



MAYFIELD MESSENGER



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Headmaster's Foreword



Mayfield Highlights

2020 – 2021

We have come to the end of another incredible school year – incredible for many of the right reasons and also for the wrong reasons! Who would have thought this time 2 years ago that I would be writing about a global pandemic, lockdowns, bubbles, PPE, one-way systems around school, face masks, temperature checks, social distancing, self-isolating, PCR tests, lateral flow tests, the rule of 6, red, amber and green countries, quarantine, remote learning and freedom

day! Yet all these terms have become common parlance and we watch the news every day to find out the latest number of cases, are the figures up or down compared to this time last week and how many people have had their first and second vaccinations. Despite all this, we have ensured that our children have enjoyed a world-class education across the entire breadth of the curriculum, taught by our dedicated team of specialist staff. I am proud to say that 80% of our Lower III pupils have been offered places at grammar schools, as well as five scholarships offered. All through the school, our internal assessments have yielded impressive results and we will be able to give you full details in September and I am sure you will be impressed. Remember that Mayfield also climbed to number 11 in the Sunday Times League Tables this year, our highest position ever! In addition, we have been able to give the children, and where possible also the parents, those valuable extras such as trips, sports days, prizegivings and even an adapted summer fayre run in-house this week with the usual stalls and two bouncy castles, thank you to the PTA for funding the bouncy castles and the ice cream treat! Thanks also to the generosity of the parents for donating to the spectacular class hampers which were raffled off on Tuesday, raising valuable funds for the PTA. We have also been able to make substantial improvements to the school grounds this term: a new adventure trim trail has sprung up on the paddock, built on an all-weather surface to allow use all year round, and an Early Years climbing frame and water wall together with new playground markings have appeared

in the courtyard, much to all the children's delight; thanks again to the PTA for their substantial contribution to the projects. In addition, the driveway, pedestrian tarmac area and staff car park have been resurfaced and much appreciated by everyone.

We managed to run 7 different School Sports Days, run in single class groups due to the social distancing restrictions, and very enjoyable they were, too, even the Early Years event which took place in a steady drizzle – it was just nice to have an event! After all the different sports days and all the points were added up, the overall House winners were Nightingale, while Dharam, of Livingstone House, emerged as Victor Ludorum, and Abigail, of Scott House, triumphed as Victrix Ludorum. Sticking with the House theme, Nightingale also won the House Football, while Livingstone won the overall House Cup. Congratulations to all the children for earning

all those House Points and competing so sportingly in the House competitions.

Every class in the school has had a school trip this term, after over a year when we were not allowed to have any. Although we were unable to run the Lower III residential to Snowdonia, we took them to Beaudesert in Cannock instead, where they completed over 20 activities in a week, including abseiling, raft-building, kayaking and zip-wire, and had the time of their lives! The rest of the school's children also really enjoyed their trips; Pre-Nursery at the Birmingham Nature Centre, Nursery and Kindergarten at Ash End Farm, Transition at the West Midlands Safari Park, Form I at the Botanical Gardens; Lower II 'Go Ape', Form II sailing at Sneyd, Upper II at RAF Cosford; and I am proud to say that we had many compliments about the impeccable conduct of the children from the venue organisers and even members of the

public! We also had a fun-packed Early Years Pirates Day and Upper School loved the Young Shakespeare's performance of Hamlet, which was interactive and included starring roles from some of our very own children – budding actors in the making!

Finally, after such a frenetic end to the year, Lower III finished it off in style with their performance of Matilda. This year's Lower III pupils are amazing and they will be sorely missed. We wish them well in the future and all the best at their new schools in September. We will also say farewell to one of our longest-serving members of staff, Mrs Gough in Pre-Nursery, who has decided to take a well-earned retirement at the end of this term. She has touched so many lives in her time at Mayfield and I am sure that the parents and children value the contribution she has had on our children's education as they have taken their

first steps along the road in Pre-Nursery. We all wish Mrs Gough well on her next adventure and hope that she visits us from time to time in the future.

All of the wonderful things that happen at Mayfield are only possible because of the energy, commitment and enthusiasm of the dedicated, hardworking and highly professional Staff, who have given their best to provide high standards of teaching and learning, both in school and during extra-curricular activities. We also cannot do it without the warm support of our

parents and governing body.

From Monday, Freedom Day, most if not all of the current restrictions are to be relaxed. I am sure you are fervently hoping, as I am, that come September, the school will be able to revert back to the systems we enjoyed pre-Covid. I hope that the country and the world will be a safer place. I hope that we will be able to invite parents in to school for all those wonderful occasions, such as Harvest Festival, Nativity plays, Carol Service and so much more. Whatever happens, know that Mayfield is going from

strength to strength and that our children will flourish here and have the most wonderful experiences that will set them up for an exhilarating future!

I think we will all deserve a good rest after Friday. Have a lovely summer break everyone and I look forward to seeing you in September.

