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Mr Draper

Headmaster's Foreword

Dear Staff, Pupils, Parents, Governors, Old Mayfieldians and Friends of the school,

It has been an unusually long Spring Term, and I'll explain why. Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. The result this year is a very late Easter and hence school breaking up on 11th April, the latest I can ever remember ending the term before Easter!

Let us take a look back at the highlights of the last half term. The first major event took place at the end of February at the NEC when we took the school choir to Young Voices, the largest school choir event in the UK and featuring many young, famous performing artists. Great fun was had by all!

Congratulations to our Lower III students, as all of them have a selective grammar or independent school place, 96% grammar schools and 10 scholarships have been awarded at leading independent schools, our best year ever!

World Book Day was such fun seeing everyone dressed up as book characters. Lower III pupils all wrote their own 'We are going on a Book Hunt' stories for Nursery and Kindergarten, then led them on an actual Book Hunt, finishing with reading to the children in Kindergarten and Nursery new Mr Men and Little Miss books. A team from Upper II competed at the annual Aldridge World Book Day Quiz and Wyatt was delighted to be on the winning team!

The theme of Science Week this year was 'Change and Adapt', and we were delighted to have the Education Officer from South Staffs Water run very interesting sessions on water and climate change in every class from Pre-Nursery to Lower III.

In sports news, we hosted Under 11 netball and football matches against local rivals Hydesville, winning both netball matches and the B team football match by a country mile, while narrowly losing the A team football match after an outstanding man-of-the-match performance from their goalkeeper! In the last few weeks, the children have contested the House matches. Scott won this year's Pancake races, and children and parents in Early Years also enjoyed competing in their pancake races, too. The House Netball was won by Nightingale, the House Cross Country was won by Livingstone, and the House Rugby was won by Livingstone. The House Cup was also won by Livingstone.

This half term, we have also enjoyed a visit by the Young Shakespeare Company with their interactive performance of Hamlet. Upper School loved it and appreciated the mastery of language of the Great Bard! In Early Years, we were visited by the Little City where they role-played different occupations. Then, last week Lower II and Form II enjoyed a visit to Craven Arms in Shropshire to learn more on their Anglo-Saxons topic. We have also taken 3 teams to the Year 5 and Year 4 KES Maths challenges, where one of our Year 4 teams

finished in an amazing 2nd place!

Last Monday, the Lower School and Early Years had a lovely Easter Bonnet parade, followed by the Great Egg Race in Upper School. Well done, children and parents, for your creativity and ingenuity! We also thoroughly enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt in main school and in Nursery, and the children very much enjoyed their just rewards! Yesterday, we held our Easter Service in the Hall of the Olympians, which included a re-telling of the Easter story by our Lower III pupils, interspersed with hymns beautifully sung by our children. Thanks to Reverend Emma Holton, St Peter's Church, Walsall, for speaking at the Easter Service.

In recent assemblies, we have celebrated the Holy month of Ramadan and Eid-al-Fitr. We also had whole school assemblies on Viasakhi, and we were delighted to have a visit from Jajhar Singh of the local Gurdwara, who spoke to the whole school about Vaisakhi.

Moving onto the subject of charities, valuable funds were raised again for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day, so thanks to everyone for your donations and Nightingale House for the tuck shop. Andi Markham from Kids UK treated us again last week when he visited with Jack and Grandpa to make us laugh and give us an important message about respect. Finally, I hope you will all join me in cheering on Mrs Flanagan as she runs the London Marathon on Sunday 27th April to raise funds for

Dementia UK. We will do our bit by organising a mini London Marathon at Mayfield on Friday 2nd May – more details to follow.

Well done to our budding Lower III entrepreneurs who pitched their ideas, designed assorted products and sold them after school last week for a profit. The winning team was 'Business Brains' with their bestselling Fidget Cubes, but congratulations go to all the Lower III students and their teachers for a fantastic inaugural Mayfield Enterprise scheme!

I am also pleased to announce that the Centenary Library has now been finished and will be ready for the use after the Easter holidays. We will let you know the official opening date in the Summer Term.

Finally, I wish everyone a well-deserved break and a great holiday! See you back in school on 29th April.

Happy Easter!

