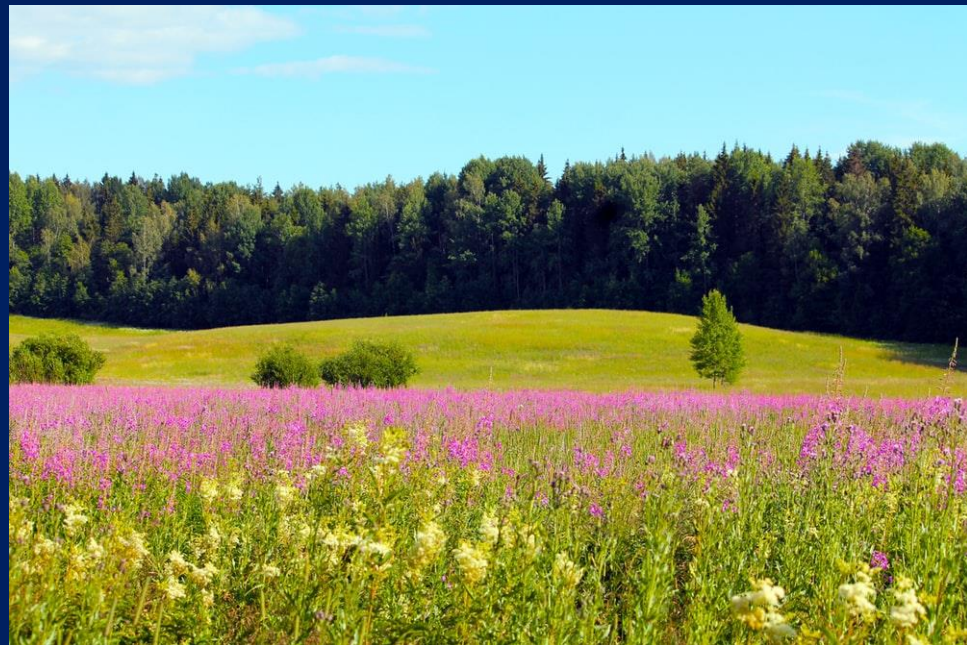




# Mayfield



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# Mr Draper

## Headmaster's Foreword



It has been a very busy few weeks and I sit in my study trying to catch my breath as I write this. Outside, the sun is shining again on our glorious grounds, as it has for the past few weeks – we really have been spoilt by the good weather this term! As I listen to the happy sounds of our younger children enjoying their morning breaktime, running around and playing with their friends, I am taking the opportunity to look back on a busy, exciting and fun-filled time we have enjoyed at Mayfield this year! Here are some of the highlights:

Congratulations to all our pupils, who have won awards, certificates and trophies this year. After a two year break because of the pandemic, it has been a tremendous year for external examinations. We are delighted with our pupils in Lower III, who have worked very hard and gained places at a number of excellent Senior Schools in the West

Midlands area. 90% of our pupils were offered places at selective grammar and independent schools, with six scholarships offered. We are proud of our pupils in Form I and in Lower III who have again performed outstandingly in the national SATs tests for 7 and 11 year olds. The results have far surpassed national expectations once again, with 100% of our Lower III pupils working at or above the national standard in reading, mathematics and science. Full details will be given to you in September.

Wednesday evening was wonderful. Firstly, it was Lower III's prizegiving, presented by our Guest of Honour, Mrs Isherwood, a parent of 3 amazing children at the school before serving as a Mayfield Governor for 10 years, who gave a motivational and highly entertaining speech. This was followed by the drama performance, 'Shakie, Shakie', by Lower III, one of the best ever with a groovy soundtrack, singing, dancing, jokes and, best of all, air guitar! Congratulations to the pupils, Mrs Andrews and all the staff for a night to remember.

Lower III pupils had a particularly enjoyable residential trip Snowdonia, where they achieved the considerable feat of climbing Mount Snowdon, a very respectable 7 ½ hours hiking in one day! Thanks to Mrs Inkster, Mr Tobin and Mrs Crosby for leading the trip.

Meanwhile, Transition enjoyed a visit to the Botanical Gardens, Form I went back in time to the Black Country Museum, experiencing a very strict Victorian classroom, among other things, and Upper II had a great day out in Stratford at the Mad Museum and Butterfly Farm. Lower II and Form II had a brilliant trip to Warwick Castle. Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Kindergarten enjoyed an adventurous day out at Sycamore Adventure.

