



# MAYFIELD MESSENGER



October 2021 Half-Term



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# Headmaster's Foreword



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*After over 18 months of restrictions imposed on the whole country because of the pandemic, it has been wonderful to return to almost normal. Although there has been some disruption due to the continuing risk of Covid and some staff and pupils have unfortunately been forced to self-isolate, in general the school has been able to carry on at almost full capacity for almost all this first half term. In fact, 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 Birmingham, King Edward's, Wolverhampton and Queen Mary's grammar schools exams, followed by King Edward's and King Edward's High independent schools exams. The results have started coming in and they are looking very positive. Lower III are a lovely, fabulous year group and we will help them all find the secondary school destination of their choice.*

*There have been two trips: Upper II visited the Bewdley Evacuees' museum and had a wonderful day; Form I had a great time at the Hatton World of Adventure, and I am*

*proud to say that the staff there told our teachers that Form I was the best behaved class they had had on a school trip there!*

*On Monday, we hosted West House School for an Under 11s football tournament in the first competitive sports fixture we have had in nearly two years! Our players benefited enormously from the experience and great fun was had all round.*

*The PTA Hallowe'en Disco last Friday was frightfully good! My hat goes off to the children and parents for the amazing artwork that went into the pumpkins that we proudly displayed in the courtyard all day. The parents from the PTA worked really hard all afternoon to decorate the school appropriately scarily and ran the two back-to-back discos smoothly and with great humour. Thanks to DJ Sam and the parents and teachers of the PTA for*

giving our children a memorable time, our first Hallowe'en disco for two years!

On Monday, parents were invited into our EYFS to enjoy a lovely Harvest Festival, and this afternoon, the half term built to a crescendo and culminated in the Main School Harvest Festival. The pupils practised hard with Mrs Gerighty and it was an incredible occasion! It took place in the Hall of the Olympians, with a good showing of parents, the first time we have been able to host an event in school for over 18 months! The children did us proud, singing their hearts out and showing off their fine elocution with class poems. The children are a credit to the school and to their families. Thank you to everybody for your generous donations towards the Walsall Food Banks. I am delighted that we have been able to contribute to such a worthy cause and help out those less fortunate than ourselves.

Finally, have a well-deserved half-term break, everybody. Enjoy some much-needed family time and come back refreshed and rejuvenated on Monday 1st 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](http://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 her 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; 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.

## Lower III Elections

As is now traditional at Mayfield, elections were held for staff and children to vote for their 2021 Lower III representatives. A true representation of democracy in action.

Congratulations to all the children on their new roles!

Head Boy		Head Girl	
Daniel		Eve	
Deputy Head Boy		Deputy Head Girl	
Aarav So		Hemali	
Head Librarian: Aarav Sa			
Deputy Librarians:	Aran	Simran K	
House Captains:			
Scott	Livingstone	Nightingale	
Samarah	Simran A	Ishani	
Himmat	Aadil	Arjan	
Games Captains:			
Scott	Livingstone	Nightingale	
Annah	Amraya	Shaan	
Yuvraj	Kiran	Param	
School Council Leaders:	Sajjan	Navita	

## Library - Book Browsing

My first job as Head Librarian was to spend the generous gift of book tokens donated by last year's Lower Ill's, helped by the school librarians Aran and Simran we sat down with Mrs Inkster to find some new and exciting reads to supplement our school library. We have ordered over 30 new books for readers from 2 to 200.

Look out for some of the following new titles that will be on the shelves for you to borrow.

If you need help choosing a book or want some advice on what to read next please come and speak to me.

**Aarav (Sa.) Head Librarian**





### Our terrific trip to the Bewdley Museum

On Wednesday 6th October we did something amazing. We went to Bewdley Museum to experience life in World War II. At first I thought a museum would be dull and mundane but it turned out to be the opposite. First of all we had to go dressed up as evacuees. I wore a knee-length dress with a woollen cardigan. On my head I wore a beret. Mrs Inkster, Mrs Flanagan and Mrs Marston were all dressed up too.