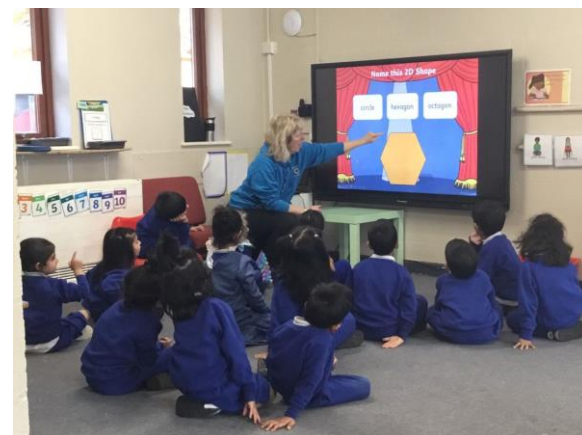
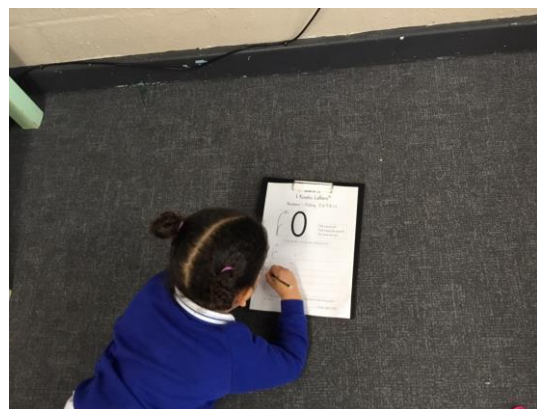
Mr M. Draper
Headmaster





Mini Mayfield

Nursery Staff



It has been another busy term in Nursery. The children have been working hard in Mathematics lessons, learning to count and write numbers to 10. They have also been learning to recognise and name 2D shapes

Our Topic for this term has been Traditional Tales and the children have been learning to retell well known stories. We also did lots of other activities related to the stories, for example cutting and sticking houses for The 3 Little Pigs and building bridges for The 3 Billy Goats Gruff.

This half term the school celebrated National Science Week. As part of this, the children had lots of fun changing a junk model box into an animal.

On World Book day the children had a chance to dress up as their favourite book character. The Lower III children came to visit and shared special book hunt stories that they had written, and we even got to act out one book hunt story.

In the middle of term, the children all enjoyed the visit from the pop-up role play village. They got to dress up and try out different occupations.

We have celebrated Pancake Day, Mother's Day, Eid, Vaisakhi and Easter. These festivals provided the opportunity to find out about the lives of different people in our community.





Pre-Nursery

Mrs Rahman



This term in Pre-Nursery, the children have enjoyed hearing the stories about the different traditional tales. The children have been busy doing lots of various activities related to the traditional tale stories. The children enjoyed decorating a gingerbread man biscuit and they have tried some porridge. In Mathematics, the children have learnt the vocabulary for comparing sizes using the Goldilocks and the Three Bears story. We have also been learning about positional language. We had a visit from the Little City role play company. The children have had a lovely time playing outdoors as the weather has been amazing, and they have also loved getting involved in different types of messy play. It has been a busy and great half term.

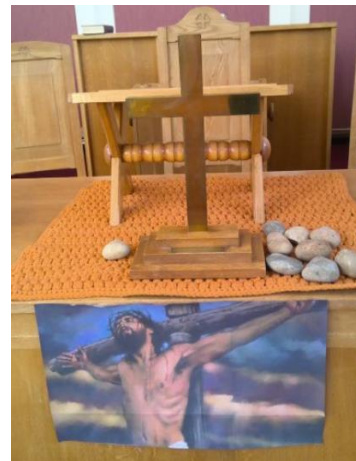
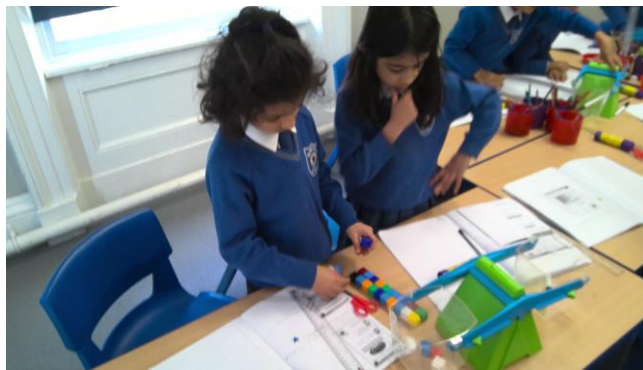


Kindergarten

Mrs Smith

We have had a busy half term in kindergarten. Our topic has been all about food, this has included us learning about healthy and un-healthy foods. We made pancake faces on pancake day and made soup during one of our Art lessons. We had great fun dressing up for World Book Day and took part in an exciting 'book hunt' with Lower III - thankyou! We really enjoyed a visit from Little City, where we got the chance to explore different role play areas and occupations. We have enjoyed making things for Mothers Day and Easter and also performing some lovely songs. The Easter egg hunt was lots of fun – thank you to mommies and daddies for joining in with us. We are looking forward to the next term!





Form I

Mr. Watts



Form I have been busy carrying out lots of investigative work to enhance their learning this term. We have been learning how to measure in our Mathematics lessons, using a ruler and cm for shorter objects like paper clips and a metre stick and metres for longer objects such as the length of the classroom, We have used balances and weighing scales to find out the mass of a range of resources within the room. We have used mathematical symbols to compare their weights and then order them from lightest to heaviest. We have then investigated volume and capacity.

