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Mr Draper

Headmaster's Foreword

Welcome to the first Mayfield Magazine of the year, including many of the highlights of the first half term.

The Autumn Term is always a busy time at Mayfield, such that the half term seems to have flown by, and an awful lot has been packed into a short space of time! Here are some brief highlights by nature of an introduction to the greater details and colourful photographs to follow in this magazine.

Our Lower III pupils have had a busy time. The term had barely started and they were thrust into an intensive 4 weeks of 11+ entrance exams. Firstly, West Midlands grammar schools combined to hold one exam and uniformly adopted the GL assessments. This was followed by the King Edward's and King Edward's High schools' independent exams, EHS; and then Solihull will follow after half term. The results have started coming in and they are looking very positive.

There have been five trips: Nursery visited Pizza Express and made their own pizza; Upper II visited the Bewdley Evacuees' museum and had a wonderful day; Form II had a great time in Stratford, enjoying a Midsummer Night's Dream drama workshop; Lower III visited the police museum in Birmingham, travelling by train there and back – good training for getting to senior school next year; and Lower II thoroughly enjoyed going to the Hippodrome to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, their class reader.

There have been a number of sports fixtures: The U9 football teams won against Hydesville; the U9 girls and boys football teams enjoyed success at the Walsall Schools tournaments, while the U10 tag rugby team came runner up at the Aldridge School tournament. More fixtures to come after half term.

Last Friday, Mayfield celebrated the Hallowe'en Disco in style! Staff, children, and many parents dressed up in quite amazing costumes, and the pumpkins excelled even last year's spectacular efforts! Thanks to the hardworking parents and teachers from the PTA who organised the disco and what an incredible DJ!

Last Wednesday, parents were invited to enjoy our Early Years Harvest Festival, featuring my favourite, 'Dingly, dangly scarecrow!' Then, on Thursday, around 150 parents gathered in the Hall of the Olympians to enjoy the Main School Harvest Festival. The children did us proud, singing and reciting poems to celebrate harvest. Thanks to staff, particularly Mrs Gerighty, for preparing and conducting such a marvellous celebration. Thank you to everybody for your generous donations towards the Walsall Food Banks.

Last Wednesday, Mayfield hosted our second Mathematics Challenge, with 5 local schools taking part. The event was a massive success and nobody left empty-handed. The teachers from other schools were very complimentary about our children, staff and facilities. Many thanks to Mrs Marston and Mrs Cook for organising and running a hugely enjoyable competition. We have also invited parents from Lower School and Upper School to Maths Workshops this half term to share how we teach Maths and how parents can support their children's learning. The EYFS Maths Workshop will be after half term.

Please note that Simon Thacker has resigned as our Chair of Governors and I would like to thank him for volunteering his time over the many years he has been a governor at the school. Dr Ed Ng, former parent and experienced governor, will take over as Chair of Governors and can be contacted if necessary via the Governors' Clerk, David Milne, on clerk@qmfoundation.org.

Finally, have a well-deserved half-term break, everybody. Enjoy some much-needed family time and come back refreshed and reinvigorated on Monday 6th November. Remember that the children need to come back in winter uniform.

Best wishes,

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 his correspondence 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; RSE; curriculum; Early Years Foundation Stage (containing EYFS curriculum for Pre Nursery, Nursery and Kindergarten); behaviour; anti-bullying; health and safety; first aid, including a list of staff qualified in first aid and paediatric first aid; complaints, including the number of formal complaints made during the previous year; safeguarding, including procedures for handling allegations of abuse against members of staff, staff code of conduct and staff recruitment procedures; non-collection of pupils; missing pupil; and the most recent inspection report.



Nursery Staff



It has been a busy start to the new academic year in Nursery, with lots of interesting learning activities taking place. The children have enjoyed exploring outside in their Forest School Sessions. They have been looking at different trees and talking about what happens to them in the Autumn. They made collections of different sticks and leaves.

Halfway through this half term the children went on an exciting trip to Pizza express. They enjoyed being chefs and creating their own pizza to bring back to school for lunch



We had our annual clay workshop and The children enjoyed getting creative with clay. Lots of parents kindly came to work alongside the children as they made their models

As the end of the half term approached, the Nursery learnt about Harvest Festival and Halloween. They enjoyed using the interactive whiteboard to create pumpkin pictures. The children learnt some songs and a poem about harvest time, which they performed for their parents.





