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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.

As you know, Mayfield was inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) from 24th to 26th September. While I am not yet allowed to reveal the inspection outcome, I can tell you how impressed the inspectors were with our children and staff and I can also tell you that the school has done very well, and I am very happy! The inspection report is currently undergoing quality assurance and is due to be published sometime soon. At this point, the report will be distributed to all parents of the school and published on the school website. The Governors and leadership team of the school would like to extend our thanks to all the staff for their consistent hard work, to all the parents for the positive feedback to inspectors and support for the school, and to all the children for being so amazing! I am very proud of you all and honoured to be the Headmaster of such a great school!

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, they sat the West Midlands grammar schools, now as one exam. 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.

This half term, we have invited parents from EYFS and Lower School to English Workshops to share how we teach English and how parents can support their children's learning. The Upper School English Workshop will be after half term.

This Wednesday, parents were invited to enjoy our Early Years Harvest Festival, featuring my favourite, 'Dingle, dangle scarecrow!' Then, on Thursday, many 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.

Today, the final day of half term, Mayfield celebrated the Hallowe'en Discos in Nursery and in main school. Staff and children, dressed up in beautiful, and sometimes scary, costumes! Thanks to the hardworking teachers who organised the disco, led the dancing and what an incredible DJ Mrs Pittaway is!

Please note that we have a sad announcement. Mrs Aubrook attended Mayfield as a little girl and remembers them building the old school hall. Later, she was a proud parent of her two children who also attended Mayfield. After 34 years of service to Mayfield as a Governor and Chair of Governors, Mrs Aubrook, has decided to retire from the Governing Body. We know she is very proud of all that Mayfield children have achieved during her time here and we are very grateful for her enormous contribution. Happily, she will continue to attend as many events as she can.

Finally, have a well-deserved half-term break, everybody. Enjoy some much-needed family time and come back refreshed and reinvigorated on Monday 4th November.

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; attendance, 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.



Mini Mayfield



The children have quickly settled into their new routines in Nursery. This half term, they have enjoyed going out to Forest School every Friday. They have looked at different trees. They collected lots of leaves and sticks to use to make wands.

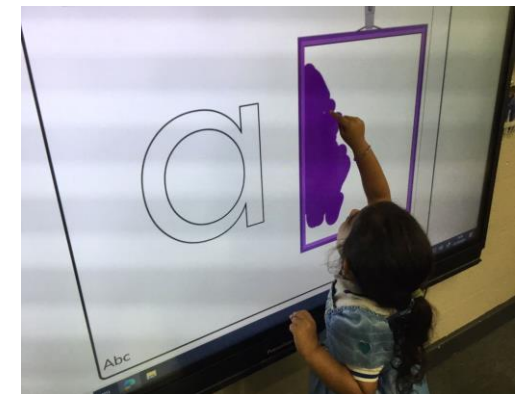
The children have started on their journey of learning to read with the Read, Write Inc Phonics scheme. In group time, they are learning to recognise some letters and to say the sound they make.

Nursery children love to do a range of creative activities from painting to singing and dancing. We invited the parents to come in and take part in a clay workshop with their child.

Every Thursday, the children go to The Hall of the Olympians. They have been learning to run, hop and balance on one leg. They have also started to develop their ball skills, practising throwing and catching.

Every day, the children have been developing their fine motor skills ready for writing. They enjoy cutting and threading as well as mark making

In our Maths lessons, the children are learning to count to 10 and to count groups of objects. Sometimes we use the big screen to help.



Pre-Nursery

Mrs S Rahman

Pre-Nursery have made a very good start to their term at Mayfield. The children have settled in and spent time making new friends and learning new skills. They have all been very busy playing and exploring.

The children loved balancing and jumping off the outdoor equipment. They have built their physical strength by riding bikes and climbing on the wobbly bridge. The children liked to play in the sand shed and they enjoyed digging and pouring the sand. The children also really loved getting their hands dirty in our sensory tray.

It is also very busy inside our Pre-Nursery classroom. The children have enjoyed exploring different textures through a variety of craft activities.

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. We had our own class vote for 'head Mr Men' and 'head Little Miss.' discussing their characters and attributes.

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 talked about our family and the people we live with.

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!