In PSHE, we have been learning about the importance of friendships and what we can do to avoid falling out with our friends. The children created some lovely posters to enhance good friendships, including counting to ten and walking away from arguments and writing any concerns down at home to discuss with their friends the following day. We also engaged in team games in which the children worked together to achieve an objective.

During this half-term, the children enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and engaged in a Connect 4 class competition, which Veer won! In RE, we have discussed the links between the season of Spring, the Christian story of Easter and the idea of new life. We visited St. Matthew's Church in Walsall in the last week of term where we found out about its history and visited the important features of the church itself, including the crypt, altar and font.



Transition have been developing their skills as historians this half-term, finding out about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii in 79AD. We began by looking at a fresco of a mystery person known as 'Sappho' and using our deduction skills to find out who she was and what her life may have been like. We found Italy and Pompeii on a map and then began to look at historical evidence to find out what life would have been like for those living in Pompeii 2000 years ago. We then looked at an animated timeline of the eruption itself and looked at some pieces of Primary and Secondary evidence. We used these to build up a picture about how the day unfolded for the residents of Pompeii. We then used watercolour paints to create our own masterpiece, called 'The Last Day of Pompeii.' We thought really carefully about which colours would convey the mood and atmosphere. We also showed off our amazing writing skills with our own diary entry. We will be finishing the topic by using our Science skills to make our own volcanic eruption!

On Tuesday 1st April, we visited Broadway Church to learn about the Easter story with Reverend Andrew and then Alan the organist demonstrated how the Pipe organ worked, and we were able to guess which pipes made high and low sounds. He then played a piece of music for us, and we really enjoyed hearing the different sounds!

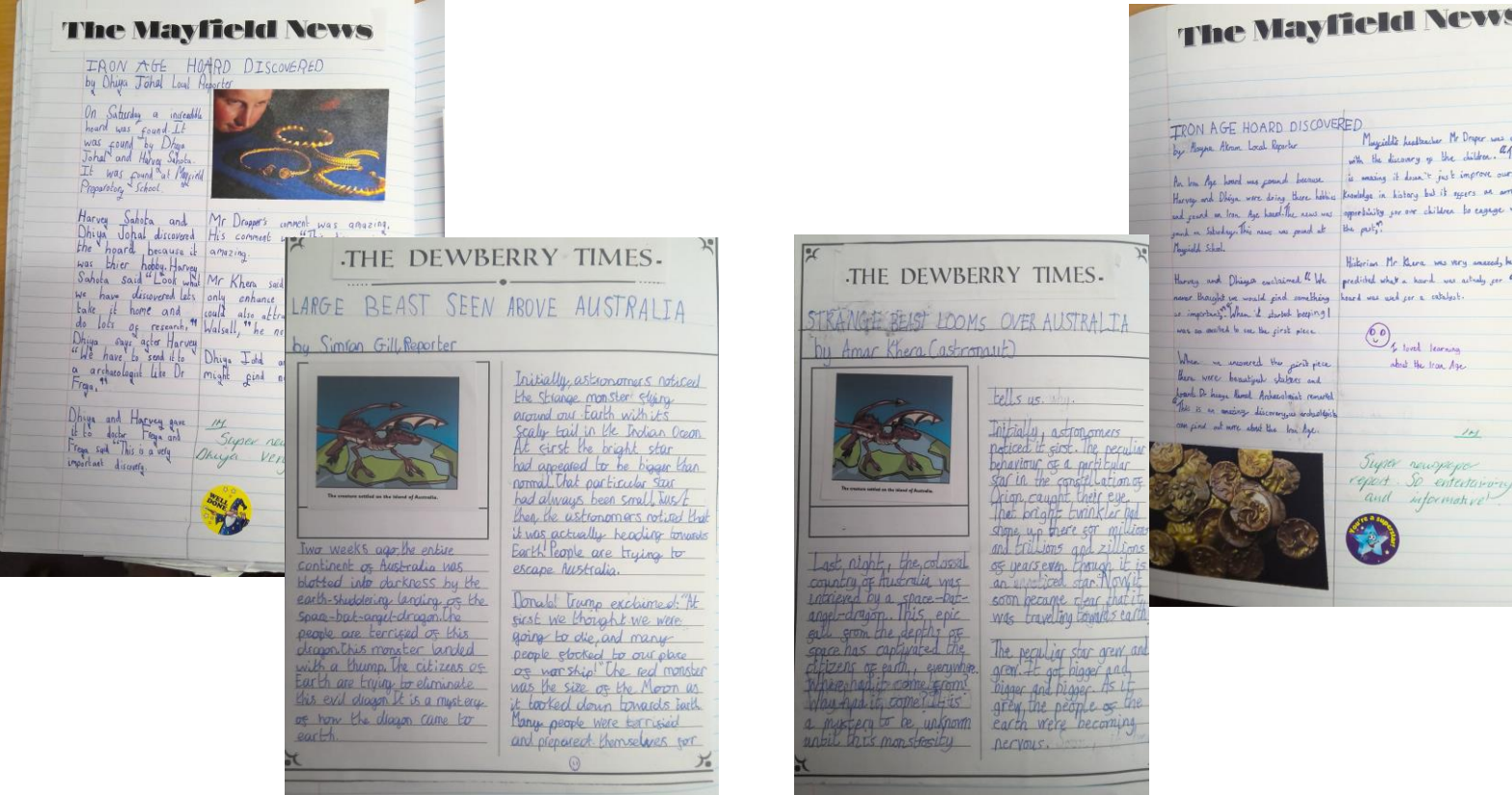
In Mathematics, we have been measuring length, height and mass and working practically with rulers, cubes, paper clips and balance scales. We will finish off the half term by investigating volume and capacity.