Pre-Nursery

Pre-Nursery Staff



Pre-Nursery have made a very good start to their education at Mayfield. They have settled in and spent time making new friends and learning new skills.. They love playing outside together. This provides a chance to learn to share toys and games with others. They build their physical strength by riding bikes and climbing on the wobbly bridge. The children like to play in the sand tray, learning to pour and dig.

It is also very busy inside our Pre-Nursery classroom. The children have enjoyed exploring different textures through a variety of craft activities. At Halloween they used sponges and white paint to make ghosts. The children also joined in the school Halloween disco.

Once a week Mrs Gerighty, the Director of Music, visits. She brings her guitar and the children have fun learning songs and rhymes together.

The children have enjoyed individual reading sessions with their teacher and have developed confidence talking about stories.



Kindergarten

Mrs Smith

We have had an exciting start to the school year and Kindergarten have settled in very well. We are getting used to new routines and walking around school. Our first topic 'All about me' has let us discover some exciting things about ourselves.

We are enjoying getting to know each other and all of the lovely grown-ups that work in our class.

The children have really embraced our outdoor provision and have had lots of fun making use of the trim trails and playground markings!

We have made self- portraits, talked about our family and the people we live with. We even did some food tasting to discover tastes that we liked including, sweet, sour, bitter and salty.

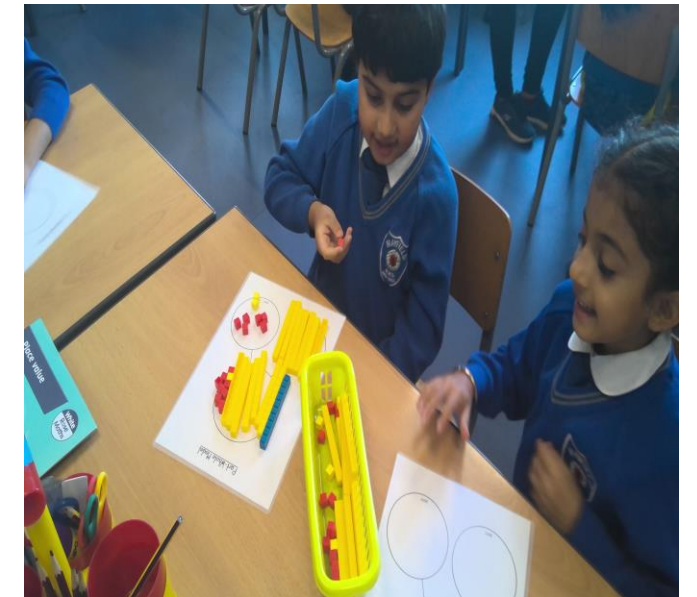
The children are adapting well and embracing life in 'main school', it is wonderful to see them working hard knowing that they are laying the foundations for all of the fun that lays ahead, keep it up Kindergarten!





Form I

Mr Watts



Form I have made a fantastic start to the new academic year and have been busy revising the concept of place value in Maths. We have been grouping ten ones together to form a ten and using our number boards to create specific numbers (i.e. four tens and seven ones to make 47.) The children have learnt to partition numbers into tens and ones and used a range of apparatus to make their numbers in different ways, including hundred squares, number lines and abacus pictures. They have worked individually, in pairs and in groups to work out the numbers shown and can recite all the number bonds to 10.

In English we have been writing effective sentences, using capital letters and full stops. We have used our spelling words in our weekly sentences and written up instructional texts in chronological order, including diary accounts. In other subjects we have been learning about the seaside in Geography (and have made some amazing fish using clay), materials in Science, the Creation of the World in RE and in Art we have created our own owl templates. Our class reader this term is "The Owl who was afraid of the Dark."

Transition have made an excellent start to the year and have been very busy learning about where our food comes from. We explored why Devon is a good location for a dairy farm and why living there makes Molly the cow so happy! We also collaged our own Friesian cows. We then looked at a map and a globe to find out where the different climate zones are in the world and talked about the Equator and the North and South Poles. We then focused on the journey of a banana all the way from the plantation in Costa Rica to our supermarkets. We also took part in a fruit tasting session, sampling the top 10 favourite fruits of the UK, discussed adjectives to describe them and voted for our favourite. We then used our ICT skills to create a pictogram on Purple Mash to represent the results.

We have also had lots of fun creating junk model animals in DT. I am so impressed with Transition's creativity!





