

18th October 2024

Mayfield Messenger

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A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very busy week again this week with primary parents and carers evening taking place. These meetings always provide great opportunities for the staff and families to celebrate successes and work together to further improve the outcomes for the children. There has been much positive feedback and the children have been very keen to share this with me.

For seniors, Mrs Munoz, invited Year 10 parents and carers to hear about our reintroduction of work experience for our students. The event was very informative, and students and their families left excited about the opportunity. Promoting independence and responsibility beyond the school walls is all part of our journey to improve the culture and ethos of our school.

This leads perfectly to the reshaping of our school values work. As you are aware, Primary and seniors participated in a day which involved a range of activities which enabled them to generate values – values which they believed are essential for them to be great human beings in the community (within the school walls and beyond and in every moment of the day).

These values have now been shortlisted based on the most common generated by the children.

The link below is an opportunity for parents and carers to join in on the vote. Staff, pupils/students and governors will be voting next week. I look forward to sharing the outcome of this after half term.

<https://forms.office.com/e/18RVGvGEZ7>

Have a great weekend!

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The 'Get to Know' Year 7 Reward Event

This week, all Year 7 pupils have been involved in fun activities during their tutor times. It has been a time to 'get to know' the other pupils in their house. We look forward to these pupils being involved in more reward activities throughout the year.



New Starters to the Year R Cohort 2025 Information Session

We have our second Year R Open Evening will be happening on Monday 4th November, taking place from 4 - 5pm. This will give you the opportunity to meet our staff, explore our various facilities and classrooms and learn more about the curriculum we provide.

To find out more, click the link in our bio or visit mayfieldschool.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Portsmouth City Council Opportunities

PCC are offering the below Autumn Sessions to engage with 900+ Portsmouth teenagers for free with no charge to parents whatsoever!

They already have 1,200+ Portsmouth children from the ages of 11-16 booked onto these sessions for free (including free food and free bus passes). Take a look at the sessions below:

Date	Activity	Venue	Time (full session)
28th Oct	Football and Pizza Party	Goals, Tangier Road, PO3 6QA	12 to 3pm
28th Oct	Bowl and Burger Party	Hollywood Bowl, Gunwharf Quays, PO1 3TN	4.30 to 6.30pm
29th Oct	Video Game Cafe	Game Over, 16 High Street, PO1 2LP	11.30am to 2.30pm
29th Oct	Video Game Cafe	Game Over, 16 High Street, PO1 2LP	2.30 to 5.30pm
29th Oct	FlipOut	FlipOut, Unit 4, Harbour Gate Business Park, South-ampton Road, PO6 4BQ	6 to 9pm
30th Oct	Skate and Pizza Party	Pitt Street Indoor Skatepark, 315 Commercial Road, PO1 4AY	1 to 4pm
30th Oct	FlipOut	FlipOut, Unit 4, Harbour Gate Business Park, South-ampton Road, PO6 4BQ	6 to 9pm
31st Oct	Football and Pizza Party	Goals, Tangier Road, PO3 6QA	12 to 3pm
1st Nov	Skate and Pizza Party	Pitt Street Indoor Skatepark, 315 Commercial Road, PO1 4AY	10am to 1pm
3rd Nov	Football and Pizza Party	Goals, Tangier Road, PO3 6QA	3 to 6pm

Work Experience

Next year, our Year 10 pupils will be taking part in work experience for the first time in many years, for the two weeks after May half term. If you know of any local business or have connections with any companies who may be able to support any of our pupils with a work experience placement please email Evelyn Munoz (Munoz-evelyn@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) with the details. Pupils are responsible for finding their own placements, but we would like to have a bank of companies so that we can point them in the right direction.



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.



Portsmouth City Council School Carol Service

Portsmouth City Council are running their annual Schools' Carols Service for the second year, taking place within;

Portsmouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2AB

This year's date is Monday 9th December, with the event starting from 6.30 - 7.15PM approximately. The doors will open from 5.45 - 6.15PM. They will also be bringing back our songbook cover competition which they would like to invite all school children to get involved and create an A4 Christmas Scene poster, where one drawing picked will be used as the front cover of the programme.

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.

15th October 2024

Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

I am writing to inform you of two parent governor vacancies on our newly formed academy committee. Parent governors are elected by and from the parents/carers of children currently attending our school. Parents bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the academy committee.

The role of the academy committee

The school's academy committee is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational performance. The committee is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll work with the committee to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the committee, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to make sure the academy committee delivers effective governance

Whilst previous experience of school governance is useful, this is by no means a pre-requisite for this role as full support and induction training is provided. Joining the academy committee will allow you to develop your skills in areas such as strategic planning, experience on a board, decision making, communication and team work.

Expectations of governors

In terms of time commitment, we expect that governors will attend up to 8 meetings a year, which take place **on Wednesday's. Meeting times vary between 4-5pm** and last approximately 2 hours. It is expected that governors will make use of the various training opportunities available to them and play a full part in the work of the committee which would include visits to see the school in action. The term of office for a parent governor is 4 years.

How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form attached to this letter and return to the Clerk to Governors, via: pateman-jennifer@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk by **Friday 25th October**

2024. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact the Clerk to Governors, via: pateman-jennifer@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Perrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Kelly Perrett
Chair of Governors

Parent/Carer Governor Candidate Form

Candidate Name:	
Candidate Address:	
Candidate Email:	
Candidate Statement: <i>In this section, please outline why you wish to apply and any experience, skills, abilities and interests that can support the academy committee.</i>	

Applicants should be aware of the following circumstances which might prevent them from being appointed as a governor:

- Inclusion in the list of those unsuitable to work with children
- Having been sentenced to 3 months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor
- Having received a prison sentence of 2 and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
- Having received a prison sentence of 5 years or more
- Having been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor

I confirm that I:

- Am aged over 18
- Am not a current pupil at the school
- Have not been declared bankrupt
- Am not the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order
- Am not subject to any of the disqualifying reasons set out above
- Have not been convicted for any unspent criminal offence, excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence was a fine (except for offences specified in the above table which will still count)
- Have not been disqualified from holding office as a governor
- Have not been disqualified from being a company director and/or a charity trustee
- Have not been removed as a trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of misconduct or mismanagement in administration of the charity
- Have not had my estate seized for the benefit of creditors and the declaration of seizure hasn't been discharged, annulled or reduced

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of parent/carers governor (subject to DBS check).

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Completed nomination forms must be emailed to pateman-jennifer@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk by **Friday, 25th October 2024**.