

17th January 2025

Mayfield Messenger

A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

Can you believe that we have already been back to school for 2 weeks? Whilst Primary and senior Dance Live performers are busy preparing for the Live events (WATCH THIS SPACE!) in the background, there have been a variety of activities happening within the school, including today, where some of our Year 11 History students had the opportunity to listen to an Elizabethan talk by Dan Snow MBE, popular historian and television presenter. Being able to offer these opportunities continues to inspire children and broaden their experiences.

Also this week, it was great to speak to so many parents and carers of Year 10 students on Thursday. It was incredibly encouraging to hear about the positive start to the new year as well as listen to the students reflecting on what they can do to be even more ambitious.

Considering ambition, Children in Year 6 this week have been demonstrating their resilience and challenging themselves during exam conditions. Their attitude and efforts during these have been impressive. Keep being an Ambitious Adley!

Finally, on Monday, there is no school for the children (INSET day). All staff from across the 3 schools in Saltern's Academy Trust will be coming together and working towards our common goal of continued improvement. Bringing this level of expertise and skill together during a day which includes a variety of work such as curriculum training and development and relational practice, is very exciting. I look forward to updating you as this collaborative work continues.

I wish you all an amazing weekend.

#Believe. Achieve. Succeed. #TeamMayfield

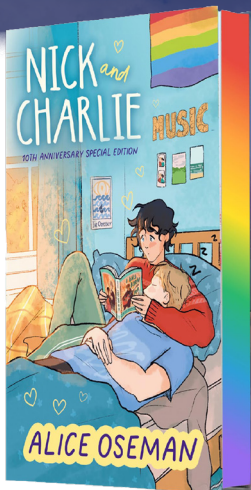


Barnardo's Cooking Sessions

Yesterday, our pupils enjoyed a fantastic session at a charity-run club provided by UK charity, Barnardo's. These sessions are run by the Co-op, with all ingredients brought in weekly, they are aimed at children who could be seen as disadvantaged. The club takes place every Thursday from 3.30 to 5PM, and will run for the rest of term. This week, they baked some tasty blueberry muffins and we think they look fantastic! We wonder what they'll create next week...

Enter to Win!

Your child could win the book, Nick and Charlie - A Heartstopper Novella 10th Anniversary Special Edition, with gorgeous rainbow pages and signed by the author herself, Alice Oseman! Interested? All your child needs to do is prove they deserve to win this beautiful book! They could produce artwork, poetry, music, videos, fan fiction and so much more! Entries close on Friday 14th February 2025, please let your child/ren know to hand these in to Mrs. Beech in the Wilkie Library. However, we would like to preface that this competition is for Senior pupils only.



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.

FREE Artistic Swimming Taster Sessions

Portsmouth Victoria Swimming Club (PVSC) is the oldest artistic (formerly synchronised) swimming club in South Hampshire and has been in existence since 1979. The club provides competitive training for and promotes the sport of Artistic Swimming for swimmers aged six and upwards, including athletes who have been selected to swim for Team GB up to the age of 20.

The club is currently running free taster sessions in an effort to highlight this uniquely challenging Olympic sport to a wider audience.

If your daughter or son is 6+, water confident and at the Learn to Swim Stage 6 or higher, then please contact pvsc.taster@gmail.com for details of available dates for free taster sessions which will be held at Ravelin Sports Centre in Portsmouth.

FREE TASTER
pvsc.taster@gmail.com

You need to be:

- Age 6+
- Any gender welcome
- LTS stage 6 or equivalent
- Confident in deep water

SYNCHRO SQUAD
Swim England
Affiliated Club

Wilkie Library Events

We've got lots of exciting new events coming up from the Wilkie Library! Take a look at the list below of the events we have confirmed so far...

- 27th February - Year 5 & 6 Literature Quiz at the Mountbatten Centre
- 27th February - Author Guy Bass speaks to selected KS2 classes
- 13th March - Year 7, 8 & 9 Literature Quiz at the Victory Suite in Portsmouth Football Club



PORTSMOUTH FESTIVAL of **PERFORMING ARTS**
ROCKPOP
February 22nd, 2025 10.30am - 5.30pm
For secondary school and 6th form college bands & musicians to perform to a live audience and receive feedback from an official adjudicator
www.pfpa.org.uk
rock@pfpa.org.uk
Crookhorn College, Stakes Hill Rd, Waterlooville, PO7 5UD

Portsmouth Festival Performing Arts Band Competition

Mayfield's Music Department is looking for talented students to enter a Rock competition in Portsmouth in the February Half-Term. We encourage any students in a band to participate as this will be a fantastic event.

Students can come to Music Club on Tuesdays from 3.15PM to 4.15PM with Mr Houghton if they need any support with practicing or setting up something completely new, or they can come and speak to Mrs Nation in Room 39.

If your child has some great musical talent, be sure to ask them to enter when they can.

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

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