Transition

Mrs King





Form II

Mrs Crosby

In Form II, the children have been learning about Sound in Science. They made vibrations using rice on a drum to see how sound travels. Then they learnt about how sounds can be made louder or quieter through the force of the vibrations. Next, they looked at pitch, using instruments to investigate the different ways higher and lower pitch tones can be made. This tied in with British Science week's theme of Change and Adapt, where Form II pupils made their own panpipes and experimented with water in bottles set at different levels.

Form II's favourite investigation was sound and distance, making string telephones (see photos below). They learnt the sound vibrations travel well through the solid cups and string. Finally, they ended their topic with a session on soundproofing using different materials and making their own instruments based on all the skills they have learnt this half term. Well done, all!



Lower II children have been making headlines of their own this term! The young journalists have been busy creating intriguing newspaper reports on two thrilling topics: The discovery of Mayfield Iron Age Hoard and the fictional newspaper report of when the space bat angel dragon swooped down to Earth, based on the novel, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

This cross-curricular learning was to enhance writing skills and encourage creativity among the children. With great enthusiasm, all the children delved into the mysterious story of The Mayfield Hoard, when a collection of treasures discovered in their very own school. The pupils explored the who, what, when, where, and why of this archaeological surprise and wrote about its impact on local history. In a more imaginative twist, the second newspaper report focused on the daring adventure of when the space bat angel dragon descended to Earth causing devastation and destruction. The pupils explored the fantastical event, recounting the chaos and fear it brought. Formal language and structured reports were key components, with the children learning the importance of presenting facts clearly and engaging their readers. The budding journalists also focused on writing strong introductions to hook their audience and conclusions that leave a lasting impression.

Mrs Guest were delighted with the dedication and skill displayed by all the young writers. The reports created not only demonstrate their understanding of newspaper writing conventions but also their ability to craft captivating stories.



Lower II

Mrs Guest



Upper II have been working their socks off in Geography, preparing for a group presentation on climate change. The children were organised into groups and given team roles: leader, prioritiser, timekeeper, recorder and devil's advocate.

Each group has researched and investigated changes in the world's climate, from both a local, national and international perspective. They have audited our school's environmental effectiveness and will put forward suggestions and proposals to make our school and our families more climate change friendly.

The final presentations were incredible, and the effort that each and every one of them has put into this topic was on display. The winning team was the **Climate Controllers**, but every team performed exceptionally well. Super job, Upper II!



Lower III

Mrs Andrews, Mrs Hawthorne, Mrs Hatton and Mrs Marston

Continuing with our Enterprise topic, the children made some fantastic posters to promote their products, with careful consideration given to persuasive devices. They understood how to target their specific audience and included elements that really hooked potential buyers.

All groups have worked really hard in Art lessons to produce their products and enjoyed the experience of selling them. The team who made the most money and won the competition was Business Brains with the Fidget Cubes.

A big thank you to the parents who came into school to talk about their businesses - Mrs Bassi about Burger Boi, Mr Kulair about his AI business and Nazia Iqbal to talk about providing support for new start-ups.





KES Mathematics Challenge

Mrs Cook

On Wednesday 5th March, Mr. Watts and I had the pleasure of taking eight mathematicians from Form II to the KES Mathematics Challenge. The day started with some fun warm-up activities. A crossnumber followed which involved solving tricky numerical clues. Both teams worked very well together. Afterwards, the teams were faced with a fast-paced mathematical relay. This involved answering lots of questions and lots of running!

A delicious lunch was on the menu next. All eight children devoured their main course and dessert, thoroughly enjoying every last mouthful! We went outside for a short break before heading back into school for a super, fun Mathematics lesson with Barney Maunder-Taylor. He encouraged the children to think about the probability when rolling two dice and how we could use this in games such as Monopoly.

