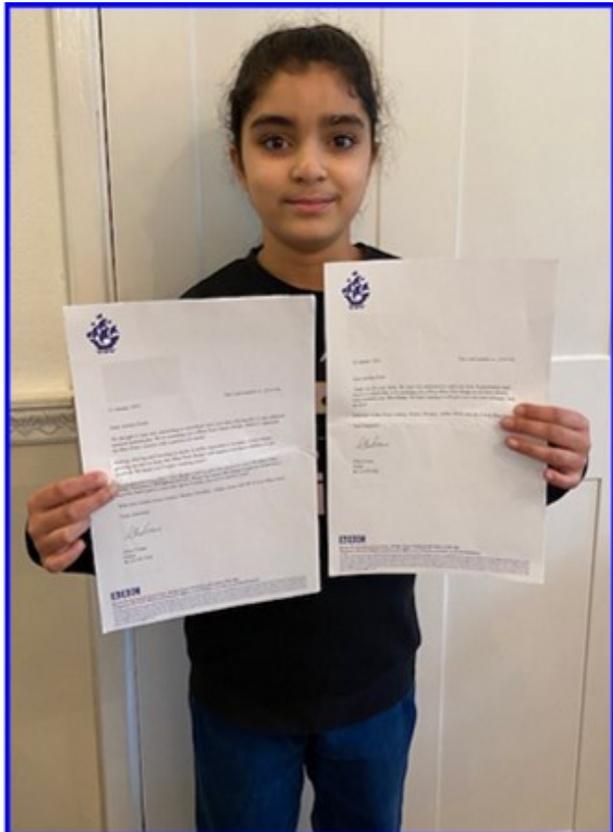
see all of you from 8th March back in school.

Best wishes,

Mr M. Draper  
Headmaster

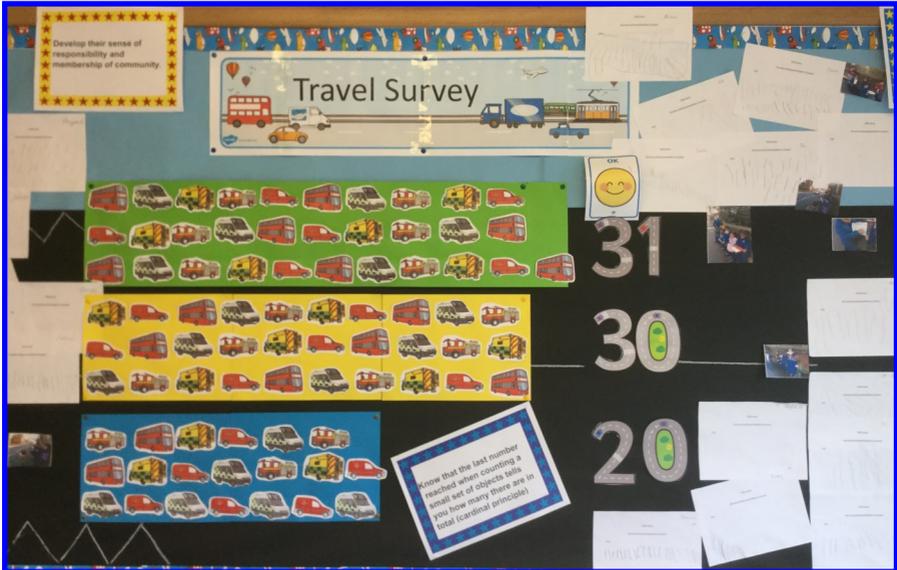
## Blue Peter Badge

**A**mraya from Upper II has won a Silver Blue Peter Badge for a story she wrote and entered a few weeks ago, called Hypnotization. In addition to this she also entered for a Music Badge with her flute and achieved this too! Well done Amraya!



## Road Traffic Survey

Nursery's Red, Yellow and Blue group each spent 5 minutes outside Mayfield and counted vehicles that went past. The 3 groups got different results which we used in a Mathematics lesson. Mrs Hayward and the children put together this fab display.

