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# Mr Draper

## Headmaster's Foreword

End of Term Round Up

Christmas is my favourite time of the year, and what a wonderful time we have had in the last two weeks of term! Christmas parties, trips to the panto, Nativities and Carol Service! It doesn't get better than that! Mind you, we are all exhausted (and very excited!) and ready for the holidays! Let me share with you a few highlights of the last half term, and plenty more inside!

The first major event of the half term was when we celebrated Diwali with a day of traditional art and craft activities, including making Rangoli mathematical patterns, decorating Diwali elephants, and plenty more. One of our parents also organised a bhangra dance class a couple of weeks later which the pupils (and staff) absolutely loved!

The second highlight was the Quidditch Day. Feedback afterwards has been incredibly positive, and we have resolved to put Quidditch on the PE curriculum. Shortly afterwards, Upper II and Lower III had a magical trip to Harry Potter World. Staff and pupils alike had a great day out – see later in the magazine for further details.

The following week, on Remembrance Day, the whole school respectfully observed the two-minute silence and remembered the tremendous efforts and sacrifices which have been made in the World Wars and all

the wars since. In the same week, Scott House organised a non-uniform and tuck shop day to support Children in Need – see later in the magazine for further details.

Pupils in Upper II and Lower III also performed incredibly well in the Primary Mathematics Challenge, with a number of them achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. More of our mathematicians than ever before have also qualified for the bonus round in February, providing an opportunity to achieve a rare and highly-prized Bronze, Silver or Gold medal. Good luck to the finalists in the Spring Term!

Just this week, the area's leading independent schools have written to Lower III pupils with the results of their entrance exams, and I am delighted to share that in my 17 years at Mayfield, the most places, and scholarships, I have ever known have been offered at KES, KEHS, EHS and Solihull, Congratulations, Lower III!

In the House Competitions, Nightingale won the House Football and the House Hockey! Meanwhile, Scott are the overall winners of the House Merit Cup.

There has been a recent spate of trips and visits, mainly on a Christmas theme. Upper School and Lower School went to the panto to watch Jack and the Beanstalk at the Lichfield Garrick. We were sitting well back from the front row this year, so Mr Watts and

I thought we were safe from the attentions of the pantomime dame. However, this year, they had a drone that searched the entire audience, and lucky Mr Watts was picked out again for the Dame's new boyfriend! For their treat, Kindergarten and Nursery went to the Birmingham Rep to see the Snowflake, while Pre-Nursery visited Frankie and Lola's soft play area.

I loved our recent Nativities. Nursery and Kindergarten rose to the occasion and charmed us with their 'Christmas Recipe' which gave us the perfect Christmas! Not to be outdone, Transition and Form I gave us 'The Inn-spectors', which threatened to bring back the twitch in my eye, but the pupils performed spectacularly and my congratulations to all the children for giving us such joy with your singing, acting and jokes, while many thanks to all the staff for your hard work in putting it all together.

The staff and pupils decorated their classroom doors in keeping with the season of goodwill. They were all beautiful but, in the end, there had to be one winner. Lower II won Bronze for their Christmas tree made of their handprints, Nursery won Silver for their stockings above the fireplace with the flames made from their handprints, and Lower III were awarded the Gold medal for their Christmas a Latte – themed Christmas Door decorated with hand-written messages about why they love Christmas! (see the doors later in the magazine).

The finale for the term, as always, was the Carol Service. Well done to the children, Mrs Gerighty and all the staff for giving us such joy at the end of a busy and hardworking term, and thank you to Reverend Emma Horton of St Peter's, our Guest of Honour.

Good news! Miss Mallen has given birth to a healthy baby daughter, and I am sure you will all join me in passing on our congratulations. We will also say goodbye to Mrs Hitch, who is leaving Mayfield after 4 happy years. She has loved her time here but believes it is time for next adventure. We wish her all the best for the future.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Stay safe, enjoy the holiday and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed on Tuesday 7th January.

