



Mayfield



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Mr Draper

Headmaster's Foreword

Dear Children, Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Old Mayfieldians, Staff, Governors and Friends of the School,

It has been a ridiculously short Spring Term, but I plead Not Guilty on this. It's all to do with the fiendishly complicated method of calculating Easter Sunday in a uniquely baffling synthesis of mathematics, astronomy and theology. Apparently, Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. The result this year is a very early Easter and hence school breaking up on 22nd March! Let's take a look back at the highlights of the last half term.

In sports news, our Under 11s teams have enjoyed participating in the Walsall Schools football competitions, with our girls winning their tournament to qualify for the Walsall Schools Finals to be played at the Bescot Stadium, home of Walsall FC on Monday 22nd April.

World Book Day was a great success, particularly the 'Poetry by Heart' Festival! Our winners in each year group were Eesa in Lower II, Zayn in Form II, Sehej Kaur in Upper II and Aditi in Lower III. Aditi and Frankie will represent Mayfield in the national Poetry by

Heart Festival. We also took an Upper II team to the Aldridge School World Book Day Quiz and a Form II team to the KES Maths Challenge. Unfortunately, we couldn't emulate last year's success and had to let another school win this year! In the Primary Maths challenge, though, 12 of our Upper II and Lower III pupils qualified for the finals and 4 of them won an outstanding Bronze medal! Congratulations to Nova, Aarian, Ishmeet and Sehej S. In the school's inaugural Connect 4 Challenge, Mrs Pittaway won the staff cup, only to be beaten by the winner of the pupils' competition, Aariya, the first ever Mayfield Connect 4 Champion!

To mark the school's Centenary Year, we had two major trips. Main School had a great experience at the Black Country Living Museum, with Upper School having an amazing tour of a real coalmine and Lower School spending time in a 1924 classroom – the children were rather shocked by how strict the teacher was! Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Kindergarten had a great day out and loved visiting the animals at Twycross Zoo on their school trip.

Our Upper School very much enjoyed the annual visit from the Young Shakespeare

Company, who this year led the interactive and immersive performance of Henry V. Meanwhile, our Early Years arranged a special afternoon for their mums on Mother's Day – not a dry eye in the house!

The theme of Science week was Time, which fitted in very nicely with our Centenary Year, as the children had a poster competition on the theme and also investigated inventors, inventions and major events of the last 100 years!

On Wednesday, the Lower School and Early Years had a lovely Easter Bonnet parade, while Upper School created egg-citing models. Well done again, children and parents, for your craft and artistic skill! We also thoroughly enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt in Early Years and we had a fun PTA Film Night yesterday evening, raising valuable funds towards our new Centenary Library!

Yesterday, we also held the Easter Service in our Hall of the Olympians. The children sung beautifully, the Lower III readers re-told the Easter story and our guest, Reverend Emma Holton from St. Peter's reminded us of Jesus' message to bring more love and kindness into the world. It was a fitting and thoroughly

enjoyable climax to the term.

It has been a very busy, action-packed and thoroughly enjoyable term. I wish everyone a well-deserved break and a great holiday! See you back in school on Tuesday 9th April for another busy Summer Term with so many exciting events to look forward to.

Happy Easter!

Mr M. Draper
Headmaster





Pre-Nursery

Mrs S Rahman

The children have been so busy this term, doing lots of different activities. We have been looking at some of the traditional tale stories. The Three Little Pigs story is one of their favourites. The children have made houses with straws, bricks and sticks. The children have been learning about the different materials that we have used. We have been doing a lot of messy play activities to strengthen the children's fine motor skills. The children have loved going into the Hall of the Olympians this term. The children had such an amazing time at the zoo. The children saw different animals and even met the Gruffalo. They were so excited.



Kindergarten

Mrs. D Smith

It has been a fun and exciting end to the spring term in Kindergarten! Our main topic this half term has been learning about different foods, which included chopping and preparing vegetables to make a yummy soup. We were then excited to make some fruit smoothies and we were excited to see how much goodness we could drink in a smoothie!

We had great fun on World Book Day, dressing up as our favourite book characters and making bookmarks.

Our main highlight of this half term has been our amazing trip to Twycross Zoo. Despite it being a very wet day, we embraced it and were pleased to see so many different animals. Our main highlights included; the grumpy gorillas, enormous elephants and noisy birds. The children really enjoyed the day and we walked over 10,000 steps!