*Matthew Draper,
Headmaster*

Trim Track Trail



The Adventure Trim Trail (pictured on the cover) on the Paddock and the Early Years climbing frame and water wall in the courtyard have been a resounding success with the children. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the new play equipment. Thanks go to the PTA for a substantial contribution to the cost of the project.

Rounders

Upper II and Lower III have both played in a House Rounders competition which were both completed in lessons this half term. The format was one team batting and the other 2 fielding. Each innings was for 20 minutes or until the whole team were out. Both competitions were very close with the quality of batting triumphing over some sometimes slapdash fielding.

Results were as follows:

Upper II 1st Nightingale 34 runs

 2nd = Livingstone and Scott 28 runs

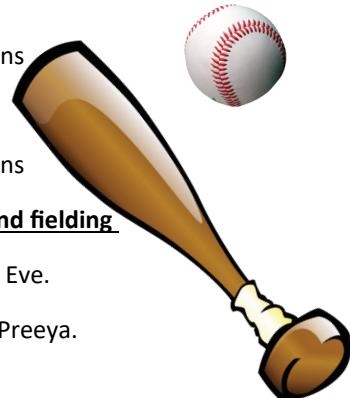
Lower III 1st Nightingale 22 runs

 2nd = Livingstone and Scott 21 runs

Players of the Tournament based on batting and fielding

Upper II Daniel, Caleb, Harrison, Saajan, Shaan, Eve.

Lower III Manit, Devan, Joban, Amrissa, Aniqa, Preeya.



Sneyd Water Adventure

Form II had a great sailing trip to Sneyd Water, in keeping with their class reader, 'Swallows and Amazons' .



RAF Cosford

Upper II enjoyed their trip to RAF Cosford!



Young Shakespeare Company

Upper School enjoyed an amazing visit from the Young Shakespeare Company, performing Hamlet on the playground in the open air. It was hugely enjoyable and interactive with all our children taking part and hearing the immortal verse of the Great Bard - thank you to the Governing Body for funding the visit.



Lower III Residential

The Lower III residential to Beaudesert was a roaring success. Children enjoyed a jam-packed timetable of activities including abseiling, tree climbing and raft building!



Go Ape



On Thursday 24th June we went to Go Ape!!! It was our turn to have the time of our lives! I went with Mrs Pittaway, Mrs Smith, Mrs Crosby and Mrs Bowen. The first thing we did when we got there was to put our harness on and get started. The coach journey was long, but it was worth it. First, we started our outstanding adventure. There were instructors everywhere, but they were there to help. Our first course was easy for me but there were 2 more courses. First, we went across a wobbly bridge. I was behind Karram. Frankie was scared to go on the course, so we cheered her on and eventually she finished! Then we went on a bridge (it was protected by a net). It was a bit tight in there, but I could walk on it. I went on a wobble zig zag bridge. It was a bit scary but fine. We also went on some hexagons, which were quite easy and eventually it led to the zipline. I wasn't scared because I came before. Eventually I was gone! On course 2 I started on another bridge, which didn't take long. Next, I went on little planks of wood which wobbled! I nearly fell off, but I was fine, it was really scary. I also went on crosses that wobbled. It was even scarier. then I came back to the zipline. It was so fun. I shot down and landed on my bum! We got to make certificates with stickers. By Aariya

EYFS Sports Day

A little bit of drizzle didn't put Early Years off from having a great Sports Day!



Summer Chess Report

We are pleased to announce the prize winners of the Mayfield School Chess Tournaments

- LII: First Place: Orin
Second Place: Kimran
- FII: First Place: Alexander
Second place: Sukhmani
- UII: First Place: Kiran
Second Place: Caleb
- LIII: First Place: Sharif
Second Place: Joban

Also well played to everyone who represented Mayfield in the online Mega finals, we finished in 20th Place out of 436 schools Amraya, Sehej and Aarav (So) and Aarav (Sa) all qualified for the giga final. Well done all.

Sports Day

Due to the pandemic restrictions the sports days for the rest of Mayfield were split into class groups. This in turn meant that parents were able to spectate whilst still being socially distanced.











PTA Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre was hosted during the week this year and every class was able to enjoy time on the stalls and bouncy castles, organised by the PTA.

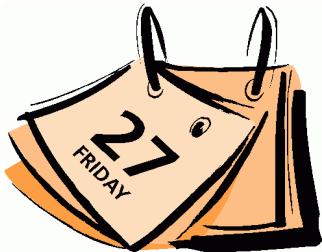


Lower III Production

Before the class of 2021 prepare to move on from Mayfield they entertained us with their magnificent production of Matilda! Well done Lower III!



Key Dates - 2021



These are the provisional dates for events happening for the Autumn term (please note they are dependent on lockdown restrictions not being in place).

* Start of Half Term	7th September
* Harvest Festival	20th October
* Half Term	20th October
* Second Half Term	1st November
* School Photos	17th November
* Parents Evening	23rd / 24th November
* Pantomime at Garrick (Tr to LIII)	7th December
* Carol Service	15th December
* End of Term	17th December



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