It has been a fantastic first half term in Transition and the children have produced some amazing work! In Geography, we have been learning about where our food comes from and found out all about the journey of milk, from farm to supermarket. As part of our learning, we collaged our own herd of Friesian cows. We have also been looking at a globe and maps to find out where the hot and cold areas of our planet are situated and identifying key geographical locations such as the Equator and the North and South Poles.

In DT, we used our design skills to design and build our own junk models and challenged ourselves to use different ways to join materials, such as flange joints, split pin and tape. We then used our creative thinking skills to tell a story about our creations.



Form I

Mr Watts



It has been a tale of contrasts in Form I since they started their new academic year! In Art, we have been painting with warm colours, such as red, yellow and orange, and cold colours, such as purple, blue and green, which can affect the moods of the pictures we create. In Science, we have been investigating the different properties of materials, including the contrast between a sponge, which is absorbent, and plastic, which is not absorbent.

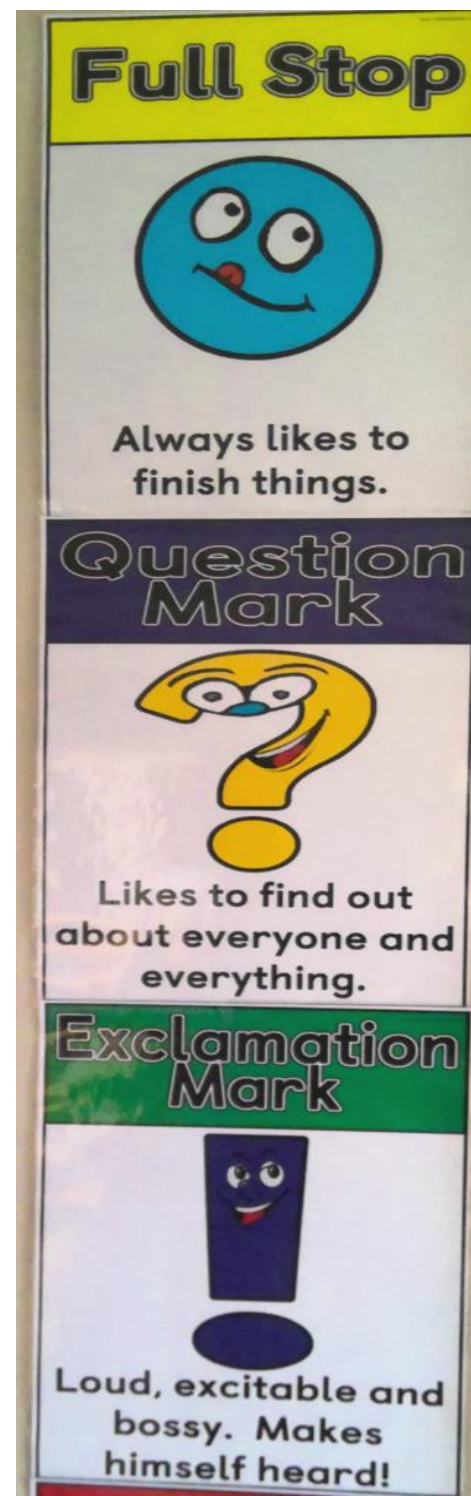
In Mathematics, we have compared tens and ones and contrasted addition and subtraction in terms of the operations studied. In Humanities, we have been learning about the seaside, which is ironic considering that Walsall is one of the furthest places from the beach in England!

In Physical Education, we have completed multi-skills activities, including football shots at goal, aiming a tennis ball at a cricket wicket and shooting basketballs into a hoop! Scott won this as a House competition, although it was very close.

In Geography, we have been studying maps and looking at human and physical features and in English we have contrasted how punctuation marks, such as full stops, exclamation marks and question marks, can affect the structure of different sentences.

In Religious Education, we have learnt about the creation of the World, the Jewish celebration of Shabbat, and how different kinds of fruit and vegetables are grown, either on, under or above the ground.

We have been very impressed with the way that Form I pupils have used the "kind hands, kind feet, kind speech" initiative at Mayfield and have helped each other to settle into their new class.



Transition

Mrs King





Form II

Mrs Crosby

What would happen if it rained sweets?

Why?

? ?
? Yellow is the answer.
What is the question?
? ?
? ? ?