Mr Watts

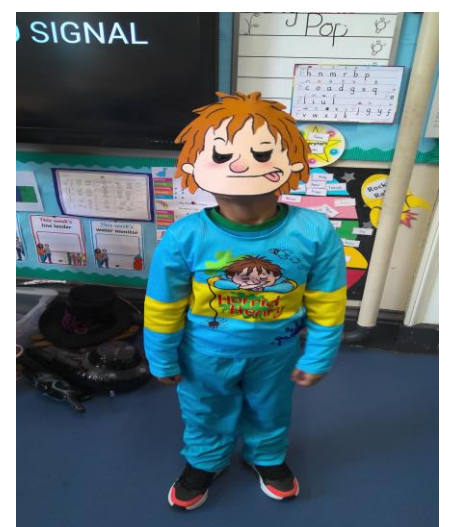
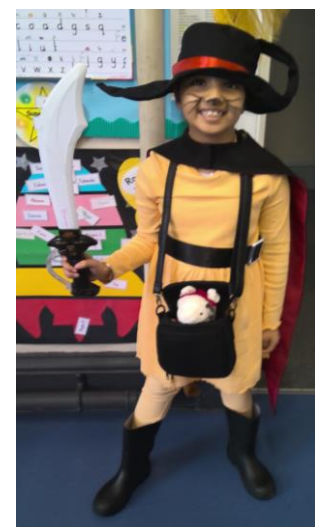


No-one would have believed in the last years of the 21st Century that children would have blasted off into the far realms of space. Few men even considered the possibility of Form I children from Mayfield Preparatory school holidaying on the moon. And yet, across the gulf of Earth, Form I had been planning on such a visit. Sit back, strap yourself in and blast off into the imaginary world of FI creative writing.

As you know, space exploration requires lots of planning and preparation. Mr. Draper created the space rocket for the whole class to travel in, whilst Mrs. Draper was the catalyst for ideas and specifications. Form I met on the playground to discuss final details and answer questions, such as "how can we accommodate all the children and staff?" Form I were very imaginative and came up with lots of ideas. They discussed what cargo they needed to take, what equipment was needed and what they were likely to see on their holiday. How long were they going to spend there?

In Art, we designed the aliens that they would be seeing. Were they colourful or plain? Friendly or hostile? How many eyes, ears or even heads did they have? We have included some ideas of what the aliens would look like! Fortunately, the holiday was a great success but all the children came back suffering from moon-stroke and needed cream to avoid moon burn. Well done to Form I for designing some amazing aliens! As you can see, they're pretty scary and imaginative!

Other highlights this half term included a trip to the Black Country Museum to celebrate Mayfield's 100th Anniversary and World Book Day, in which all the children dressed up in a variety of costumes, depicting various characters from books. These included Willy Wonka, Puss in Boots, Hermione and Harry Potter! Mr. Watts, Mrs. Draper and Mrs Dudhia enjoyed dressing up as Mr. Grumpy, a prize cow and Little Miss Helpful respectively.



It's been a thoroughly exciting term in Transition, with lots of super learning taking place. For our History topic, we have been learning all about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii in AD79. The children looked at both primary and secondary sources of evidence, read from some lovely books brought in by some of the children and used all of this evidence to write amazing diary entries about the events of that fateful day. They then created their own art masterpieces called, 'The Last Day of Pompeii' using watercolours. It was lovely to see how hard they worked to blend colours to show the colours of the lava and ash-filled skies! We then finished off the topic by making our very own volcano erupt, using a few key ingredients. Messy, but amazing!

As part of British Science Week, we found out about Neil Armstrong and the Apollo moon landings of 1969. We then created a space-themed piece of art using a range of resources and techniques. The pictures were truly 'out of this world!'

Transition also had a great time celebrating World Book Day. The costumes were amazing and included Where's Wally, Peter Pan and even Sir Percy Pilkington! The children also took part in a quiz to see how many famous children's book covers they could identify from just a small section.

The children took part in a fantastic trip to the Black Country Museum to celebrate Mayfield's Centenary and got to experience a strict 1924 school room! I think it's fair to say that they were glad that times have changed and education has moved on considerably. They definitely prefer Seesaw to slates!