The day concluded with a presentation in the performing arts centre by Barney Maunder-Taylor, who made us think about shape, time and capacity. He had us all mesmerized!

Finally, it was the moment everyone had been waiting for, the results! One team didn't quite place in the top three teams, but the other team came in **SECOND** place! The children were shocked and absolutely thrilled at the same time. An incredible performance by all the children.

Both teams were a credit to themselves and the school and I am proud of each and every one of them.

Well done teams! A truly fabulous day had by all.





Year 5 KES Maths Challenge

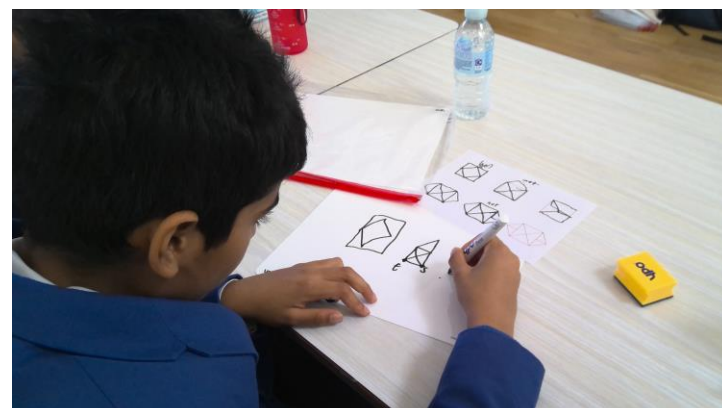
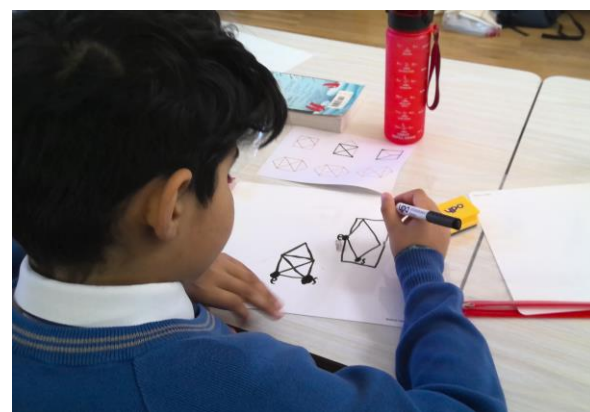
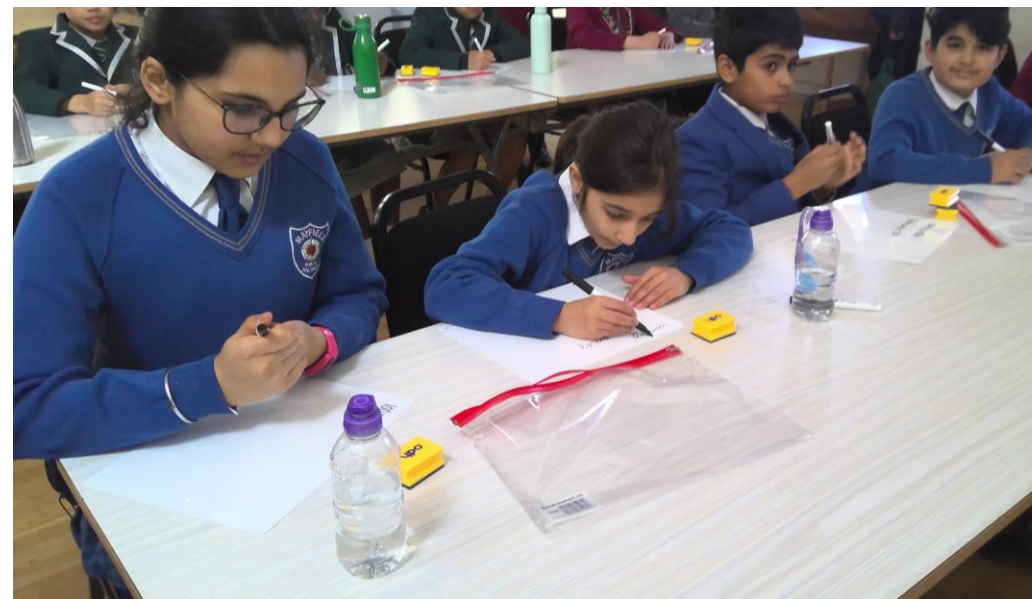
Mrs S Marston

On Wednesday, 2nd April, I escorted an Upper II team of mathematicians to KES for their annual Maths Challenge.

Competition was as fierce as ever. We started with a challenging Cross Number puzzle, followed by a relay race, taking turns to answer maths problems as quickly as possible.