It's been a busy half term for Lower II moving up into Upper School, with new routines, different teachers and the start of swimming lessons. The children have all adapted quickly to the expectations and requirements of Lower II, becoming organised and independent learners. Well done, Lower II!

One new initiative the children have particularly enjoyed this half term is the introduction of their daily Mayfield C.A.T. (Critical and Analytical Thinking) question in English lessons. Critical thinking is the ability for the children to analyse facts and establish a judgement based on logic and reason. It is essential to develop this skill as they move through school, to better their social interactions, discuss topics more deeply and to be able to work with points of view that may differ from their own. Critical thinking encompasses many of the skills the children will need to access the school curriculum, and more so the curriculum of their later education. These skills include inventing, making analogies, formulating hypotheses and recommending alternatives. Critical thinking skills help children to filter the information they take in and select which pieces are most relevant to the task in hand.

Above, are a selection of the C.A.T questions the children have enjoyed over the last half term.



Lower II

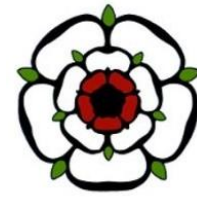
Mrs Guest



Form II enjoyed a writing workshop on dinosaurs provided by Pobble 365. They learnt how to build a story about a dinosaur using descriptive language, the senses and show not tell. Below are some extracts from their amazing work. They were able to use their C.A.T skills to creatively write a setting, a dinosaur character and use emotions in their descriptions. Well done, Form II, there are some budding authors among you!

"I could feel the cold breeze flowing across my body." (Soha). "The goosebumps appeared on my arms, and I felt hot." (Dhiyaan). "I froze. My heart pounded in my chest. The floor was rumbling!" (Anaya C). "A thunderous roar echoed; my heart was beating so fast it made me shake. I didn't know what to do!" (Eesa). "I carefully approached the tremendous creature. My hands lifted up onto the dinosaur's slimy scales." (Rajan). "The bloodthirsty-eyed beast was chasing after them like a game of tag." (Dahlia). "The footsteps were getting louder! Should I run or hide? I hid then I saw it." (Esha). "This was it. It was now or never..." (Aarav).





Lower III

Mrs. Andrews

The children of Lower III have made an incredible start to the academic year; working extremely hard in English lessons, to develop their creative writing.

Skills, technique and imagination were particularly evident when the children produced entries for this year's annual Highclare Writing Competition.

Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the National Gallery, in London, children shared their reflections upon a chosen painting from the gallery's vast collection.

Work produced has been to an exceptional standard, and the children have really excelled themselves! The writing is currently in pride-of-place on the Lower III classroom display board for all to enjoy.

We all wait in anticipation for the results of the competition which will be judged in the forthcoming weeks.

Good luck to all of those who have taken part across Key Stage 2!



On Thursday 12th September, Upper II had the honour of being responsible for the first class assembly of the year. As it was Roald Dahl day the following day, we decided to base our assembly around this. The children shared interesting facts about Roald Dahl; his early life, his time as a chocolate taster, and of course, his many books. Some of the children shared their favourite stories- Jude loves Fantastic Mister Fox, Ilah really enjoyed Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Maya and Samay's favourite character is Willy Wonka. Neece loves Matilda and brought in the book to show us. Mrs Pittaway loves The Witches, especially the one who turns all the children into mice! Everyone spoke clearly and the whole school really enjoyed being reminded of the many wonderful stories and characters. We finished with a clip and a song from Wonka.



Upper II

Mrs. Marston





Mrs Andrews

Lower III - Roles and Responsibilities



HEAD GIRL Shaan **HEAD BOY** Rohan

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL Saran **DEPUTY HEAD BOY** Dylan K

HEAD LIBRARIAN: Tulsi

Librarian: Reena & Sehej K

HOUSE CAPTAINS :

LIVINGSTONE Geo & Sukhmani

NIGHTINGALE Aishani & Manraj

SCOTT Sehej S & Eesha

SCHOOL COUNCIL LEADS: Tia & Jaidev

ECO CHAMPIONS: Aadam & Aarav

ICT AMBASSADORS: Roman & Dylan N

GAMES CAPTAINS :

LIVINGSTONE Ambur & Aydin

NIGHTINGALE Taara & Avraj

SCOTT Azmeer & Sumayya

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.