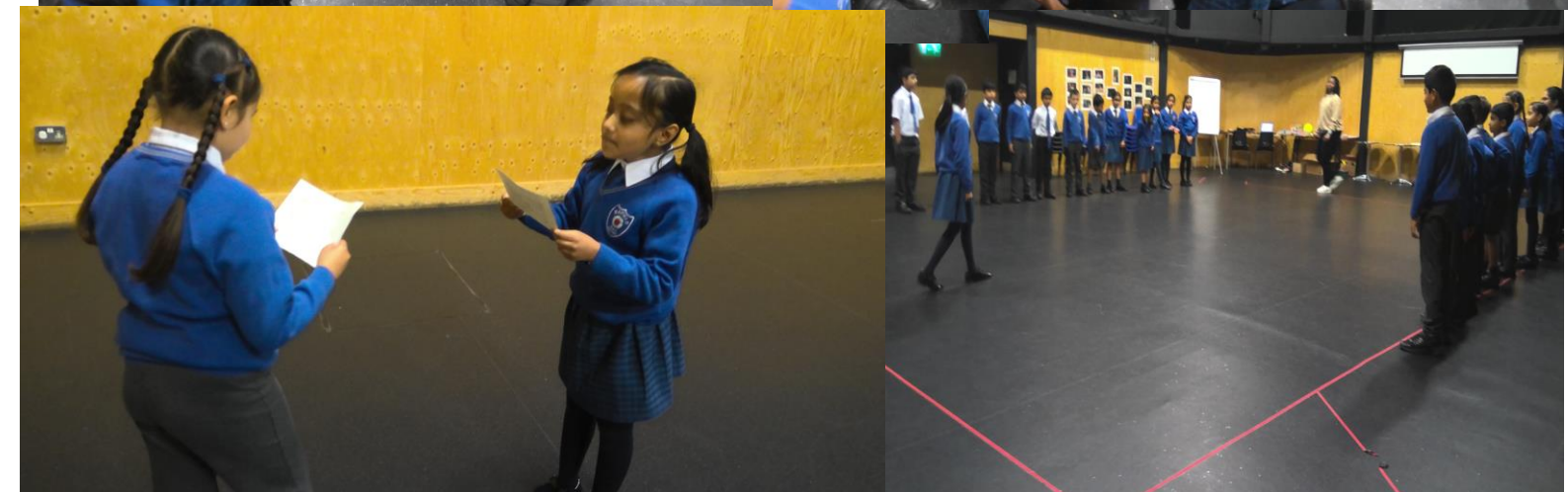
This term, Lower II have been on a trip to the Hippodrome theatre in Birmingham as part of their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory topic in English. It was a discovery of pure imagination where the children watched the stage show based on the iconic story, which originally was based on Broadway and the West End in its first ever UK and Ireland tour. The children were treated to the memorable songs from the original 1970's motion picture including, 'The Candy Man' and 'Pure Imagination' with all new spectacular numbers from the multi award winning songwriters of Hairspray. The lavish costumes, amazing set and of course the treat in the interval meant that all of Lower II had the most superb experience. In turn, by the children having the exposure to this musical extravaganza means the wide range of writing opportunities the children will encounter will give them different opportunities to write in different genre forms. This will include instructional writing, diary entries, non-chronological reports, and explanation texts. As expected, the children's behaviour was amazing, and they were all a credit to themselves and Mayfield.



Form II

Mrs Crosby

At the start of the school academic year, Form II was transported back to Tudor times to the world of William Shakespeare for a Drama and English workshop at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford upon Avon. Form II's class text was A Midsummer Night's Dream, where the children encountered a world of midsummer madness, magic, and fun! The day started off with a bang, Children formed into small groups, They were challenged to be a forest - forest moves when someone is touched on the shoulder. Then, be a family of fairies, an Athens court with a strict father and 'free' daughter. For the second activity, the children had to Look into status - what does a high status and low-status person look like? They also learned about theatre etiquette. For the final task of the day, the children were challenged to get into the role of Puck, to design a set of mischievous tasks against the other characters! Everyone in Form II produced amazing work, using adventurous and inspiring vocabulary. A credit to Mayfield!





On Thursday 14th September, Upper II were evacuated to Bewdley. Our day started with a trip to Kidderminster on a steam train, built in the 1940s. We travelled through tunnels and past an airfield, imagining how children must have felt during 'Operation Pied Piper'. We also saw some animals in the safari park!

Once we arrived at the museum in Bewdley, we learned all about what life was like during the war; rationing, black out curtains and the air raid sirens. We were able to go inside an Anderson Shelter and tried to imagine how it would feel to be inside all night, with the sound of bombs going off outside.