After a delicious lunch, we were treated to a maths lesson by a member of their staff and then a maths magic show from Dr Ken Farquhar.

We didn't manage to finish in the top three this time, but we all had a fantastic day.



Young Shakespeare Hamlet

On Thursday 20th March, Upper School pupils were treated to a Shakespearian delight in the form of Hamlet, performed by the Young Shakespeare Company.

As always, the pupils of Mayfield were a credit to the school and fully embraced the show and all it encompassed. Volunteers were in abundance, and those selected took on their roles with a most professional outlook.

The children's passion and enthusiasm was praised by the travelling cast, who said it was a pleasure to work with such an engaging young audience.

Upper II and Lower III continued to produce follow-up work within their English lessons. Well done, Upper School, you should be very proud of yourselves.





Mayfield Art Gallery

Mrs Hatton

The first Mayfield Art Gallery has grown well this term, a collection of work from pupils throughout the school, created at home. The work is displayed outside the Art room and staff and pupils have enjoyed seeing the array of creative artwork produced.

If you would like to create some artwork for the Gallery next term, please hand it in to your Form Tutor, the first week back to school after the Easter Holiday, with your full name and form clearly written on the back.



A huge thank you and well done to the following artists for sharing their fantastic work this term.

Adam TR, Kane TR, Narayan TR, Roman TR, Casey FI, Maira FI, William FI, Dhiya LII, Gigi LII, Sana LII, Kiaan FII, Aishani LIII, Tia LII.

Pupils and parents are welcome to visit and take a look at the artwork from 3:30pm on Mondays.



Highclare Art Competition Lower II – Lower III

Junior Art Competition 2025: Victory!



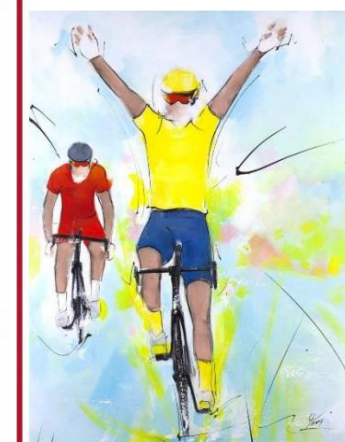
Cristina Daura



Jaqueline Hurley

COMPETITION RULES

- All entries must be submitted on a copy of the official entry form.
- Your work must be landscape format, within the frame and include sentence about your picture.
- Your entry can be based on daily life in the past and/or the present.
- You may work in any medium including digital artwork, provided it is printed, and fits within the frame on the template.
- AI generated images and photography are not permitted.



Lucie Llong

All entrants will feature in a special exhibition to be held at Highclare School in June 2025 and receive a VIP invitation and certificate. Ten winning entries will be presented with certificates and a prize of art materials. One top prize winner will also be presented with the Highclare School Junior Art Shield by the Head, Miss F Smith.

All children in Lower II – Lower III are invited to take part in this year's Highclare Art Competition.

Please hand your entry to your Form Tutor by Friday 2nd May 2025.

For this year's brief, we invite you to create an artwork about 'victory' and what this word represents to you. Create your artwork in the frame provided, using any art material.

On Thursday 8 May 2025, we celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day – Victory in Europe following World War II. The word 'victory' means many things to different people, on both a global and personal level. Victory can be defeating an enemy or being victorious in battle. Victory might be represented by what happens after; living in peace time or having freedom that others do not. Victory might mean winning a race, a match, a competition, a game. Victory might be personal; overcoming an obstacle, beating the odds or a personal best. Victory might be celebrated with a dance, a medal or trophy, an awards ceremony or party. Victory might be a feeling; of joy, resilience or achievement. Victory might be achieved as an individual, a team, a community or nations coming together for the common good.



WOW



Mrs Flanagan's Training Update

£4890

in total...SO FAR!!!

After Easter, we will be having a special fundraising “Dementia Day” – with children and parents invited to run the Official Mini London Marathon on our paddock, with me on Friday 2 May.

We will have “running gear” non-uniform and a “carb-load” tuck shop! Look out for more details to follow!



MARATHON BLOG



THANK YOU

Hi everyone,

When you read this, it will be only TWO WEEKS until the BIG DAY! I want to thank you for your sponsorship and good wishes. I have been humbled by the outpouring of support for me and the adventure I've been on for the last six months. My charity fundraising quiz night raised almost £1300; a HUGE amount of money and testament to how many families are affected by dementia – the money raised will go directly to helping those suffering from this cruel disease, and to support the people looking after them. The link below will work if you would still like to donate.

My training is going well, and I am prioritising sleep and eating lots of carbohydrate rich foods over the next two weeks as I enter my “taper” (where I reduced the length of my runs but keep to the same number of runs per week).