Your Adventures



On Sunday 15th September, Dhiyaan helped Walmley cricket club's U11 team win the Birmingham Premier League final. Dhiyaan opened the bowling and did well against a talented Knowle & Dorridge team.

Well done Dhiyaan on playing 3 years up and holding your own against a side who fielded several Warwickshire County players at U11 level.



Samar had his graduation recently for the Summer Reading Challenge at Mere Green library. Samar, you should be very proud of your achievement.

Well done, Samar – keep up the good work!



Dahlia swam in her first swim gala; after joining a swim club only 3 days previously, and she came 2nd in all her races, winning a silver medal in her age group. We are so proud of her, and not just because of her physical achievement but more so in terms of how her confidence has grown. Well done, Dahlia!



We are extremely pleased to share that Kiaan has been selected to play in the 'World Junior Golf Championship' to be held in Spain.

Approximately 200 children from all over Europe and the rest of the world have been selected to participate in the championship, competing in various age groups.

Kiaan will be competing against 29 other Children in age group 8-10 years old.

Well done, Kiaan, we wish you all the best!





Birthday Books

Happy birthday to all the Mayfield children who have celebrated their big day this term. Thank you for your generous donations to our Centenary Library.

We're Going to Find the Monster

Hedgehog

All the Wrong Questions

Coral Reef

The Sun Rises

The Girl who Lost a Leopard

Being You

Horrid Henry



Congratulations to...

Tia Hunjun, LIII, Grade 3, Pass

Rohan Choudhary, LIII, Grade 2, Merit

Jude Alleyne, UII, Grade 4, Merit

Luca Alleyne, LII, Grade 3, Merit

... for your achievements in your Piano assessments

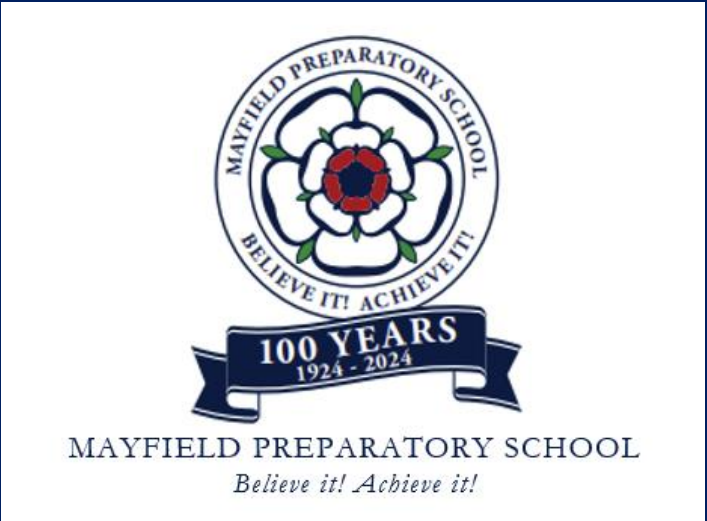


Music Awards



Key Dates

Monday 4 th November	Start of half term
Monday 4 th November	Diwali Assembly and Activities (normal school uniform)
Monday 4 th November	U11s football v West House (Away)
Tuesday 5 th November	Quidditch Day (PE uniform for all students)
Wednesday 6 th November	U11s football v Hydesville (Away)
Wednesday 6 th November	U9s Cross country (Aldridge)
Friday 8 th November	U9s football v Hydesville (Home)
Monday 11 th November	U11s netball tournament (Streetly)
Tuesday 12 th November	Mayfield Maths Quiz
Tuesday 12 th November	U9s football v West House (Home)
Wednesday 13 th November	EYFS Open Morning
Wednesday 13 th November	Lower II to Lower III Parents English Workshop
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th November	Upper II & Lower III trip to Harry Potter World
Wednesday 4 th December	Transition to Lower III to Lichfield Garrick to see Jack and the Beanstalk
Wednesday 4 th December	Nursery & Kindergarten Nativity to parents
Friday 6 th December	Transition and Form I Nativity to parents
Monday 9 th December	Lower School Christmas Party
Tuesday 10 th December	Upper School Christmas Party
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Movie Night
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery & Kindergarten Christmas Theatre trip to Birmingham Rep
Thursday 12 th December	Carol Service
Thursday 12 th December	Early Years Christmas Party
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December	End of term (12.30pm)



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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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