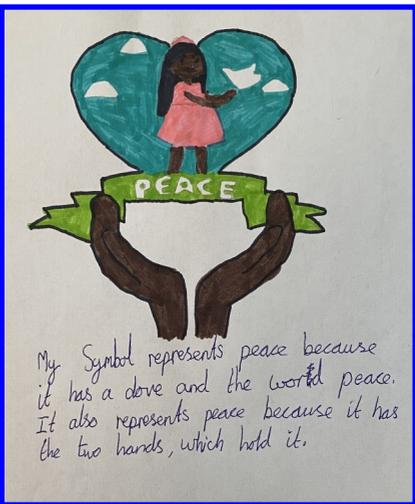
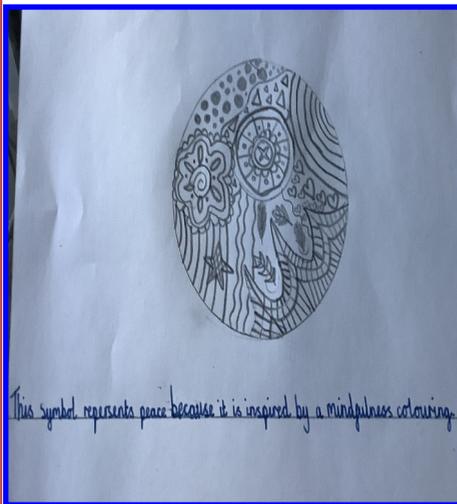
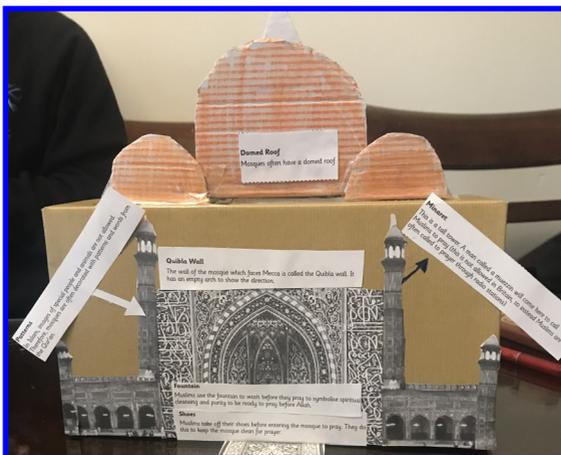


## Religious Education

Lower II have been learning about Islam in RE and this week made model mosques.

Upper II have been designing peace symbols for RE.





# Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week  
1-7 February 2021

**EXPRESS YOURSELF**

Mayfield Children's Mental Health week began with many of the pupils watching a Virtual Assembly made by BAFTA, Oak National Academy and Place2Be's charity.

Tuesday saw Mrs Hawthorne deliver an assembly about Mental Health with a creative approach when we were asked what type of sock we would be and how we would express ourselves with colour, texture, design, warmth and purpose. Wednesday we learned about the formula of an uplifting song and it's physiological effects on our bodies.

So what is the formula for our favourite songs?

1) Positive lyrics

Hey there Mr. Blue  
We're so pleased to be with you  
Look around see what you do  
Everybody smiles at you

Mr Blue Sky by ELO chosen by Mr Draper



2) Uplifting Titles

Aint no mountain High enough Marvin Gaye

Chosen by Mrs Hayward



3) Motivational songs that #pump you up with a catchy beat

Eye of the Tiger by Survivor chosen by Mrs Crosby



- What song lifts your mood?

# The Leuven Scales for Wellbeing and Involvement

Wellbeing focuses on the extent to which pupils feel at ease, act spontaneously, show vitality and self-confidence. It is a crucial component of emotional intelligence and good mental health.

## Level

1



Extremely Low

The child clearly shows signs of discomfort such as crying or screaming. They may look dejected, sad, frightened or angry. The child does not respond to the environment, avoids contact and is withdrawn. The child may behave aggressively, hurting him/herself or others.

2



Low

The posture, facial expression and actions indicate that the child does not feel at ease. However, the signals are less explicit than under level 1 or the sense of discomfort is not expressed the whole time.

3



Moderate

The child has a neutral posture. Facial expression and posture show little or no emotion. There are no signs indicating sadness or pleasure, comfort or discomfort.

4



High

The child shows obvious signs of satisfaction (as listed under level 5). However, these signals are not constantly present with the same intensity.

5



Extremely High

The child looks happy and cheerful, smiles, cries out with pleasure. They may be lively and full of energy. Actions can be spontaneous and expressive. The child may talk to him/herself, play with sounds, hum, sing. The child appears relaxed and does not show any signs of stress or tension. He /she is open and accessible to the environment. The child expresses self-confidence and self-assurance.

**Mayfield EYFS staff use the Leuven scale for Wellbeing on a regular basis. It ensures that all children's emotions are taken into account and practitioners understand their pupils.**

Shout (in partnership with Place2Be)  
Text CONNECT to 85258  
•For: anyone in the UK  
•Available: free, 24 hours a day  
•More info: [giveusashout.org](http://giveusashout.org)

Childline  
Call 0800 1111  
[Chat online](#) (set up an account first)  
[Send an email](#) (set up an account first)  
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## Helplines

