

15th November 2024



# Mayfield Messenger

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## A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

At the beginning of the week, in our primary assembly, I revealed primary's value hero for RESPECT - RESPECTFUL RIO. RESPECTFUL RIO is an elephant (the animal/value hero voted on by the pupils and staff in primary). RESPECTFUL RIO will help primary pupils to be reminded to show RESPECT and be respectful to others, ourselves and the environment.

This week I also introduced our second new school value - INCLUSION. This value received the second highest number of votes from pupils in primary, students in seniors, staff, governors and from you (parents/cares/community). This has been revealed to the staff and children through assemblies and tutor, with primary pupils again now voting on an animal which they feel best represents the value of INCLUSION. There will be more opportunities for our school community to further explore and unpick how we live and breathe our new core value of INCLUSION in every moment of the day, whether we are at school or at home.

This week was Anti-Bullying week starting with us all wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12th November. Not only was this another opportunity for us to raise the profile of our first new value of RESPECT, but it was also the perfect opportunity to discuss our second new value INCLUSION and the impact our actions and words have on others.

Today, the cake sale in seniors to raise money for Children in Need, was a great success and truly represented both of our new values - RESPECT and INCLUSION - perfectly.

This leads me to celebrate the first week of Year 11 mocks. The students have been excellent in respecting the exam conditions, as well as their peers' and own efforts for the work they have put in to revise for the exams. I wish all students well in preparation for next week - week 2 of the mock exams.

I wish you all a good weekend. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourselves.

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## Mayfield Across the World!

Our talented Year 4 children sent their wonderful artwork depicting Portsmouth all the way to Japan! Their pieces are being showcased at the World Children's Arts Exhibition organized by the MAIZURU UNESCO ASSOCIATION in a shopping mall in Maizuru. We couldn't be prouder of their creativity and hard work! What an amazing opportunity for our young artists!



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## Friends Of Mayfield



We would like to update you on our recent activities and upcoming events that unite our community. Our monthly committee meeting on Monday, the 4th, was very productive, enabling us to finalise several exciting events.

Our recent Night of Clairvoyance proved to be a great success, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to all who joined us, particularly to Jenny Docherty for her generous contribution of her time. We are thrilled to announce our Quiz Night set for Friday, 15th November. The entry price is £5 per person with teams limited to eight per team, doors will open at 6:45 PM and the quiz will commence at 7 PM. This is an adult-only event, please feel free to bring your own drinks (soft or alcohol) and snacks and your friends! Ashley Howard will be our compère for the evening.

Looking ahead, our Christmas Fayre for 2024 will take place in the sports hall featuring various stalls, games and refreshments, along with a special visit from Santa. Keep a look out for ticket details for our Storytime with Santa.

We will have a Christmas photo booth, where you can take fun photos of yourselves, family and friends. Any photos uploaded onto our facebook page will go into a draw, there will be a prize for a randomly selected photo!

Some of our senior children will be singing everyone's favourite Christmas songs, along with some of our BTech music students.

We are also seeking donations for our stalls and raffle. If you have any quality items, such as books, puzzles, bottles (pop, alcohol, hair & bath products), cans, individually wrapped cakes (no nuts), beauty products, toys and games, please deliver them to the main reception during the week of 25th November.

For updates, kindly join our Facebook page, Friends of Mayfield (Portsmouth).

Should you have any questions or comments, please email fom@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Mayfield Christmas Events Coming Up...



As said above, we have our annual FOM Christmas Fayre coming up on 6th December from 3 - 6PM, located in the sports hall.

We also have our Rotary Event on 11th December from 11.30 - 1PM with the location yet to be confirmed.

Finally, we have a Christmas Carol Evening on 17th December from 5 - 6PM where a band will play some festive tunes, along with some classic carols for you all to sing along.

Look out for some information on these exciting events very soon!

## Year 12 Certificate Evening



Our former Year 11 pupils are invited to join us for our Certificate Evening, taking place;

Tuesday 26th November  
5.30 - 6.30PM

Come along for nibbles, drinks, and a catch-up with old peers! Look out for an email in your inbox with an invitation, don't forget to look in your junk folders in case you may have missed it.

## Friends Of Mayfield: Storytime with Santa

Santa will be making a special appearance at our Christmas fayre on 6th December. Santa will be holding a storytime at 4.00pm, 4.30pm, and 5.00pm. Tickets will be on sale for 1 week only! Tickets are £3 per child; please note we can only accept CASH payments. Tickets are limited; they will be on sale at 3.15pm every day for one week only. From Monday November 18th, we will be situated near the main gates. Thank you for your continuous support.

## Lost Property



We have a number of lost property items in Pupil Services especially blazers and coats. Please could you remind your child/ren if they have lost a piece of clothing, to check our 'Lost Property' situated in Pupil Services. Take a look at our social media post to determine whether the items of clothing belongs to your child/ren.

Please name all items of clothing, so we can determine the owner more easily.

If these items of clothing are not returned to their rightful owner by the end of each half-term, they will be given to charity or the Pre-Loved Uniform Shop.

## INSET DAYS



Here are the confirmed INSET Day dates that we currently have on our school calendar. The INSET Day dates can be found listed below;

- 20th January 2025
- 19th March 2025
- 21st July 2025
- 22nd July 2025

These may be subject to change, so these will then be updated and we will inform you promptly either through our social media pages or via ClassCharts.

## Share your child's success outside of Mayfield

If your child/ren have achieved something over the weekend or during the week, please share a picture and a brief description of the success. This could appear in the next Mayfield Messenger. Please send these to [general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday. Have a lovely weekend!