Aadam dressed as an ARP warden; he had to shout to warn people to 'Turn that light off!'. We also had a chance to look at artefacts such as gas masks and 1940's washing 'machines'. Roman had a bath in an old tin bath and Tulsi and Taara did some washing using a tub and dolly.

Our final task was 'rag rugging'; using old pieces of fabric to create warm, colourful rugs for around the home.





Lower III - Roles and Responsibilities

Mrs Andrews



HEAD GIRL Magda **HEAD BOY** Nova

HEAD LIBRARIAN Daya & Iyla

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL Aariya **DEPUTY HEAD BOY** Karram

LIBRARIANS : Simi & Hawa

HOUSE CAPTAINS :

SCHOOL COUNCIL LEADS: Ishmeet & Hawa

LIVINGSTONE Jaya & Arian

ECO CHAMPIONS: Eesa & Nihal

NIGHTINGALE Frankie & Orin

SCOTT Reet & Dylan

ICT AMBASSADORS: Abhay & Simi

GAMES CAPTAINS :

LIVINGSTONE Aditi & Jorowar

NIGHTINGALE Jayan & Kimran

SCOTT Aleena & Nicholas

Congratulations to all in Lower III. These roles and responsibilities were voted for by the school community.
We know that you will all do an outstanding job carrying out your role and responsibility.





Mathematics Workshop KS2

Mrs S Marston

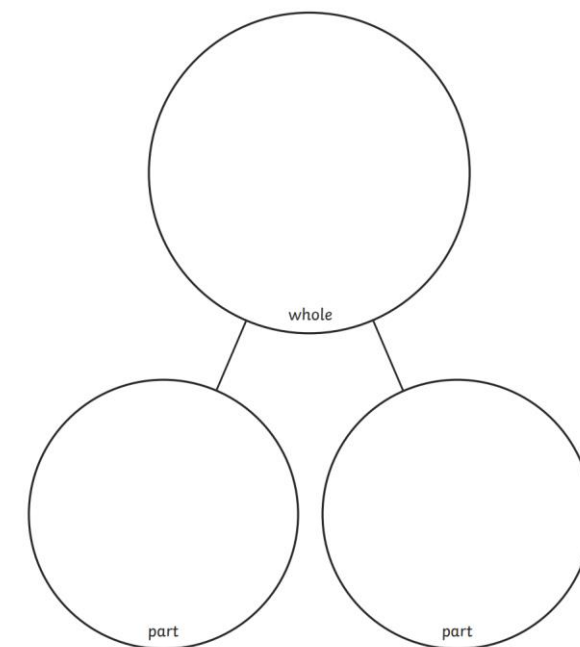


This half term, we have started our Mathematics Parents' Workshops, to introduce parents to the 'Mayfield Way' of teaching mathematics. It has been lovely to see so many parents in school.

It is really important to develop depth and breadth of understanding in mathematics, as children will be studying the subject for many years to come. A love of mathematics comes from spotting patterns and links and understanding why methods 'work' rather than just memorising a series of steps.

All resources have been shared on Teams following the workshops and we welcome any feedback on other things you may find useful in the future.

We still have our EYFS workshop to come, on 10th November, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



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Macmillan at Mayfield

Mrs Hatton

On Thursday 28th September, Lower III hosted a Macmillan event. Lower III children and families provided tea, coffee, plates, napkins and tablecloths in preparation to host the event, as well as a wonderful selection of cakes and biscuits. Many other children throughout the school, and staff, also very kindly donated towards this event. The children rotated roles, ensuring that they all had the opportunity to welcome parents, take orders for drinks, serve cakes and biscuits and socialise among the parents. Lower III promoted the game, 'Guess how many Caterpillar's and sold their artwork. The class had all produced a clay piece of confectionary during their art lessons, as part of the Wayne Thiebaud topic, that they had been learning about. A total of £405.12 was raised with the Macmillan event and the cake sale to the rest of the school, on the Friday. Thank you to all families for supporting this event and to Lower III for doing such a great job of running this event.



Artwork created by Lower III




Together with a clinical psychologist and the teaching community, we've created a piece of homework like no other: a conversation starter for children to take home, designed to help them talk about the hardest subject on their minds with their parents, guardians or trusted adults. Because sharing worries can help ease stress and reduce anxiety.




Please get in touch if you need to talk, we are always here to lend an ear.

What's on our minds can be the hardest subject. So what's on yours?

When we ask what's on your mind we mean - what is causing you stress? 