Transition

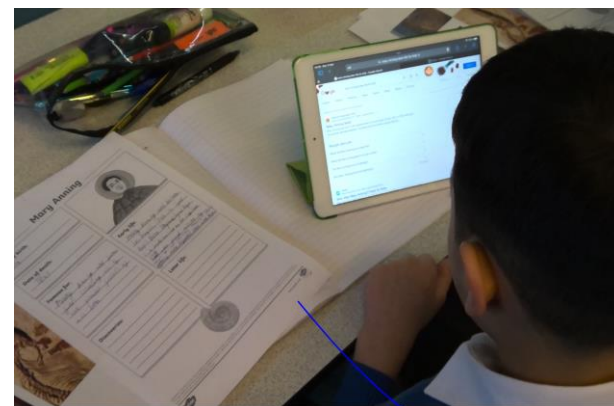
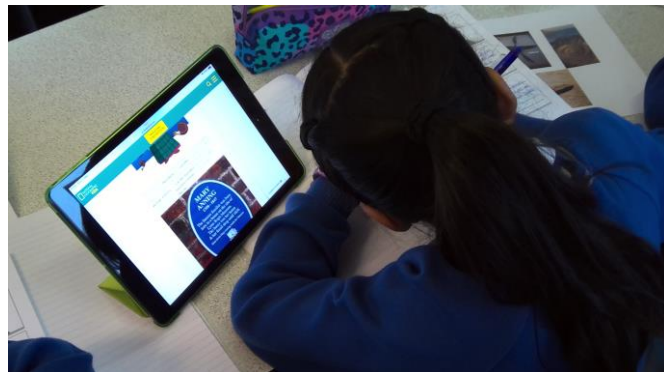
Mrs King



As part of Lower II's 'Rocks and Soils' Science topic this half term, the children have been developing their research skills to produce a fact file about one of Britain's first palaeontologists, Mary Anning. The children had a wide range of sources including books, educational programmes, and the internet to access to research this amazing pioneer.

The children clearly enjoyed sourcing materials especially from the internet and have honed their independent computing research skills by asking pertinent questions to provided succinct and relevant answers. By using the internet, the children have found that their vocabulary knowledge have developed and in addition to their note taking skills.

Many of the children, have been inspired by Mary's journey from orphaned girl who collected 'curiosities' along the Dorset coastline to now one of the most recognisable female scientists in British history. As you can see, the children are clearly enjoying this area of science and there is a strong possibility that we may be looking at palaeontologists and geologists of the future!



Form II

Mrs Hatton



This term, Form II have been learning about the Vikings. As part of this topic, in Design and Technology, the class were set the task to design and make a Viking Longboat. The children learned about the Viking invasion and how they travelled in their longboats. We created a success criteria of features that their model needed to include. In groups, the children first drew their design and planned the resources that they would need. Then using card, masking tape, straws and split pins the children made their longboats. The class used their knowledge and skills to attach materials together, ensuring their models were sturdy and was able to stand unaided. Well done, Form II, on your fantastic Viking longboat models.





Lower III

Mrs Andrews

Over the course of the last term, the children have studied and replicated the work of Frida Kahlo in their Art lessons. The topic started with independent research, on the artist's famous works, techniques, and life. Students went on to produce their own portrait piece- featuring Frida herself- including typical features seen within her paintings. I think you will agree that their work is as vibrant and colourful as the artist! Mrs Hatton is extremely proud of you all. Wonderful work, Lower III!



A huge round of applause to all the children who planned, generated ideas, and were involved in hosting House Meetings across both half terms. Members of Livingstone, Scott and Nightingale dazzled staff and children, within each House, with their visually stimulating and professional PowerPoint presentations, quizzes, and competitions. These covered both The Big Bird Watch and British Science Week 2024. The Heads of each House were more than impressed with your collaborative efforts and leadership skills. Great team work Lower III!



This term, Upper II have been researching what they consider to be the best invention of the last 100 years. Pupils had to prepare a speech to explain why they had chosen this invention as well as giving us some information about who invented it, when it was made and how it has transformed our world. They then had to be prepared to answer questions from their peers regarding their invention, some of whom had a differing opinion of this invention! This sparked some healthy debates amongst the class as they passionately defended their invention.