As usual, the house competitions have been enthusiastically contested in the epic struggles to attain the ascendancy. This year, for Covid safety reasons, each form had their own sports day slot and success was enjoyed by all 3 houses. The overall Sports Day cup was won by Nightingale. They were superbly organised by our sports department in beautiful sunshine. The overall winner of the House Cup, based on the number of merits and house points earned by the children for good work and good behaviour, was also Nightingale. Well done to all the children for being competitive, but always sporting.

All of these wonderful things are 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. Many thanks also to the Governing Body for their support and oversight of the continued success of the school. I would also like to thank the parents for all your support and commitment to your children's education. Finally, and most importantly of all, heartfelt congratulations go to all the children for their passion for learning, impeccable behaviour, beautiful manners and respect for each other; the children really are what makes Mayfield a great school, and together we will make it even greater. "Believe it! Achieve it!"

I am sure you will join me in wishing our Lower III pupils well as they leave Mayfield today, and we wish them every success in their new schools in September. We also wish Mr Tobin well in his retirement, although I have a funny feeling that we may well see him back at Mayfield from time to time.

Have a lovely summer break everyone, I hope you can enjoy a holiday somewhere, recharge the batteries and I look forward to seeing you, safe sound and healthy, back at Mayfield in September.

Best wishes,

Mr M. Draper

Headmaster







# Mini Mayfield

## Paddington Bear



On Tuesday we all had a picnic together and Early Years made me guest of honour. While I had a lie down, the children did lots of activities such as rolling chapatis, making red, white and blue bracelets, black iris headbands, the national flower of Jordan and of course everyone made a marmalade sandwich. We raised £55 for UNICEF. Love Paddington x



The children in Early Years have been helping UNICEF all year. They have followed me, Paddington, around the world receiving postcards from some of the countries I have visited, such as Brazil, Jordan, Nepal and the island country of Madagascar. I even visited the Queen in London when HRH showed me that she always carries a marmalade sandwich in her handbag!







For the penultimate Monday of the summer term, the Nursery children visited Sycamore Adventure, an activity centre in Dudley with the rest of the EYFS. It was great fun, with the children climbing, playing in the sand, going down the big slides and jumping on the sunken trampolines. Shaan and Mayita liked the tyre swing and Anand enjoyed driving the jeep! We were lucky with the sunny weather because the children quickly dried off, having been splashing in the water and playing in the mud. We had to bring disposable lunches and a spare set of clothes in case we got drenched, even the teachers! We really loved the indoor play area - with the pirate theme. Ooarhh, me hearties!

Before we went back to school, we sat around the campfire singing songs and tasting the popcorn that one of the leaders had cooked for us. It was such a tiring day that some of us fell asleep on the coach back.....

We have had a very busy final term in Kindergarten. In Topic work, we have been learning about our school. We went to explore the school grounds and made a journey map from photographs of the different locations we saw. We found out that a long time ago school used to be a house and we think our classroom might have been the stables. We looked at pictures of old-fashioned schools. We enjoyed presenting our work in a whole school Assembly at the end of term. It was exciting, and a little scary to be on the stage in front of the whole school.

There have also been lots of fun activities to take part in this half term, including Sports Day, a trip to Sycamore Adventure in Dudley and Paddington's picnic. The picnic was a chance to do some fun activities and raise some money for UNICEF. While we enjoyed the activities, our teddies got to rest and watch us.







Transition enjoyed a very sunny trip to the Botanical Gardens as part of our plants topic this half term. When we arrived, we enjoyed a peaceful walk down to the butterfly house, where we saw some beautiful butterflies. After that, the children enjoyed taking part in an interactive plants workshop- the staff were very impressed with their knowledge of plants! It was lovely to see the peacock and love birds in the aviary section; we even spoke to a talking parrot! The children enjoyed a play on the lovely play area in the afternoon before we headed back to school. We had some very complimentary comments from the staff about how well behaved our children were!



# Form I

Mrs Guest

Form I travelled back in time to 1912 when they went to the Black Country Living Museum. The children wanted to experience what life was like back then as part of the History topic 'Why did Delia buy a new hat?' The children saw history being brought back to life and discovered the story why this part of the world is called the 'Black Country'. There were lots of activities to partake in such as; visiting the mine, the tilted house, watching a silent movie at the vintage cinema and the sweet shop. The children even found out that to colour the sweets 100 years ago they crushed up beetles! Form I really enjoyed the street games, with the hobby horse races becoming very competitive at one point. However, the highlight of the day was the 1912 school lesson where the children discovered how different school life was back then and how stern a 1912 Head Mistress could be!