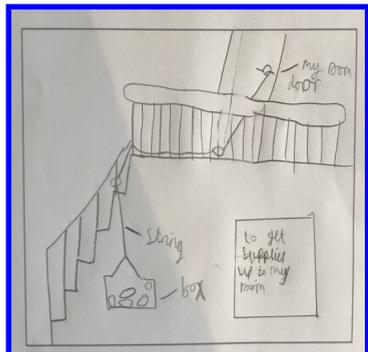
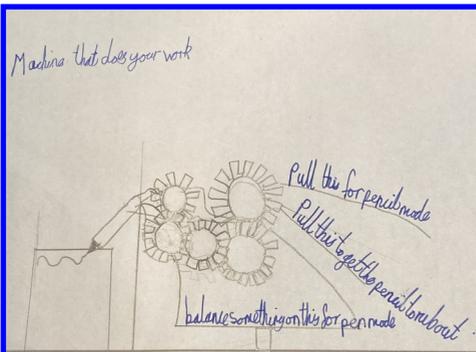
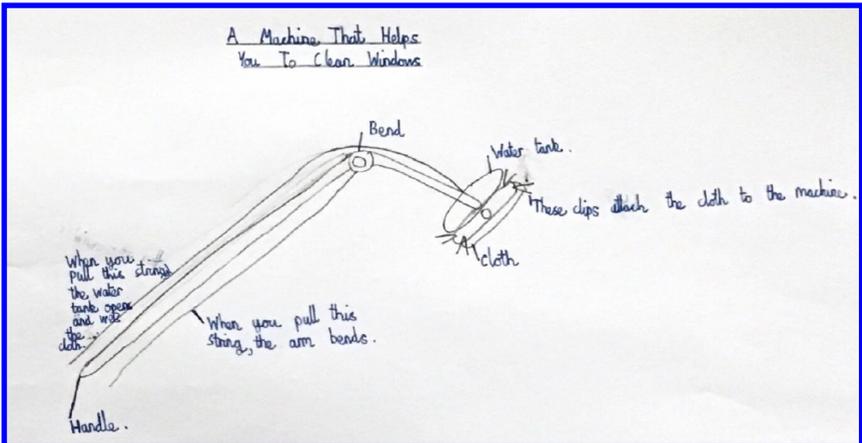
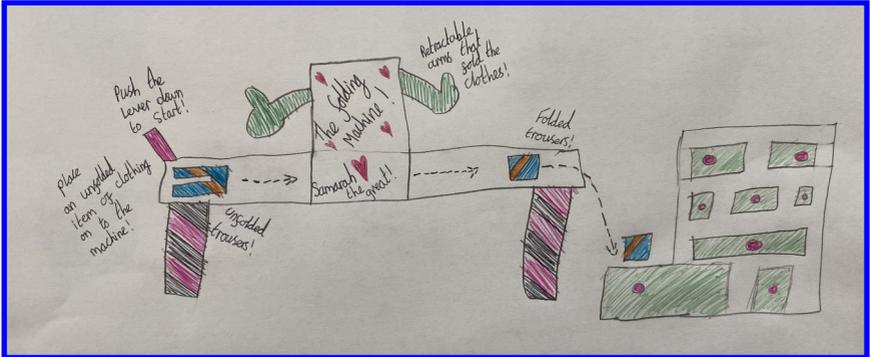
•The Young Minds Parents Helpline, which you can call for free on 0808 802 5544 (9.30am-4pm, Monday-Friday, UK).

### Support for teachers

Education Support Partnership Helpline  
Call 08000 562 561  
Text 07909 341229  
For: Teachers/educators  
Available: free, 24 hours a day  
More info: [educationsupport.org.uk](http://educationsupport.org.uk)

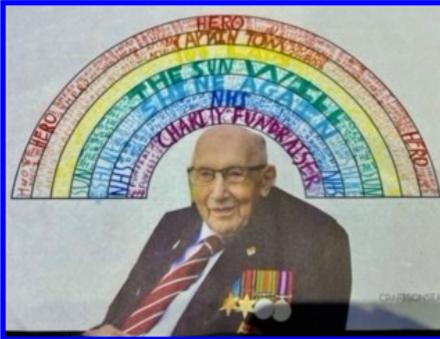
# Science

Upper II have been designing machines using mechanisms such as pulleys, levers or gears.



## Captain Tom

Lower II have been creating tributes to Captain Sir Tom Moore. Marvellous creations for a true hero! See our Facebook page for more of the creations.