Mr M. Draper  
Headmaster







# Mini Mayfield

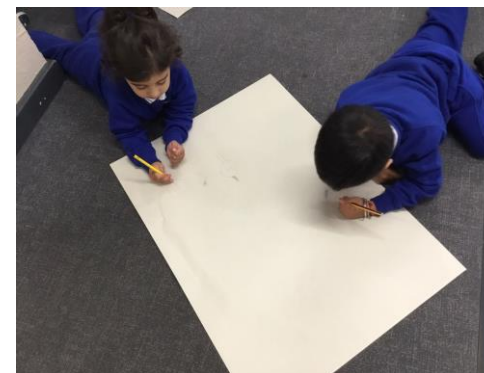
## Nursery Staff

It has been another busy half term in Nursery. The children have been working hard to develop their physical skills. They have spent some time learning to use scissors to cut out shapes. They have started to learn how to hold a pencil correctly and enjoy mark making on large sheets of paper. Once a week they go to the Hall of the Olympians for a PE lesson. In Maths lessons, the children have been learning to recognise numbers and count groups of objects. Sometimes they do this using the interactive whiteboard. The children have also been learning about 2D shapes. They enjoyed collecting sticks then using them to make different shapes.

In the middle of this half-term, we had a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. The children had fun dressing up in spotty clothes and Pudsey ears. It was an opportunity for the children to talk about helping those who are less fortunate than they are.

The children were very excited when we had snow in November. They enjoyed exploring outside and building a snowman.

December was another busy time with the build up to Christmas. Everyone worked hard to learn the words and actions for the songs in our Nativity play. In the last week of term, the children had the excitement of a theatre trip to The Rep in Birmingham to see a production called The Snowflake.







# Pre-Nursery

Mrs Rahman

Pre-Nursery children have had a great term, they have been busy exploring and enjoying new experiences.

The children enjoyed doing some mark making using the iPads and the marker pens, they did very well at identifying the different colours they used for their pictures.

We all had an amazing time on our trip to Frankie and Lola. It is a big soft play area for the children, where they did some balancing and climbed the different equipment. They all had so much fun.

During the term, we have loved getting involved in doing loads of craft work, and the children created an autumn leaf collage. The children have enjoyed using glitter to create fireworks and they have been enjoying the Christmas activities.

We loved playing in the snow and making a snowman. We all decorated the Christmas Tree together.



Making Autumn leaves



Isaac and Shaan helped decorate the tree



Decorating the Christmas tree

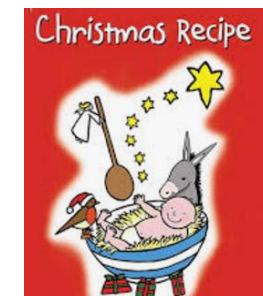


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# Kindergarten

Mrs. D Smith



It has been another busy half-term in Kindergarten. We started in early November with a day to celebrate Diwali and Bonfire Night. We really enjoyed taking part in the Quidditch day and our very own Elliot won the best beater in the school!

On Remembrance Day, we talked about remembering soldiers who died in the war and made poppies on the iPads. We held a two minute silence with the rest of the school to pay our respects.

In the middle of November, we helped raise money for Children in Need and enjoyed having treats from the tuck shop. We dressed in spotty clothes and took part in Pudsey activities throughout the day.

We had lots and lots of fun performing our school nativity 'A Christmas Recipe' to our friends at school and our families. We worked extremely hard to learn all of the songs and our lines. Thankyou to all the families that came to support us!

We finished off this term by going to see A Christmas Snowflake at the theatre. We really enjoyed the show!







# Form I

Mr Watts

It has been another busy half-term for Form I. We were given our script for our Nativity during the holidays and have been learning our lines ever since! We loved doing it and were all very proud of the shows that we did! Thank you to all the parents who helped with costumes and practising the songs at home. It was lovely to see so many of you at the performance! We all felt a bit like the grumpy donkey after all that hard work, but it was worth it! We managed to make it to Bethlehem in time for the birth of Jesus.

We paid our respects to two other important occasions earlier in the term: Remembrance Day and Diwali. Mrs Bansal organised a very energetic and enjoyable Bhangra Dance workshop. Our PE lessons have been used to celebrate dance. There are 5 key sequences in dance: jump, turn, travel, gesture and stillness. We choreographed moves to the James Bond theme, by the end of which Form I felt shaken but not stirred...

We had our annual trip to the Lichfield Garrick Theatre to watch the pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk". In the final week of term, we had our Christmas party and some of us went to the Christmas movie night experience!

Transition worked so hard this half-term, learning all about 'The King's Crown' in Humanities, where we were able to order some monarchs chronologically and design and make our own crowns. In Science, we have been observing seasonal changes and completed some lovely writing about the seasons. In DT, we designed and made our own fruit kebabs. Once we had made them, we took photos for Seesaw and then tasted our creations.