I will collect my race pack on the Wednesday before the marathon on Sunday 27 April – I will then be able to send out a link so you can track my progress along the route on the day. There will be two live streams from Tower Bridge and the Finish Line on BBC iPlayer and BBC Sport app, so you may catch me on TV!

Once again, thank you for your incredible generosity – you have helped to make this time so special and it will give me moments to treasure forever.

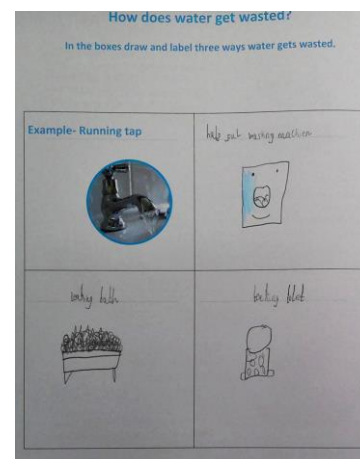
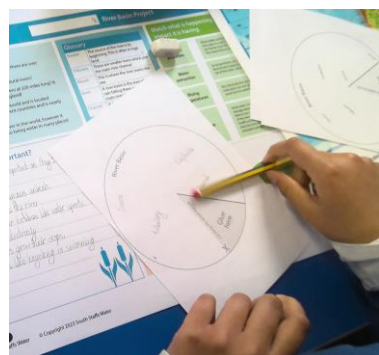
LINK: Dementia UK: Mrs Flan's Marathon Fundraiser



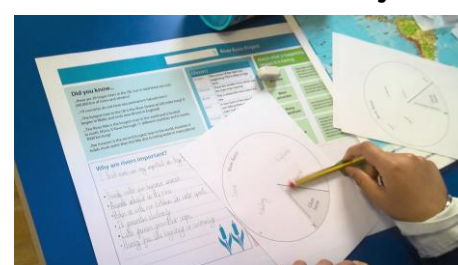


British Science week 2025

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7-16 March 2025

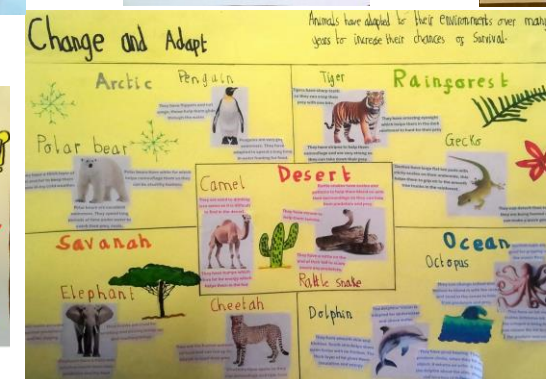
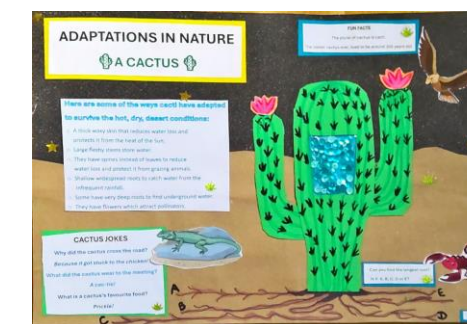
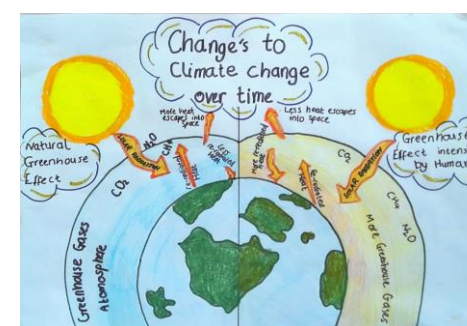


Staff and pupils from Pre-Nursery to Lower III were hands-on with Science throughout this exciting week. We began the week with age-appropriate workshops provide by South Staffs Water. All children in the EYFS were exploring how to use water efficiently and developed their fine motor skills through cutting and sticking to sort ways to save water, such as turning off the taps whilst they brush their teeth. In Lower School, Captain Efficient helped us to think of ways to reduce unnecessary water usage. Lower II and Form II became Water Detectives and used advertisements to spread the knowledge of being water efficient. In Upper II and Lower III, pupils were involved in a River Basin Project.



Mayfield's Science Poster Competition

This year's poster competition was open for everyone in all age groups. The posters were creatively designed around this year's theme of 'change and adapt'. Many pupils explored seasonal changes, life cycles and how an animal or plant has adapted to its habitat. The posters were on display for the entire week. Our Chair of Governors, Dr Ng, judged the competition and decided on the 5 winners to put forward to the national competition. Good luck!