The smart phone, internet and computers were very popular choices, with a number of pupils choosing these products. We also had support for the microwave, smoke detector, Apollo 11 launch as well as the ball point pen and a chainsaw! Pupils were in charge of voting for their favourites, and there were three different rounds. The winners then had the opportunity to use their newly developed debate skills against the Lower III pupils in a debate in front of the school. Congratulations to Dylan K, Sehej S, Aarav and Sumayya who made it through to the final.



Upper II

Mrs. Pittaway



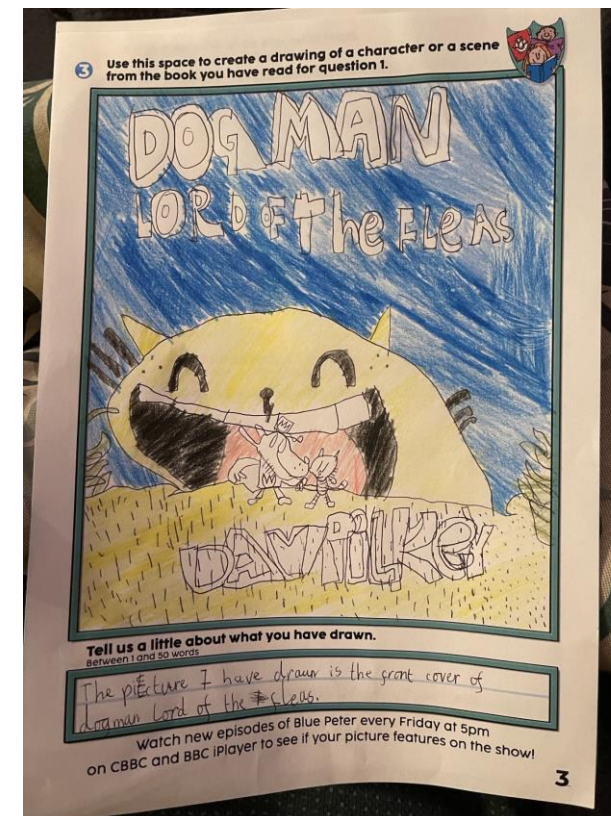
Champs



Well done to Zayn in FII who was recently awarded Junior Tennis Player of the Year at his club. We'll be looking out for you at the future Wimbledon Championships!



Samay Kaul, in FII, is a keen chess player competing in local and national tournaments. Samay was selected for the Staffordshire Junior U9 team, and he made his debut on 09/03/24 at the ESPCA County Zonal Event in the Wirral, playing board 1 and he won all 3 of his games. Many congratulations on Samay's success. We are very proud and certainly pleased for him. Mr Draper would like to also thank Samay's parents for their very kind donation of some chess boards for the school and we wish Samay all the best for any upcoming tournaments.



Well done to Rishen in Form I who was awarded a Reading Blue Peter badge for his review of *Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas*.





Earlier this term, the whole took part in a Connect 4 Tournament. Each class completed a knock-out event to produce a winner. The winner of each class played the winner of another class in the quarter finals, and the winners of those matches played against each other to produce our finalists.

The staff also had a tournament running alongside, with tense matches taking place during lunchtime and registration.