## Safer Internet Day

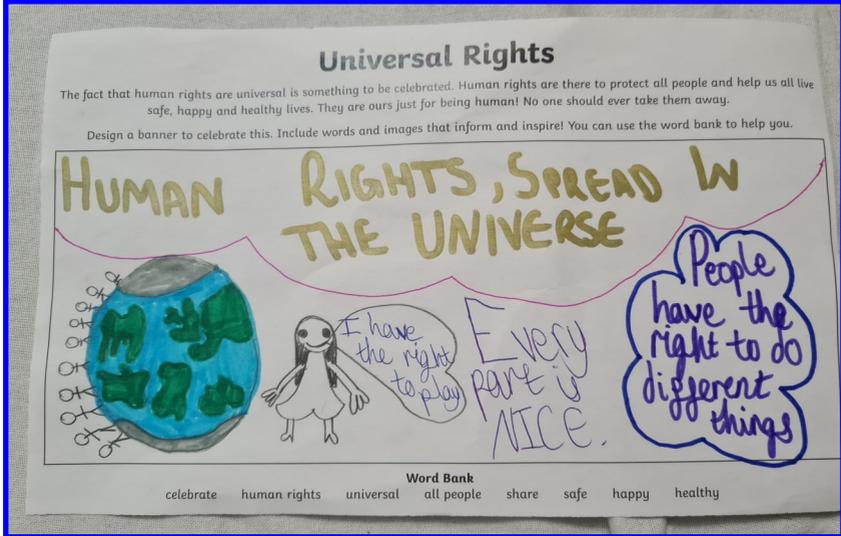


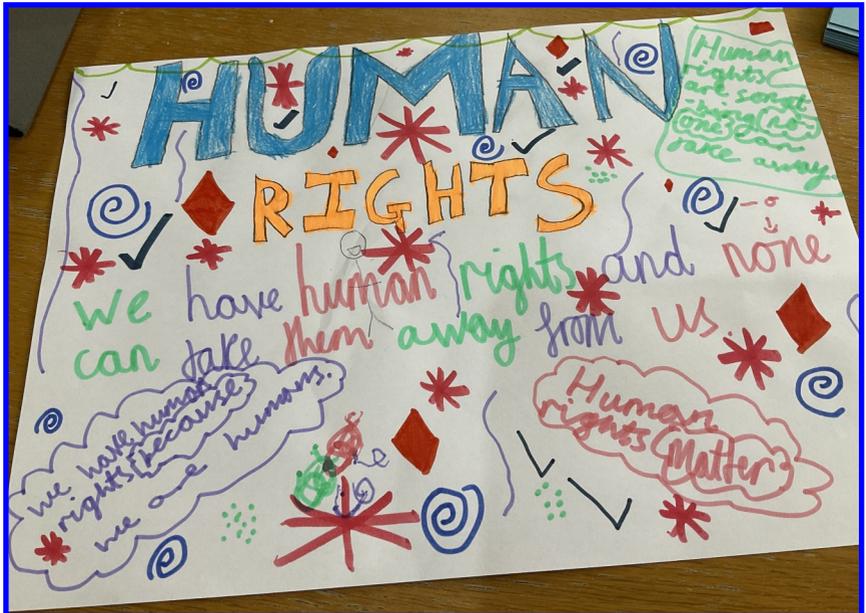
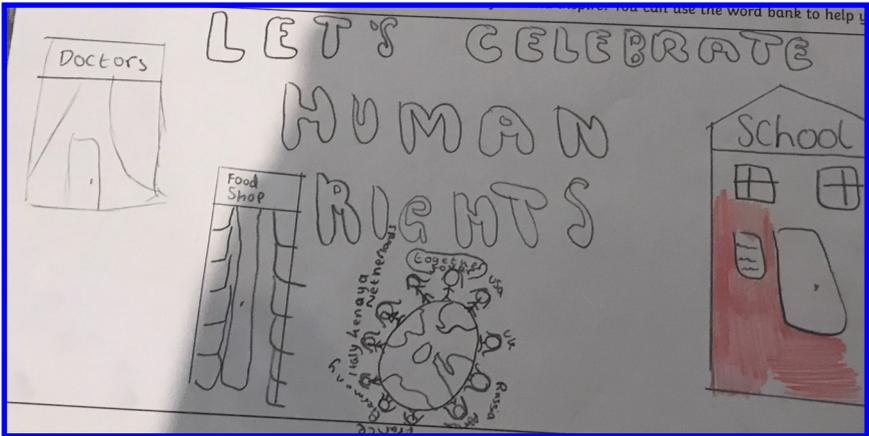
On the 9th February it was Safer Internet Day and Mrs Hawthorne's full message can be seen on our social media sites and the Mayfield website [www.mayfieldprep.co.uk](http://www.mayfieldprep.co.uk)

The theme this year is trustworthiness on the internet, fake news and how to manage it.

# PSED

Form II have been discussing human rights in PSED, here are a selection of banners which the children designed this week thinking about the different rights everyone is entitled to.





## Key Dates - 2021



- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| * 22nd February     | Back to School   |
| * 16th / 17th March | Parents Evenings |
| * 19th March        | Red Nose Day     |
| * 26th March        | End of Term      |



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