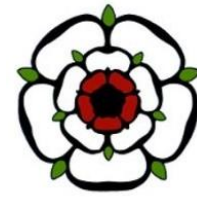


# Transition

Mrs Smith







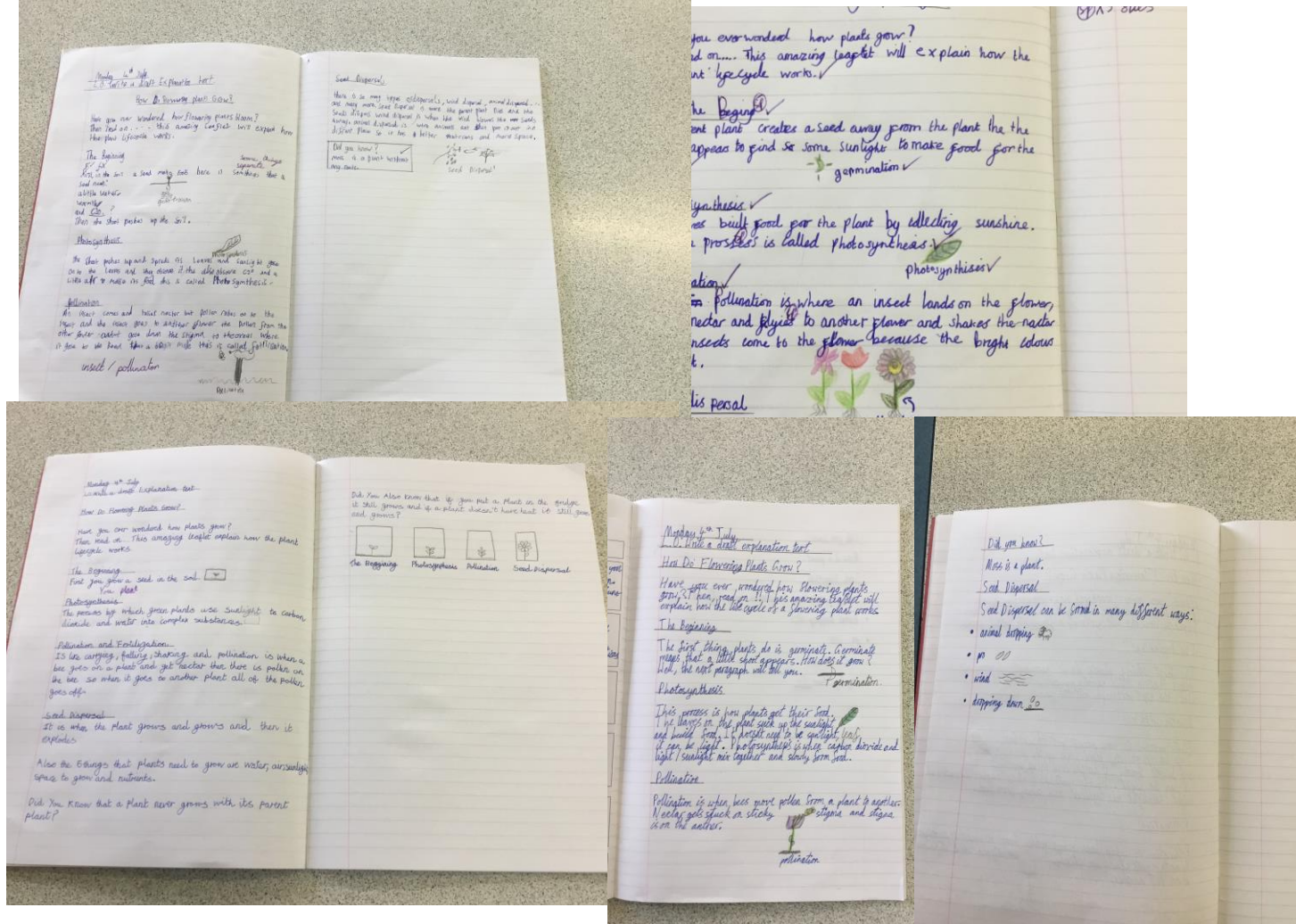
# Form II

Mrs Hitch

Form II treated the school to a special assembly all about the Commonwealth Games, which will be coming to the West Midlands at the end of July. As well as sharing facts and statistics, Form II took the opportunity to learn about the history of the games and where they have been held in the past.