There were two ladies at the museum, Vivian and Rosemary who took us to the education room. They told us lots of facts about evacuees. They got us to retell the story of 'Joan' who had been a real life evacuee to Bewdley in the war. We got to see lots of artefacts from the war and we even got to go and sit in an air raid shelter. It was a large Anderson shelter built on the site of the museum to give protection for people who worked in the bank in Bewdley during the war. It was long, made of metal and cold. It had benches for us to sit down on. It wouldn't have been pleasant to stay in it for too long! We learned that people would have spend whole nights in the shelters to protect themselves from the bombs.

There was a lot of rationing during the war because everything was in short supply. We learnt how to make rag rugs using small pieces of scrap fabric. Anjali and my rug was so good Mrs Marston has brought it back to school. It is on display in Upper II if you would like to look at it.

As we clambered back on the coach I took one last look at Bewdley Museum, 'I'll be back' I whispered.

By Saanvi



# BEWDLEY MUSEUM



## Adventures of Pip and Pep



Nursery Bear Pip and Pre-Nursery Bear Pep have started their adventures already!

Amelia had great fun with Pip! On Saturday, Pip went on a petrol hunt with Amelia's parents. The children were rewarded with a treat at a cafe for their good patience. Pip was at the swimming pool watching Amelia swim, he was so careful not to get wet. The weekend

was wet and windy but the family managed to get to the park on Sunday. Pip met a few wooden forest friends, squirrels, ducks and geese!

Bishan and Pep travelled to London to attend his cousin's wedding. Bishan enjoyed putting the ramaal (scarf) around Pep for the wedding ceremony. It was also Bishan's grandmother's (Nani) birthday but we did not get to cut a cake with her so Bishan bought a birthday cake and blew out the candles with Pep. Pep and Bishan came home, played hide and seek in the garden. Bishan made Pep a flower band. Then they looked up at the sky. Bishan enjoyed showing Pep all the plants and shrubs. Bishan and Pep attended another wedding on Sunday but Bishan did not take Pep to the wedding party because Pep was "too small" and needed to sleep, so Bishan tucked him into bed before leaving for the party.





## Creative Club

The children in creative club enjoyed being pavement artists and created chalk drawings.



## Forest School



Forest school started the school year with Transition this year. We have been having some trouble with the fairies in the forest! They had a party one week and we had to recycle their rubbish! We also helped to find some school items that they had hidden!

This half term Kindergarten have been going to Forest School. They explored the woods, finding out what they could see and hear. They made collections of items they could find on the ground and turned them into works of art.

It will be Upper II's turn after half term, with the topic India.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

This term has seen a flurry of extra-curricular clubs running; sport clubs including Karate, Active Gym, tennis and multi-sports have seen children from transition to Lower III having fun and keeping fit. Other favourites such as Be Creative, Recorders, Junior and Senior choirs and chess remain as popular as ever with children. We have seen many of our students developing their acting and performance skills with LAMDA, Street Katz and Big Arena Theatre and are looking forward to seeing their performances. Each club is unique and different but they all share the same thing children at Mayfield having fun and enjoying themselves, learning and developing new skills outside the classroom.

Booking for next term's extra-curricular clubs will be on Parentpay on 29.11.21. Please make a note of the date as some clubs have limited spaces. Please note; while we have tried our hardest to accommodate everyone, not every club is available to every year group.



## Harvest

Thank you to everyone for your generous Harvest donations, which will be going to the local food bank on Ablewell Street. In addition to bringing produce in, Early Years have also been making soup with seasonal vegetables of parsnip, carrot and potato. Parents were able to taste the soup after the Early Years Harvest Festival.



## Halloween Disco

DJ Sam kept everybody entertained at the disco. Thank you to the PTA for organising a great event!



# Key Dates - 2021



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

* Second Half Term	1st November
* Flu Vaccinations KG to LIII	4th November
* Trip to Bodenheim Arboretum LL & FII	8th November
* Diwali Day	10th November
* School Photos	17th November
* Children In Need (non-uniform)	19th November
* Parents Evening	23rd / 24th November
* Trip to Statfold Barn Railway	3rd December
* Pantomime at Garrick (TR to LIII)	7th December
* KS1 Nativity	8th December
* EYFS Nativity	9th December
* Christmas Fayre	10th December
* Upper School Christmas Party	13th December
* Lower School Christmas Party	14th December
* Pantomime at Garrick (N & KG)	14th December
* Carol Service	15th December
* End of Term	17th December (12:30 pm)



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