



Mayfield

Autumn 1



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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.

There have been a number of trips: Lower II, Form II, Upper II and Lower III have all visited the Walsall Art Gallery. They have admired paintings by a plethora of world famous, renowned artists, and have also enjoyed practical workshops run by the artist in residence. More details to follow later in the magazine.

Our Lower III pupils have had a busy time. The term had barely begun, and they were thrust into an intensive 4 weeks of 11+ entrance exams. Then, they took the lead in organising and running the MacMillan Coffee Morning, raising valuable funds for the heroic MacMillan nurses who bring much-needed comfort for stricken families. Our new Head Girl, Harman, and Head Boy, Xander, made their public-speaking debut to round off a perfect morning!

There have been a number of sports fixtures: The U9 and U11 football teams played against Hydesville; the U9 girls won convincingly 6-1 against their opponents, with all the players energetically and enthusiastically contributing to the success. Inaaya, in particular ran riot, dribbling several times through the entire opposition and scoring 4 incredible individual goals. Sana and Dhiya also scored great goals. The U11 Mayfield Lionesses secured a fabulous 8-0 victory. The goals were shared around the team with five different goal scorers! There was some great passing and teamwork on display. As well as great determination to preserve the clean sheet with some excellent tracking back from the defence. The U11 boys B teams won 5-0, completely outclassing their opponents. The skipper, Jude, scored 4 goals, and Xander chipped in with one, to seal an impressive victory. Meanwhile, the U11 A team drew 2-2 in a hard-fought match, Shahil

scoring on his debut in the first half, then in the second half dribbling the length of the pitch and providing an assist for captain, Ekam, to score an early contender for goal of the season. Both teams missed a hatful of chances in the last 10 minutes to win the match; tellingly, Hydesville's goalkeeper won player of the match, pulling off a string of incredible saves! The U9 boys are still shaking their heads in disbelief at how they lost their match despite dominating possession and missing dozens of golden opportunities to score. It's a lesson they will learn from in more fixtures to come after half term. Furthermore, a mixed-age team competed in a Benchball tournament at Streetly School this week, enjoying themselves immensely.

This Wednesday, parents were invited to enjoy our Early Years Harvest Festival, featuring my favourite, 'Dingly, dangly scarecrow!' The Nursery and Kindergarten children treated us to several songs, told us about what makes harvest such a special time and showed us their beautiful artwork. We are all so proud of our talented, confident children! Then, on Thursday, over 100 parents filled 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, Mayfield celebrated the Hallowe'en Discos in style! Staff and pupils celebrated by dressing up in the most amazing costumes and thoroughly enjoyed a light-hearted end to a busy and hardworking half-term! Thanks to the diligent staff who organised the discos and gave the children such a Hallowe'en treat in Early Years and in the main school!

Finally, have a well-deserved half-term break, everybody. Enjoy the time to relax with your families and I look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and reinvigorated on Monday 3rd November.

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; anti-bullying; attendance; behaviour; curriculum; Early Years Foundation Stage (containing EYFS curriculum for Pre Nursery, Nursery and Kindergarten); complaints, including the number of formal complaints made during the previous year; discipline, sanctions and exclusions; E-Safety; English as an additional language; first aid, including a list of staff qualified in first aid and full paediatric first aid; health and safety; how we handle images of children; medicine; missing pupil; non-collection of pupils; privacy notice; ; RSE; safeguarding, including procedures for handling allegations of abuse against members of staff, staff code of conduct and staff recruitment procedures; special educational needs; whistleblowing and the most recent inspection report.





Your adventures

Congratulations to Sara and Kyra Lily for your part in a dance performance at His Majesty's Theatre in the West End. They both showed so much confidence and kept up with all the dance routines, well done!



Nursery

Mrs Smith, Mrs Whatmore, Miss Mallen and Mrs Bowen

It has been a busy and exciting start to the new academic year in Nursery, with lots of interesting learning activities taking place. The children have enjoyed exploring outside in their Forest School Sessions. They have been looking at different things outside and talking about what happens to them in the Autumn. We collected lots of conkers and made lead men.

We have enjoyed learning songs and dances for the Harvest Festival, we were excited to perform in the school hall in front of our grownups. With the help of Mrs Gerighty we have been enjoying our weekly Music lessons.

We have been busy reading lots of stories and learning lots of new words and what the words mean.





Pre-Nursery

Mrs Rahman

It has been a busy term in Pre-Nursery. The children have all been exploring and are enjoying their new experience being in Pre-Nursery. They have all settled in very well. The topic for this term was All about me, the children learnt all about their facial features. They painted a portrait of themselves.