The Commonwealth Games, often referred to as the Friendly Games, is an international multi-sport event involving athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations. The event was first held in 1930, and with, the exception of 1942 and 1946, has taken place every four years since then.

On the day of the assembly, there were only 38 days to go until the games began. With excitement mounting, the children shared which events they would be attending. We will look forward to hearing about how Mayfield pupils have enjoyed this spectacle when we return in September.



Lower II have been writing explanation texts in English. They have used all their grammar skills learnt this year to produce some fantastic writing (see above). Their chosen topic was 'How Do Flowering Plants Grow?' Pupils were able to use their Science knowledge from their plant's topic to write the process. Handwriting has been a big focus this year, and Lower II have been working extremely hard to perfect theirs. As you can see from these pieces, their hard work was worth it! Well done, Lower II, on a fabulous year of writing and saving the best piece until last!



# Lower II

Mrs Crosby

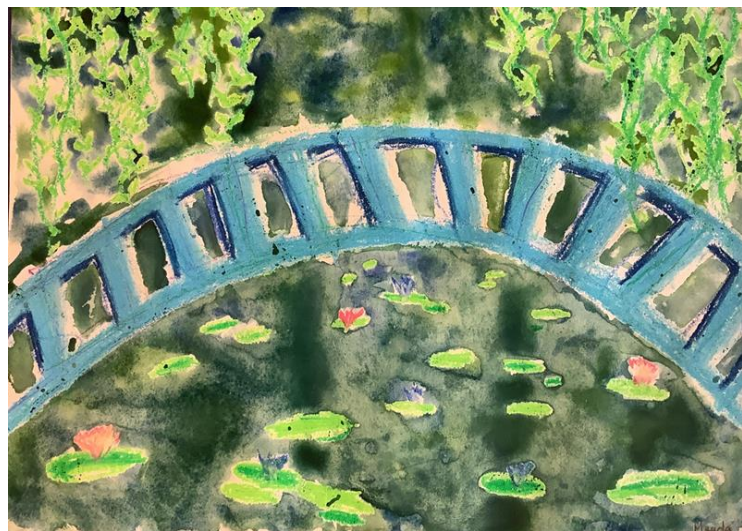






# Lower II & Form II Art

Mrs Hatton



Magda FII



Jaya FII



Reet FII



Navyd LII

Lower II and Form II have been learning about the Impressionist artist, Claude Monet. The children have looked at his work, which he painted outside, rather than in his studio. This was called 'en plein air' (which is French for open air). Monet wanted to capture moments in time. Due to the light conditions constantly changing, he had to work very quickly, using gestural brushstrokes of paint.

Monet created many pieces of work from painting the water garden at his house in Giverny. We looked at his work, 'The Japanese Footbridge' and tried to recreate this painting, using oil pastels and water colours. The children carefully



Iyla FII



Sehej K LII



applied water and used broad brush strokes and watercolours to create the water, reflections and light.

In contrast to Monet's work, we then looked at a very recent piece of artwork, by the artist Eleanor Tomlinson. The children were able to understand the purpose and relevance of this piece of work and recreate it by using a different watercolour technique, applying less water and using a very fine brush.

I have been delighted with the fantastic art work that has been produced by all children in Lower II and Form II.



Tia LII



Aleena FII





'Upper II had a fantastic day out in Stratford. We visited the MAD museum, where we were able to see lots of mechanisms in action. The children created their own marble runs and found the answer to 'The Truth!' On the walk to the Butterfly Farm, we encountered a living statue - he gave everyone a huge fright when he moved! At the Butterfly Farm we were able to witness all the stages in the life cycle of a butterfly. We saw eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises and a host of beautiful butterflies. One took a liking to Aila's hair and another tried to climb up Armaan's shorts! We had to walk really carefully in case we stepped on any. There were even a couple of iguanas wandering around freely. After the butterfly experience we looked in tanks containing snakes, insects, spiders and axolotls. The leaf-cutter ants were incredible - they can carry 10-20 times their own body weight!