A big congratulations to

our class winners-

KG- Neve

TR- Eva

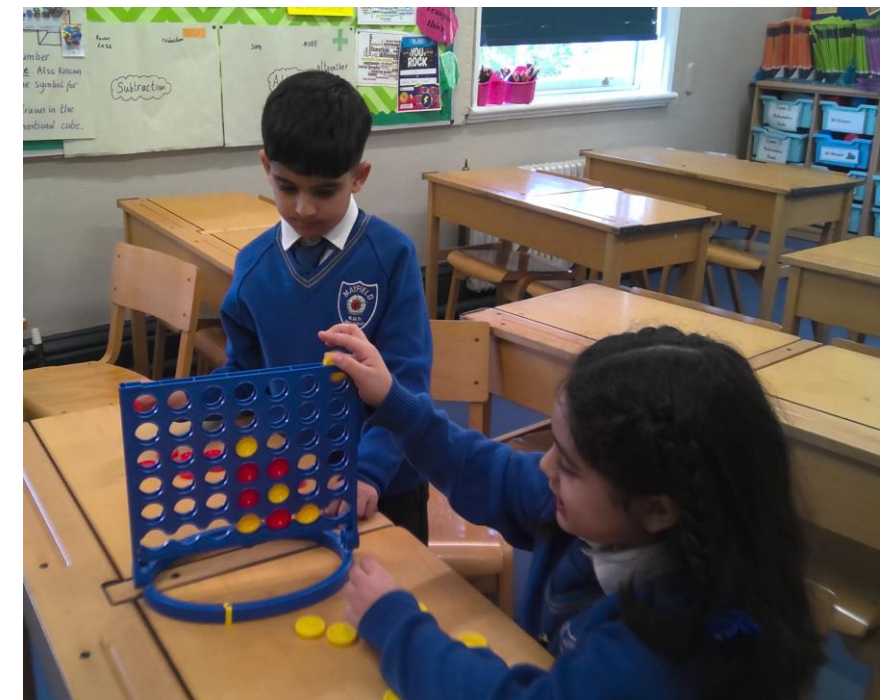
FI- Amar

LII- Ansh

FII- Samay

UII- Dylan N

LIII- Aariya



The finalists from both tournaments then played each other in the Grand Finals, in front of the whole school.

Congratulations to Aariya, and runner-up Amar, in the pupil tournament, and Mrs Pittaway and runner-up Mr Draper, in the staff tournament.

To find our Ultimate Champion, the Pupil and Staff winners played each other.

Well done to Aariya in LIII! Connect 4 Ultimate Champion for 2024!

Connect 4 Tournament

Mrs S Marston





World Book Day and Young Shakespeare

Mrs S Crosby

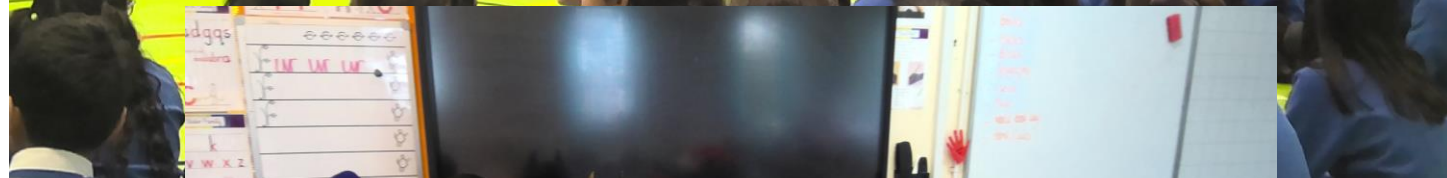


Mayfield celebrated World Day and Shakespeare in a Literary delight of poetry recitals, dressing up and drama. For World Book Day, Upper School pupils were invited to take part in a Poetry by Heart competition. Each class whittled down the finalists to four pupils, who then took part in a final round in front of the rest of the school. The winners were: Eesa (LII), Zayn (FII), Sehej K (UII) and Aditi (LIII). They were presented with the Speech festival cups for each form. The judges then chose two from all the finalists to represent the school at the Finals in London. They were Aditi (LIII) and Frankie (LIII) They will be filmed, and their videos sent off. Good luck to you both!

After the recitals, StreetKatz performed some drama and dance to a book called What if One day.

The next day everyone dressed up in their favourite book character costumes and enjoyed a day of reading and book activities.

The following Monday, Upper School were treated to a performance of Henry V by the Young Shakespeare Company and selected pupils were part of the cast as well as everyone taking on the roles of soldiers in the battle and on the ship sailing to France. Everyone enjoyed the drama and acting and even learnt some French!





Birthday Books

Name	Age	Month
Skander	5	February 2024
Mrs Marston	21 (again!)	February 2024
Yuvraj	5	March 2024
Nikhil	9	March 2024
Daanvi	6	March 2024
Roman	5	March 2024
Ava	6	March 2024

Thank you to everyone who has donated a "Birthday Book", and Happy Birthday to all the Mayfield children who have celebrated their special day this term!