We have also had so much fun getting messy with our hands using shaving foam, jelly, paint and water. We have also done a lot of autumn activities.

The children have loved using the open craft area, they have really enjoyed using different types of material for their work.

We have also enjoyed our singing time and our musical movement time.

The children have learnt about shapes, numbers and colours.

It has been a fun and wonderful term!



Kindergarten

Mrs Young

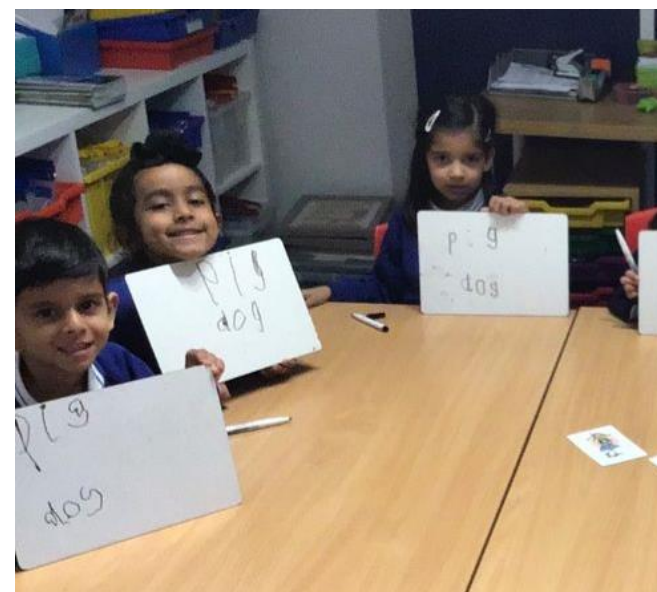
The children have settled well into Kindergarten. They have been busy learning new routines – for example going to school assemblies and sharing playtimes with the older children.

Lots of exciting learning has been happening in all areas of the curriculum. In Mathematics, as well as learning to count, the children have learnt all about shape and symmetry. They had lots of fun exploring on a shape walk.

We have continued to teach how to read and write letters through Read, Write Inc Phonics. The children have been keen to try writing, and we are proud of the start they have made.

As part of their Topic work, the children have been learning all about autumn. They made a large conker collection and used the conkers to paint with.

The half term finished with our Early Years Harvest Festival. The children worked hard to learn their lines and songs to present to their parents. Well done, everyone.



Transition have settled in well to their new routines and are beginning to work independently across all areas of their learning. It is so lovely to see all of them coming into school in the morning with big smiles across their faces ready to learn.

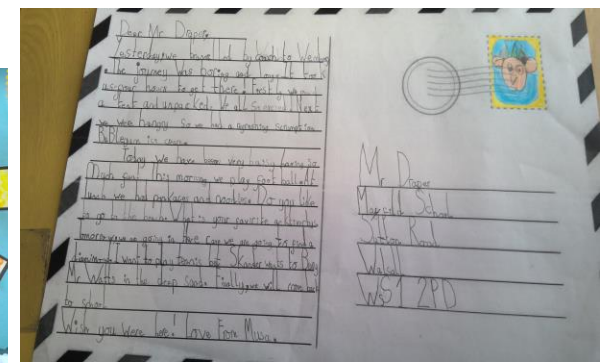
One area of learning the children have really enjoyed was Design Technology. This half term, Transition embarked on an exciting design technology project, transforming ordinary recycled materials into animal creations. The children gathered an assortment of recyclable items, ranging from old cereal boxes to empty yogurt pots, eager to begin their adventure in junk modelling.

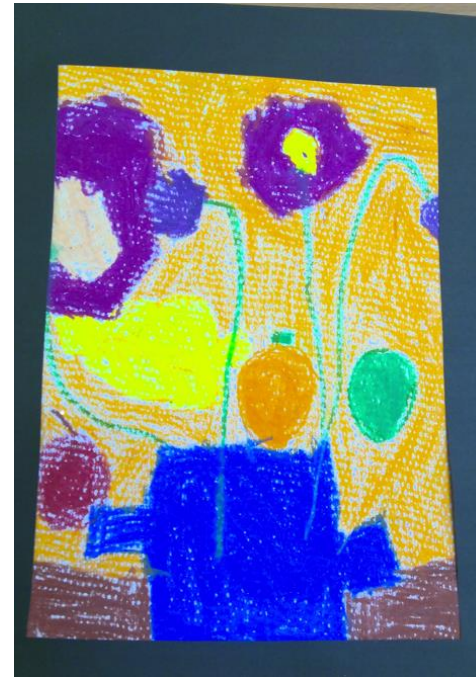
Everyone designed and planned their favourite animal and set to work, using their imaginations and materials from home to bring their visions to life. There were some amazing designs, each one of them different and unique. The classroom buzzed with delight as the children eagerly constructed a diverse array of creatures. All the children worked independently to make their chosen animal and gained valuable skills that are easily transferable across the curriculum.