We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in 'The INN-spectors' KS1 Nativity alongside Form I, and the children delighted us all with their fantastic singing and dancing. It's safe to say that we are as proud, as proud, as proud as can possibly be!

We finished off our half-term in style, with our Christmas party and a well-earned visit to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the Lichfield Garrick and the children had lots of fun! We are very proud of each and every one of the children and we are looking forward to more 'Team Transition' adventures in the New Year!



# Transition

Mrs King





As part of our Geography topic, "Beyond the Magic Kingdom: what is the Sunshine State really like?" Lower II have been researching the lifecycle of the leatherback turtle and how this creature is at risk from natural and human hazards. The children discovered that of the seven species of sea turtle in the world, five are found in the waters around Florida. This means that beaches such as the one at Melbourne on the east coast are a critical link in their life cycle, as this is where they will come ashore to lay their eggs.

Through research and investigation, the children discovered that the leatherback turtle were an endangered species due to Florida being such a popular destination for beach holidays and turtles come ashore to lay their eggs at the warmest time of the year on these beaches. This meant that conflicts can arise between the needs of the turtles and the needs of humans. The children discovered that a popular way of raising awareness of the plight of the turtle in America is via car bumper stickers.

The children designed their own educational and persuasive bumper stickers with eye catching designs and a short, simple and creative statement explaining why action is so important.



# Form II

Mrs Crosby



As part of our Stone Age topic this term, Form II have been creating some exciting pieces of artwork in lessons with Mrs Hatton. Building Stonehenge out of custard creams was a highlight!

To end the term, pupils went on a trip to The New Walsall Art Gallery. The resident artist, Rob, talked to the children about the different types of artwork in the gallery and inspired them to make a clay sculpture animal based on the Stone Age.

First, pupils sketched animal heads and details using the artwork on the walls for inspiration. They then went into the activity room to mold their animals.

After lunch, we were invited to walk around the different galleries and experimented with plasticine, making a sculpture of a portrait. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and below are some photos of Form II in action with their creations.

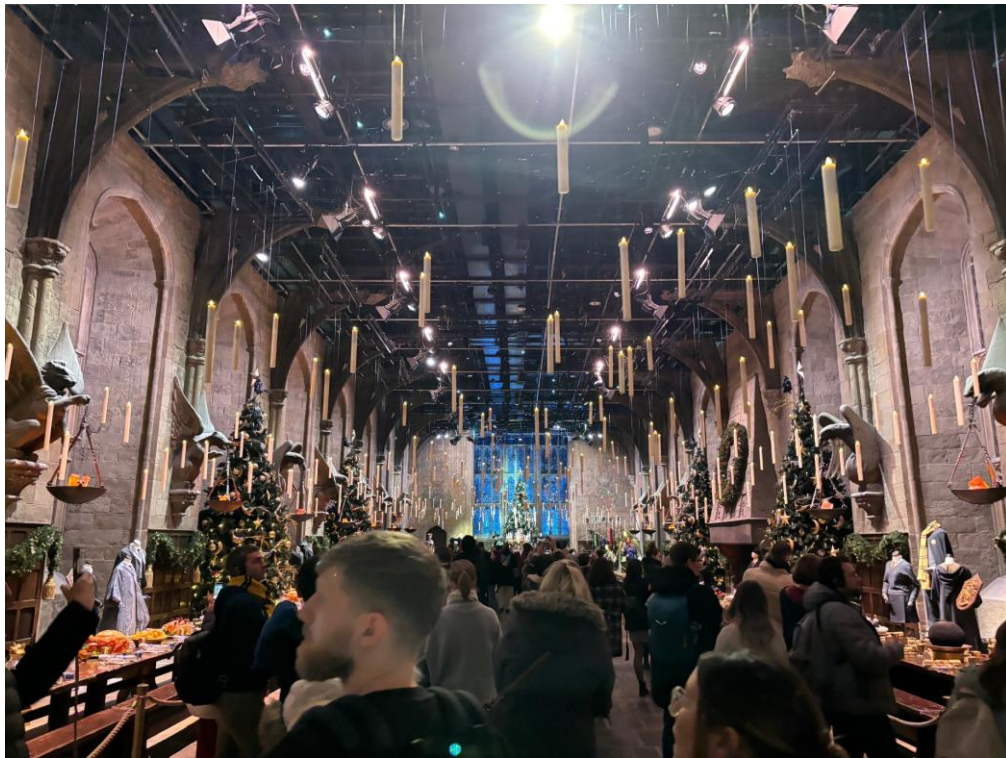


# Lower II

Mrs Guest







# Lower III

Mrs Andrews



Upper II and Lower III were transported to the magical world of Harry Potter this term, for a tour of the Warner Brothers Studios. The tour allowed the pupils to explore the sets, costumes and props that were used in the Harry Potter film franchise. The tour began with a chance to experience the Great Hall, which had been freshly decorated for Christmas.