British Science Week Poster Competition

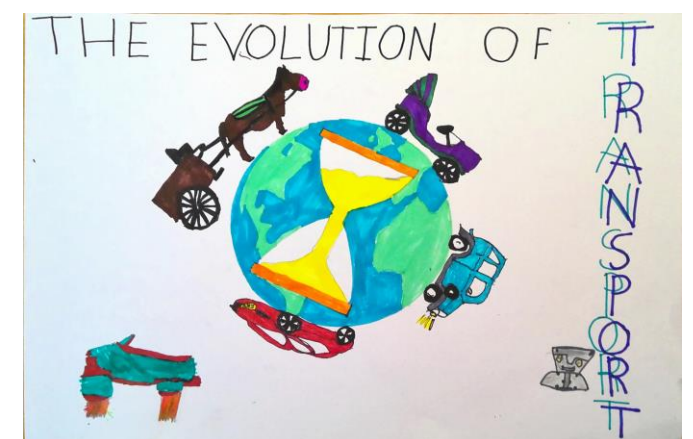
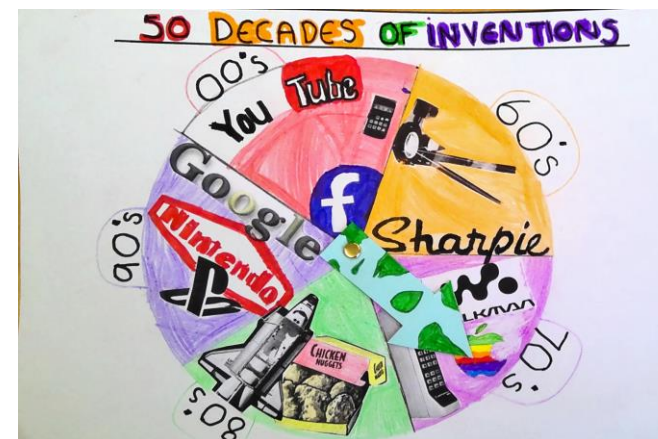
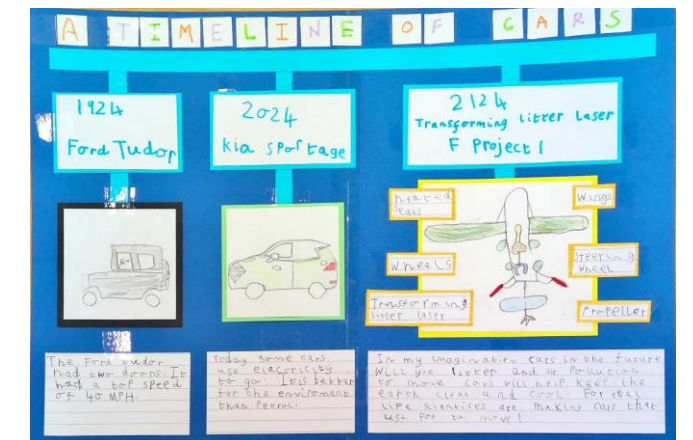
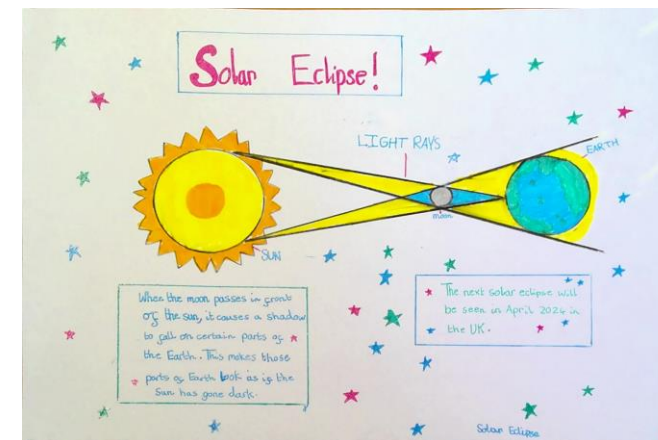
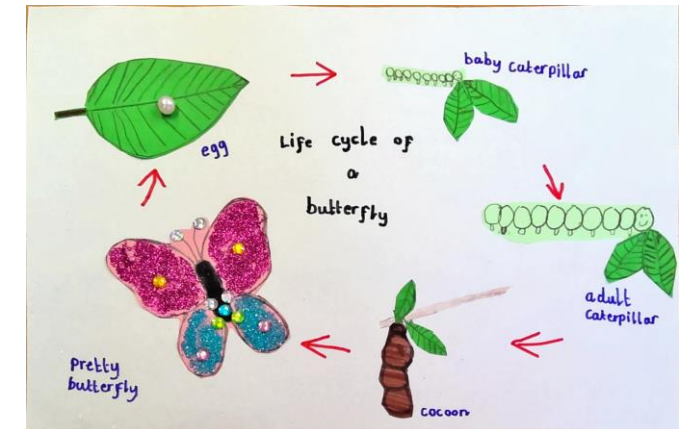
Mrs Draper

British Science week is a 10-day celebration of all things STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) related. This year's theme for events was **Time**.