It has been a busy start to life in Form I and the children have been working very hard. It's little wonder that the children are tired out by the end of the day!

In Mathematics, we have been revising place value and number bonds to 10 and using this procedure when adding and subtracting. We have been practising writing more detailed answers in Comprehension and finding out about conjunctions and suffixes. In French, we have introduced ourselves by saying our name and how we are feeling ("Ca va bien, merci!") and in Science we have been investigating materials and their properties. Form I have also started swimming lessons this term, and they have really enjoyed it, making fantastic progress in the last month. In PE, we have practised our cricket and tennis skills and played basketball. In English, we have been writing effective sentences, using capital letters and full stops. We have used our spelling words in our weekly sentences and written up instructional texts in chronological order. In Art, the children have used primary colours to make secondary colours, and they have created a colour wheel. In other subjects, we have been learning about the seaside in Geography (and have written some lovely postcards as if they were sent from seaside locations.) We have been learning about the Creation of the World in RE and finding out about various festivals, including Shabbat, Diwali and Harvest, for which we wrote out poems. Our class reader this term is "The Owl who was afraid of the Dark", and we have also been reading "Horrid Henry" in our group reading.





Form II

Mrs Andrews

Form II have been extremely busy during the first half of the academic year, producing work across the curriculum that has really impressed Mrs Andrews. In Science lessons, children have conducted some interesting experiments that have expanded their knowledge of tooth decay and the digestive system. Both investigations saw the children getting very hands-on as they studied boiled eggs in various liquids as well as squeezing mashed-up food through the small intestine! (Well, that is the leg of a pair of tights!)

In English, we have made a great start to our class text: Stig of the Dump, producing diary entries and character descriptions that have incorporated emotive language and plenty of detailed description – brilliant! Our studies into Anglo-Saxon times, in Britain, have also given pupils the opportunity to study ancient poetry. Looking at modern day versions of Beowulf and Grendel have enabled our imaginations to run wild. Our non-chronological reports on the monster Grendel are not for the faint-hearted!

And finally, I would like to thank all of Form II for representing Mayfield so wonderfully during our recent visit to the New Walsall Art Gallery. The staff were very complimentary of the children's behaviour, stating '...we can't wait for you to visit again next year.' Well done everyone, Mrs Hatton and I were so proud of you.

Lower II have made an excellent start to the academic year, making a fantastic start in all areas of their learning. As part of our learning of English, we have started to read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and we are thoroughly enjoying the story so far. The children have created two beautiful pieces of writing, including a recipe to feed a hungry Oompa-Loompa and a description of Veruca Salt, using a range of powerful vocabulary and different sentence types.

In Science, we have been learning all about animals including humans and explored a range of different skeleton types. We carried out an investigation to see if the length of our femur affected how far we could jump. We examined our results and concluded that femur length did not directly impact jump distance.

We have also had fun exploring Anglo-Saxon life and we found out about the changes that took place during this period and the amazing discovery at Sutton Hoo!

We also visited Walsall Art Gallery and created wonderful still-life pictures using oil pastels. Everyone had a great day and Rob, the artist, was most impressed!



Lower II

Mrs King





On Wednesday 17th September, Upper II went on a visit to Walsall Art Gallery. We toured several exhibitions, sketching lines and patterns, then we had the opportunity to create a plaster model. First, we made our design on a piece of clay. Next, we mixed and poured in the plaster. Once it was dry, we peeled back the case and removed the clay, to reveal our finished design.

After lunch, we used plasticene to recreate sculptures from the Garman-Ryan Exhibit. We had a chance to explore the collection, which features many examples of works by key European artists of late 19th and early 20th Century, including Van Gogh, Picasso, Mone, Turner and Degas.