We also witnessed the Gryffindor and Slytherin common rooms before stopping by the Burrow, the home of the Weasley family. We then headed into the Forbidden forest where we were greeted by the centaurs and spiders! Luckily, we managed to escape and were able get on to platform 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to catch the Hogwarts Express.

After lunch we took a ride on the Knight Bus to Privet Drive. We saw that Aunt Marge was looking a little bloated, so we swiftly made our way back to Hogwarts and the Greenhouse. We saw and heard the mandrakes as we tried to repot them into bigger containers. Next, we stopped off at Gringotts, the wizard bank, and made our way to the vaults. A dragon encounter encouraged us to head out into Diagon Alley and we all did a bit of window shopping!

Finally, a model of Hogwarts capped off a truly magical visit. The model had been covered in snow and felt very in keeping with the weather outside.

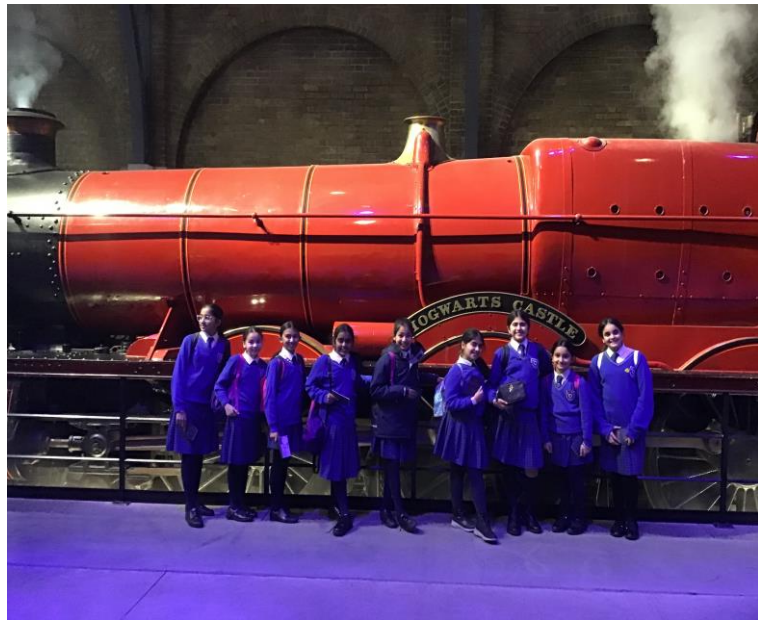


# Upper II

Mrs Pittaway & Mrs Marston



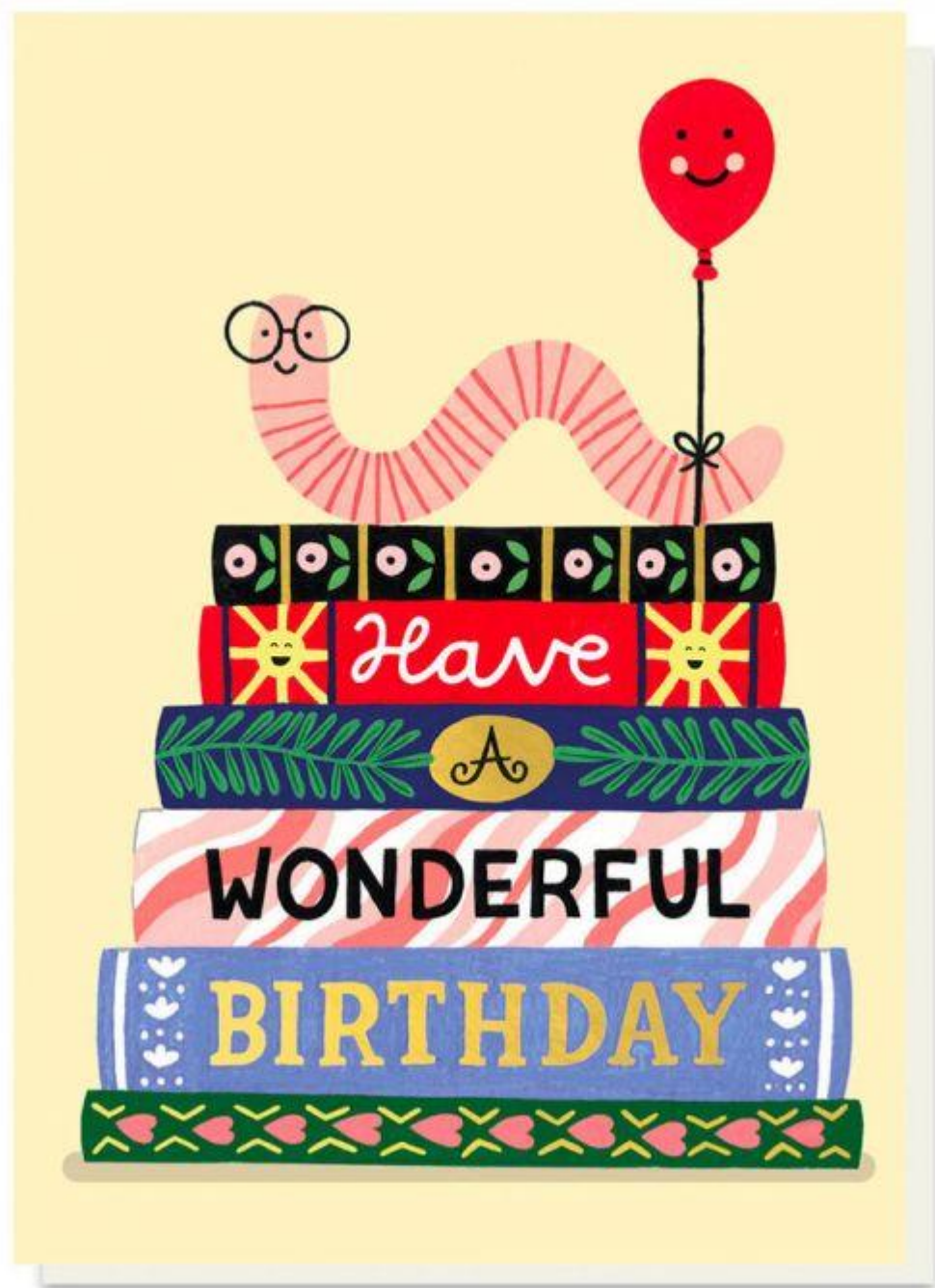








# Birthday Books



Thank you to all who have contributed to the growing collection of Birthday Books that we have in school, a lovely way to celebrate a Birthday with classmates.



# Mayfield Mindset

**The Mayfield Mindset**

**Share a smile**  
If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!

**Be kind**  
Always

**Motivate**  
Think it, encourage it, believe it, achieve it!

**Dream BIG!**  
Dream BIG, work hard, make it happen!

**Be resilient**  
If at first you don't succeed, try and try again.

**Mind your manners**  
Good manners show respect and show you care.

The Mayfield Mindset has been produced and developed by Mayfield Students