At Mayfield Preparatory School, we have been focusing on the theme of **Time for the last 100 years**, linking in with our celebrations for Mayfield's Centenary. In school we have been investigating inventions and inventors from the last 100 years. Upper II and Lower III, focused on preparing and presenting a speech about the scientific invention that has proved to be the greatest during the last 100 years. Initially heats were held in class for pupils to vote for the most persuasive arguments. Then pupils from Transition to Lower III heard the finalists present their persuasive arguments. Inventions ranged from the computer, smart phone, smoke alarms and the heart pacemaker. All speakers had shown an in-depth knowledge of their invention and had a good grasp of persuasive language. The winner, voted for by the pupils was the Covid-19 vaccine!

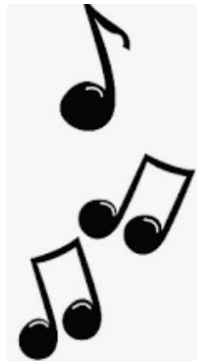
Other year groups have investigated the 1969 Moon Landing, the development of television over the last 100 years and using coding skills to travel through time!

In addition, to encourage our passion for promoting independent learning at Mayfield, we held this year's poster competition. Pupils were asked to design and create a poster on the theme of **Time**. The possibilities were endless, with entries ranging from changes over time (life-cycles, food chains, how different types of rocks are created, reversible and irreversible changes, evolution, phases of the moon, technological inventions and also futuristic inventions!





Mayfield Musical Maestros



HUGE congratulations to Luca in Form I, who passed his Grade 2 Piano Exam with Distinction and his older brother Jude in FII who passed his Grade 3, also with Distinction. Gamu in LII also recently passed her Piano Prep Test.

Well done, everyone!

MANY congratulations to Mrs Gerighty who was asked to perform in the ABRSM, High Scores' Concert on 17 March having achieved Distinction in Grade 8 in the Viola Practical Exam.



We are very proud of all the children who have worked hard and taken exams and passed their music exams. We look forward to celebrating more successes in music at Mayfield in the future.





Music Lessons...



Could you be the next Paganini?

Do your fingers itch to play like Chopin?

Are you a modern-day Mozart?

Children in Transition have the opportunity to start Piano lessons with Mrs Anslow, after Easter.

Children in Form I can start Violin lessons with Mrs Harvey, from September.

Children in Form I can also start Guitar with Mr Gerighty. from September

If you are interested, then please let us know!

We also have the possibility of a Trumpet Tutor, dependent on numbers from Lower II onwards, so please indicate to us which instrument you are interested in learning.

House Quiz



Mrs Flanagan hosted the Annual Inter-House Quiz this week. It was a lot of fun – seven rounds from General Knowledge to Logos!

The results were exceptionally close, but the overall winners were Scott House. Reet and Dylan, the Scott House Captains accepted the trophy.

Well done to all the Key Stage 2 children who took part.



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.

Key Dates

Tuesday 9th April	Start of Summer term
Thursday 11th April	U9's Mini tennis at Streetly School
Friday 12th April	Non-Uniform day for Eid Mayfield Cross Country
Monday 15th to Friday 19th April	LIII residential trip to Oakerwood
Friday 19th April	Hydesville Maths Quiz Optometrist from Walsall Manor Hospital to test Kindergarten
Monday 22nd April	U11's Girl's football finals at Bescot
Tuesday 23rd April	UII KES Maths Challenge
Monday 29th April	U11's Netball at Streetly School
Thursday 2nd May	Senior Schools presentation for Upper II pupils & parents
Monday 6th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	KS1 SATs start
Wednesday 8th May	U11's Tag Rugby at Veseyans
Monday 13th April	KS2 SATs start
Friday 17th May	PTA Family Quiz Night
Saturday 18th May	LAMDA exams
Wednesday 22nd May	Lower II and Form II trip to Tamworth Castle
Friday 24th May	End of half-term
Monday 10th June	Start of 2nd half term Whole school & class photographs



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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