The New Art Gallery Walsall

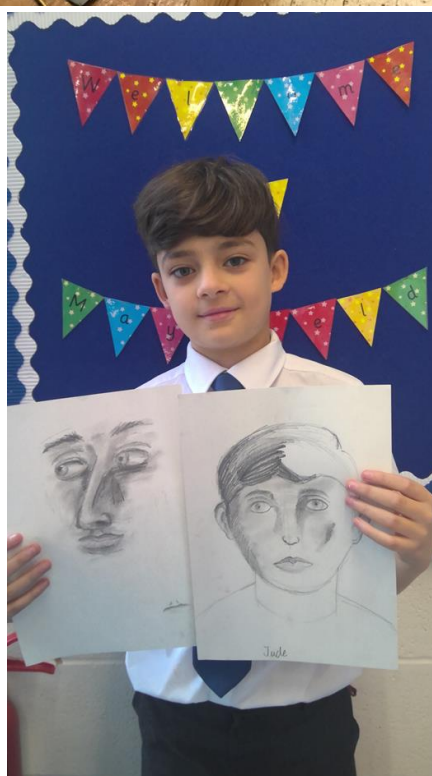
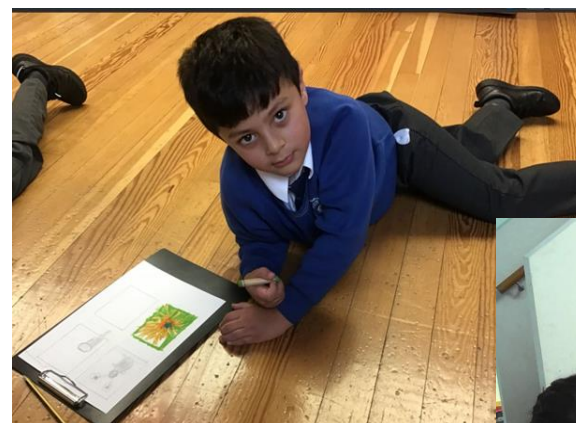
Mrs Hatton

This half term, all children in Upper School visited The New Art Gallery, Walsall. Each year group took part in an exciting workshop, explored the Garman Ryan Gallery, and spent time in the inspiring Shelter exhibition.

Rob, one of the artists who delivered some of the workshops, was delighted to work with Mayfield children again. He was impressed with their knowledge and ability to apply their creative skills and their attitude to the artwork they produced. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, from taking part in creative, hands-on activities to seeing famous artworks up close. Their curiosity, enthusiasm, and thoughtful responses during the visit made it a memorable learning experience for everyone involved.

I am delighted with the success of the trips, the excellent conduct of the children as they walked to and from the Gallery, their positive attitude and commitment to the wonderful artwork they created.

We are very fortunate to be able to enjoy this Walsall gem, which houses works of art by some of the world's greatest artists, including Monet, Van Gogh, Picasso, Constable, Matisse, Degas and Turner. This is a great place to visit over half term or on a Sunday, when children 4+ can take part in Art club, 12pm-3pm.





Lower III - Roles and Responsibilities

Mrs Andrews



HEAD GIRL Harman **HEAD BOY** Xander

HEAD LIBRARIAN Nabiha

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL Maya **DEPUTY HEAD BOY** Samay

LIBRARIANS : Harman & Laavanya

HOUSE CAPTAINS :

SCHOOL COUNCIL LEADS: Shahil & Anand

LIVINGSTONE Jude & Aarohi

ECO CHAMPIONS: Rohan G, Jai & Asir

NIGHTINGALE Wyatt & Laavanya

SCOTT Zayn & Mannat

ICT AMBASSADORS: Neece, Ilah & Simaaya

GAMES CAPTAINS :

LIVINGSTONE Nikhil & Dhiyaan

NIGHTINGALE Rohan T & Jiya

SCOTT Ekam & Suhavi

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.



Key Dates

- Wednesday 17th October – End of half term
- Monday 3rd November – Start of half term
- Monday 3rd November – Diwali Assembly and activities in school
- Tuesday 4th November – Walsall LA Flu Vaccination in school
- Wednesday 12th November – Mayfield Maths Quiz
- Friday 14th November – Children In Need
- Friday 28th November – TR & FI Nativity to parents (2:00pm)
- Wednesday 3rd December – NUR & KG Nativity to parents (2:45pm)
- Wednesday 3rd December – Transition to Lower III to Lichfield Garrick to see Cinderella
- Monday 8th December – Lower School Christmas Party
- Tuesday 9th December – Upper School Christmas Party
- Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Movie Night
- Thursday 11th December – Carol Service (9am)
- Thursday 11th December – Early Years Christmas Party
- Friday 12th December – End of term (12:30pm)
- Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Start of Spring Term



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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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