I had the pleasure of taking four children to the KES Maths Challenge on 22nd June. The day started with a maths quiz, where the children had to complete a cross number and then take part in a maths relay. For the relay, they had to answer a question in pairs, then return it for another question, which they passed to their teammates. After a delicious lunch and football in the sunshine, they had a maths lesson from one of the school's maths teachers, learning about KS3 co-ordinates, followed by a talk from Barney Maunder-Taylor. He showed them some 'magic' tricks involving maths and introduced us to some amazing 3D shapes. The children were unaware they had been playing with a truncated icosahedron at lunchtime! We didn't manage to finish in the top 3 this time, but, with ten schools in attendance, the competition was fierce, and they should all be very proud of themselves.



# Lower III

**Mrs Andrews**

Lights, camera, action! With auditions and casting completed before Whitsun, Lower III returned for their final half term at Mayfield with the bit between their teeth, keen to take to the stage to get the show on the road. The whole class worked very well as a team, scripts were studied, lines learned and stage positions practised. The cast performed four big songs, each with different choreography, to an excellent standard. Opening night arrived, naturally there were some nerves but the class pulled together, dug deep and delivered an outstanding, memorable performance.

Lower III, you have been a delight to teach, it has been a great year, and despite the challenge that Covid presented during your time here at Mayfield, you rose to the occasion and delivered. We know that every one of you will go on to great things, hold on to your time at Mayfield, remember that we are here if you need us and maybe, one day we'll see you, living in the hall of fame (or at the Christmas fayre!)



# Upper II

**Mrs Marston**







# Lower III Adventure Holiday Betws-y-Coed, Snowdonia

Lower III had a brilliant, sunny week away in North Wales. Based at the Field Study Council Rhyd-y-creuau centre, which is set in the beautiful, rugged landscape of Snowdonia. It was a packed week and here are a few of the different activities we did. The photographs opposite should give you a flavour of our adventures.

Pond and stream dipping - the sunny weather made it too difficult for many of our Lower III's to resist getting wellingtons full of water as they waded into the river Coed with their nets to find local wildlife. They were successful both in getting very wet and capturing insects and even a small fish. All creatures were returned unharmed to their natural habitat once they had been observed and identified – thankfully, very warm weather enabled the wellingtons to get dry!



The children had the opportunity to spend the day at the seaside doing coastal Geography field work. Visiting both Criccieth and Black Rock Sands beach, Porthmadog, they were able to investigate at different coastal features and caves, not to mention eating an ice-cream and being able to play on a beautiful sandy beach under a crystal blue cloudless sky.



Amazingly the sun continued to shine as we all hiked up Snowdon on Wednesday. For those mountaineers amongst you, we scrambled up the PYG (pronounced pig) and down the Miners with all twenty Lower III and the three Mayfield teachers and instructors making it to the summit. Seven and a half hours of walking and scrambling up and down the tallest mountain in Wales meant a good night's sleep was had by all.



Rock climbing, gorge walking, campfires, roasting marshmallows, orienteering, and exploring the village of Betws-y-Coed took up the remainder of the week as the sun continued to shine on us. Lots of laughter could be heard from our children. As staff we were so proud of their grit, determination and stamina, not to mention their exemplary behaviour and manners. Several members of the public stopped us to comment on how polite and well-behaved our children were and the centre staff said they were a delight to have for the week. I know each one of them came home with memories that will last a lifetime.





# Your adventures...

Orin Cunningham, the youngest member of a local violin group, Bravura, was invited to the second round of the National Music for Youth competition which took place at Birmingham Town Hall. The adjudicators were so impressed with them that they were recommended to proceed to the school prom concert this November, usually held at the Royal Albert Hall (venue to be confirmed). Congratulations and good luck, Orin, we are so proud of you.

Aarav Sohi, was invited to take part in the trials for the EPSCA Under 11 England Chess Team. We are very pleased to share that he has been successful in gaining a place in this team. He will also be automatically given a place in the National Junior Squad from Year 7 onwards. What an achievement Aarav! We wish you all the best with this new challenge.

## Key Dates

- 15<sup>th</sup> July End of the school year
- 7<sup>th</sup> September Start of the new school year
- 14<sup>th</sup> September Parents' Information Evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Festival
- 19<sup>th</sup> October Hallowe'en Disco
- 19<sup>th</sup> October End of half term
- 31<sup>st</sup> October Start of half term
- 2nd November Book Fair/Art Exhibition
- 22/23 November Parents' Evenings
- 16<sup>th</sup> December (12:30pm) End of term



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Thank you for taking the time to read our magazine, we hope it has provided an enjoyable insight into the half term.

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