Thank you to all of our community who continue to support the Mayfield Mindset. The school council are always open to new suggestions, if you have an idea, remember to share it with them.

**I am kind**

**Kind hands**

**Kind feet**

**Kind speech**

**We are kind**







# Mayfield Mathematics Quiz

Mrs. S. Marston

On the 12th November, we hosted the third annual Mayfield Mathematics Quiz. We invited children from other local primary schools to join us. Once again, the teams were mixed, allowing as many schools as possible to go home with a medal. We had a fantastic group of children attending and everyone made some new friends. We had some rounds that have been a success in the past, such as the Treasure Hunt and the Relay but we also introduced a new round this year. The children had to insert missing numbers and signs to complete a cross-maths challenge. It was even more challenging than we expected but all the children showed excellent perseverance, and everyone completed the task. Well done to Aadam, Saran, Manraj and Sukhmani for being amazing hosts. Saran was also in the winning team so went home with a gold medal! Manraj's team were in third place, so he received a bronze medal.



# Sports Fixtures

Mayfield V Hydesville

Harmilan Chatha Form II

Hydesville came to Mayfield and played an Under 9's football match. We played Hydesville last year and beat them 4-0. Mayfield started the game very brightly and scored the first goal, which was scored by Harmilan. 1-0 to Mayfield! It was going very well until Hydesville scored to level the score. Hydesville scored two quick goals to make it 3-1 but Amar scored for Mayfield to make it 3-2. It was a closely fought contest, but Hydesville scored two good goals, despite some amazing saves by Dhiyaan.