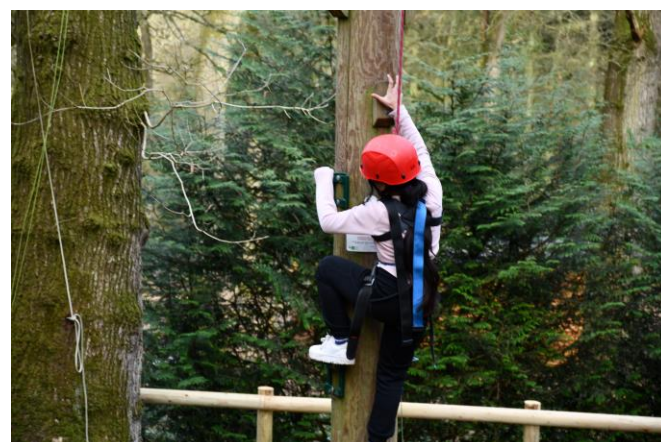




LIII Residential Oakerwood

Mrs Crosby

Lower III had a great residential week at Oakerwood Leisure. They spent the week climbing over low ropes, dangling from the zipwire and working in teams to navigate around the woods and obstacle courses. The weather was glorious and lots of fun was had around the campfire with toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate. We started the week with a game of capture the flag and ended the week with a game of junior paintball. Lower III showed exemplary behaviour and all of the camp leaders spoke highly of the children and the school. They even learnt how to wash and dry up after meals and worked well as a team in a variety of challenges!



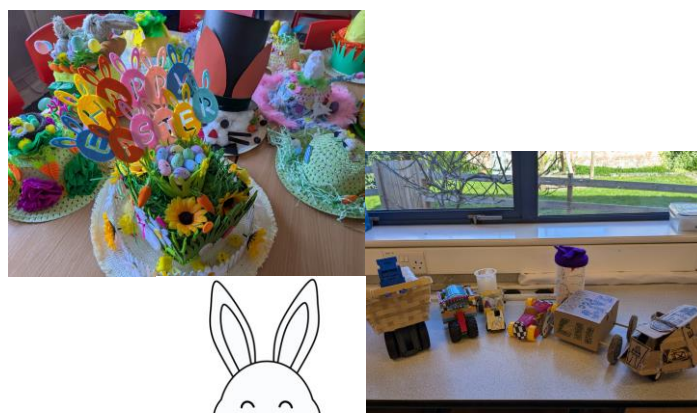
Celebrations



We were delighted to have a visit from Jajhar Singh of the local Gurdwara, who spoke to the whole school about Vaisakhi and led us in Prayer.



In whole school assemblies, we celebrated the Holy Month of Ramadan and Eid-al-Fitr with staff and students.



Thank you all for your involvement in the Easter celebrations, the bonnets, great egg race vehicles and colouring entries showed skill and ingenuity. The parade and egg race were enjoyed by all and the colourings went a long way to decorating the Easter Service – well done all!



Cricket Superstar!
Many congratulations to Nikhil for successfully being selected and currently playing for Staffordshire County as a fast bowler! He is looking forward to getting many wickets this season! Let's wish him the best of luck!



Congratulations to Kiaan who was recently awarded the British Junior Golf Tour award – keep up the good work, Kiaan, we look forward to news of more achievements in the future!



We are pleased to share that for the 2nd year in a row, Samay has been selected to represent his county (Staffordshire U10) as wicket keeper and batsman. Samay has also represented the same county in chess and has recently been awarded Bronze medals in the Shropshire Open U10 section (April 2025) and also in the Warwick Open U11 section (February 2025).



Key Dates

Tuesday 29th April 2025

08:30 Start of Summer Term
No Extra-Curricular Clubs first week back

Thursday 1st May 2025

09:00 Topic day in KG for Nursery pupils

Friday 2nd May 2025

14:00 Mini London Marathon @ Mayfield

Monday 5th May 2025

Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 6th May 2025

15:30 Extra-Curricular Clubs re-start
15:45 U11s Netball tournament at Streetly Academy

Wednesday 7th May 2025

15:30 Senior Schools presentation for Upper II pupils & parents

Thursday 8th May 2025

09:00 Whole School Open Day for prospective parents
12:30 VE Day Street Party

Friday 9th May 2025

13:00 Mayfield Cross Country

Mon 12th May – Thu 16th May 2025

Mental Health Awareness Week
Assessment Week

Monday 12th May

09:00 Topic day in KG for NUR pupils

Saturday 17th May 2025

08:30 LAMDA Exams

Monday 19th May 2025

09:00 Mayfield's Got Talent class heats.
Lower II Road Safety Walk

Tues 20th May 2025

14:00 Mayfield's Got Talent Finals

Wednesday 21st May 2025

09:00 Artist Workshop for Transition & Form I
12:30 Under 11s Tag Rugby at Veseyan's Rugby Club

Friday 23rd May 2025

08:30 Mayfield Maths Day non-uniform
15:30 END OF SUMMER HALF-TERM 1



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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