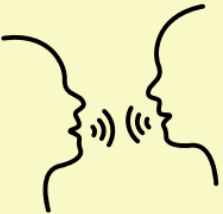
We know that lots of young people have things they worry about.

This World Mental Health Day, we are setting you a different kind of homework - to talk about worries. 

Talking about our worries can help us feel better, even though it can be difficult to do.



Get talking



1. Ask your parent, carer or an adult you trust if they'll help you to talk about your worries.
2. If you're not sure where to start, try writing or drawing your worries or fears on the front cover of this exercise.
3. Then talk about the answers to the questions below with your parent/carer (or if you prefer, you can write your answers instead and show them to your parent/carer).

How do these worries make you feel?
What are you afraid might happen?
Would it help if you had more information?
How could you find that information out?
What helps you to cope with these worries?

Get listening





Birthday Books



Thank you to all who have donated Birthday Books as a way of celebrating your Birthday – we will soon be having a birthday book-shelf outside of the library. Books will be displayed on the shelf after they have been name-plated marking who has donated and which birthday the donation was for.

Harvest

Thank you for your plentiful donations for the Harvest festival, this will make a substantial difference to Ablewell with their support for the local community. Both festivals, EYFS and Main school, were well attended and gave the children the opportunity to shine with their renditions of 'Pick a little bean' and 'Cauliflowers fluffy' amongst many other songs and poems.



Sia took part in a fundraiser with the Swim Academy to raise money and donate pyjamas for the Children's Hospital Pyjamas charity.

The charity collect money for brand new pyjamas and donate them to hospitals, hospices and those less fortunate. Sia raised £151.75 and 8 pairs of pyjamas with the help of her family and her friends at Mayfield.

The aim of the survival challenge is to teach children life-saving skills in the event of an accident. Most accidents happen while children are fully clothed, so Sia had to complete the survival swim in her pyjama's. Sia passed with flying colours.



Samay is a keen chess player, he competed in the under eights Shropshire tournament where, we are delighted to share, he was awarded a Gold medal for his skills! More recently he achieved a silver medal in an under elevens competition in Birmingham Junior Chess Open. Well done, Samay!

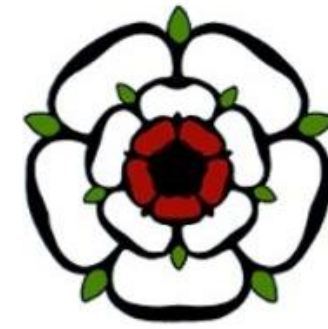


Your Adventures



Key Dates

- Wednesday 25th October – End of half term
- Monday 6th November – Start of half term
- Friday 10th November – Diwali workshop (KG-LIII)
- Friday 10th November – NUR/KG Parents Maths Workshop
- Friday 10th November – Orthoptic screening (Eye) (TR only)
- Tuesday 14th Y5 and Y6 Athletics – Walsall College
- Thursday 16th Y5 and Y6 Shelfield Hockey
- Friday 17th November – Children In Need
- Friday 17th November – Parent open book (TR-LIII) (2:30pm)
- Wednesday 22nd November – Virtual Parents evening
- Thursday 23rd November – Virtual Parents evening
- Monday 27th November – FII/UII Art residential to Ingestre Hall (3 days)
- Friday 1st December – TR/FI Nativity to parents (2:15pm)
- Tuesday 5th December – TR/FI trip to West Midlands Safari Park
- Wednesday 6th December - NUR/KG Nativity to parents (2:15pm)
- Thursday 7th December – TR-LIII to Lichfield Garrick to see Beauty and the Beast
- Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 8th December – Christmas Fayre (3:30pm)
- Monday 11th December – Lower School Christmas Party
- Tuesday 12th December – Pre-Nursery/Nursery Christmas Party
- Wednesday 13th December – NUR/KG trip to Birmingham Rep to see Little Red Riding Hood
- Wednesday 13th December – Upper School Christmas Party
- Thursday 14th December – Carol Service (9am)
- Friday 15th December – End of term (12:30pm)
- Tuesday 9th January 2024 – Start of term



MAYFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Can you help?

In preparation for the Centenary celebrations next Summer, we are hoping to gather; memories, photos and stories of Mayfield in days gone by for a special edition of the Mayfield Magazine. If you have anything that you are happy to share, please email to info@mayfieldprep.co.uk with the subject "Mayfield Centenary Contributions". Thank you in advance for any support with this.

Mayfield

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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