Mayfield v West House

Aarav Choudhary Form II

Although this match was quite good, we didn't score any goals. We kept trying and played the match without giving up. There were some great saves from Abdul-Basit in goal and some great defending by Jai D. We gave debuts to Kiaan and Tatenda, who both came close to scoring. It was a closer game than the score reflected and, although Mayfield lost 7-0, we played well and enjoyed the game.





# Sports Fixtures



U11s Boys A and B teams away to West House

Mayfield U11s Boys A and B teams bounced back from defeats away to West House School earlier this week by romping to emphatic victories away to Hydesville Tower School yesterday. Both teams played in the Mayfield Way with a beautiful passing and moving style of play and dominated both matches against the home teams. The B team won 10-0, with Jude scoring a double hat-trick in a player of the match performance, while Aarav scored 5 goals in a 7-0 win for the A team and also won player of the match, despite a strong performance from the home team's goalkeeper. On the back of these wins, Mayfield should now approach the upcoming Walsall Kids Cup at the Bescott Stadium in 10 days' time full of confidence and with high hopes of qualifying through the first stage on the road to Wembley!



Walsall Football Kids Cup







# Faith Assembly

Mr Watts



In November we had the pleasure of a Sikh leader coming into one of our Assemblies to talk to the children about his faith. His name was Jajhar Singh and he was from the Walsall Gurdwara. He spoke about the main festivals that he celebrates (Diwali, Vaisakhi, Guru Nanak's Birthday) and the kinds of clothes that are worn at his place of worship. He also uttered an important Sikh prayer called The Mool Mantar and talked about the importance of washing before entering the main building as part of the Sikh worship. It was very interesting.

In December we celebrated the coming of Advent in preparation for Christmas. Andi Markham came in before the end of term with some of his friends who talked about the importance of thinking of others at Christmas.



# Multi Sports Club

Dylan Khera Lower III

Multi Sports is a brilliant after-school club for Upper School pupils from Lower II and above. It's incredibly inclusive, everyone is welcome to join, no matter what their ability

It's all about trying out and learning a variety of sports, including football, cricket, bench ball, dodgeball, basketball, badminton, netball, tennis and many others. It's a fantastic way to discover sports you might not have played before, to see if you'd like to continue with them and a place where everyone can have a try.

I love being part of Multi-Sports because it's not just about playing games – it's about learning valuable skills like teamwork and other important virtues. It also helps boost your confidence in PE and Games lessons, as it includes some of the sports we do in school. Best of all, it keeps you fit and is great fun at the same time!

If you're thinking about giving it a try, I'd definitely recommend it. You never know, you might even find your new favourite sport!







# Events in school



## Quidditch Day

On Tuesday we had a Quidditch day where we had two people come in to teach us a type of quidditch. In the morning we had assembly where The heads and deputies were sorted into the four Harry Potter houses using the famous sorting hat. Everyone was sorted into their houses in lessons. Every class had thirty minutes to play Quidditch. In our time to play Quidditch we played mini games at the start and finished with a proper game. Without a doubt everyone enjoyed it very much (Saran, LIII, Deputy-Head girl and Head of Hufflepuff House, the winning house).



## Diwali

Mayfield celebrated the festival of Diwali on Friday 10th November. Pupils dressed up in their bright home clothes or traditional outfits. At the start of the day, Anika and Sara from LII performed a lively dance during assembly. For the rest of the day, classes completed a Diwali dance workshop and various activities in class. The dance workshop taught traditional Indian dance moves to the story of Rama and Sita. In class, pupils made Diva lamps, Rangoli patterns, Mendi hand patterns, and decorated elephants. Happy Diwali!







# Christmas Door Decorating







# Your news!



Congratulations to Sehej who recently took part in the Staffordshire County Chess Tournament and won the U11s Championship!

Casey and Maddox were able to pay their respects for Remembrance Sunday at the cenotaph at St Benedict Bishop C of E Church in Wombourne. They laid a wreath representing their football club Wombourne Allstars.





## Key Dates

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term 1
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Extra-Curricular Clubs re-start
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	West Midlands Fire Service in school (FII)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Walsall Schools Swimming Gala
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Cross Country at Mayfield (home)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Early Years Open Morning 9-11am
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross Country at Lindens School (Away)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day & Tuck Shop Wear something with a number on!
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening - Online
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening – In school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Disco
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Spring half-term



## 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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