

31st January 2025

Mayfield Messenger

A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

And so it is...

Secondary Dance Live Performance! This achievement is not just a testament to their incredible talent and hard work, but also to the core values that define our school community: Ambition, Inclusion, and Respect.

Throughout the preparation and performance, our dancers demonstrated Ambition in every step they took. From countless hours of practice to pushing beyond their limits, they embodied the spirit of striving for excellence, never settling for less than their best. Their passion and determination were evident from start to finish, and it was clear that their success was a result of their unwavering drive to succeed.

The team also showed the power of Inclusion. In every rehearsal, every move, and every performance, the dancers supported one another, regardless of skill level or background. Each dancer's unique contribution was celebrated, and it was this spirit of unity that allowed them to create something truly special. Their collaborative effort proved that when we come together, we achieve more.

Lastly, the dancers consistently demonstrated Respect—for each other, the team of adults that coached them (a special thanks to Miss Franklin, Miss Taylor and Miss Bishop), and the art of dance itself. They listened attentively, valued each person's input, and worked harmoniously to bring their vision to life. Respect was the foundation of their success, ensuring that every step, every gesture, and every decision was made with care and thoughtfulness.

This victory is not just about a trophy; it's about the values we live by and the way they shape us into better individuals and a stronger community. Congratulations to our amazing dancers for showing us that with Ambition, Inclusion, and Respect, anything is possible! Here's to more success, growth, and teamwork in the finals in April and for the Primary Dance Live team next week!



Senior Dance Live!

On Monday, our senior pupils took part in the annual dance competition, Dance Live! Wow, what a day and what a team! We are so proud of everything that you achieved and to come away with 1st place! We felt so proud watching you all up on stage showing everyone how talented and hard working you are, you did a fantastic job!



A Christmas Carol Performance at Trafalgar School

On Monday, our Year 11 students travelled to Trafalgar School and witnessed an amazing performance of A Christmas Carol, portrayed by Quantum Theatre Company. A review of the performance provided by Amelia in Year 11 "The performance included lots of recognisable quotes from the novella and captured the key themes of the text, especially Christmas spirit. I thought that the characters of Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present were accurate and well-portrayed, demonstrating more important themes that will help our understanding for upcoming exams."



An Inspector Calls After-School Trip

On Tuesday, our Year 10 and 11 pupils attended a fantastic theatre adaptation of 'An Inspector Calls' at the Mayflower in Southampton. We had a great time, all the students were amazing at demonstrating our value of Respect AND lots of sweets were consumed!

Hants & IOW OPCC Youth Commission - Applications Now Open!



The Hampshire & IOW Office of The Police & Crime Commissioner's Youth Commission are recruiting for new members!

The Youth Commission is a diverse group of young people aged 14 to 25, from across Hampshire and the IOW, who represent the voice of young people on police and crime matters. They gather and represent the views of young people at a number of local and national strategic level meetings, attend events, create youth led campaigns and projects and help to shape policing in the area. Each year they hold The Big Conversation Survey and they present these recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner, The Constabulary and other partners, to support positive change for young people.

Scan the QR code for the link to the Online Application. Applications close on 28th February 2025.



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

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Family Learning

February half term Workshops

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR FAMILY WORKSHOPS.
WE ARE RUNNING 2 MORNING SESSIONS
FROM 10.00AM - 12.00PM
BASED ON THE FOLLOWING THEMES:

Learning	Quizzes
Tuesday 18th February Money Merry Go Round	Wednesday 19th February Springtime Fun
Making	Doing

Come along and create together!

Places are limited so please book early!
Maximum of 2 children per family - suitable for children in yR to y6
These workshops will take place at
The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, PO2 8HH

To book your space call (023)92 621860 or

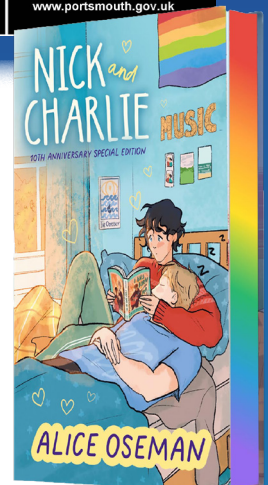
email: thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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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.



ClassCharts

Thank you to all those who have been logging onto their ClassCharts accounts regularly! Be sure you're checking into your ClassCharts app frequently to keep up-to-date with your child/ren's progress and any important information. This is one of our essential ways of communicating and providing you opportunities, services, and lots more.

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;

- 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.



Moments Matter, Attendance Counts.

Being late or having unauthorised absences will impact your child's future. Most employers and courses require maths and English GCSE as a minimum. Get them to school every day and see what they could become. Regular attendance at school is a key factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Good attendance helps children to make good progress in school and fulfil their potential in life. If you need any support with this, please contact our attendance team within the school.



Senior Council of Portsmouth Schools representatives

These students are our COPS (Council of Portsmouth Schools) representatives for Secondary, Charlie, Sophia, Iulia and Hasfa. They have regular meetings together with other schools across the city to share the voice of the young people in our school and what they want to see improving at Mayfield, across our community and the city. We thank these pupils for being fantastic ambassadors of the school and for leading the student voice at Mayfield forward.



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.

Well done Mikey!

Fantastic work from Mikey who, over the weekend, entered the Cubs Annual Chess and Draughts Competition. He worked very hard and came away with 4th place in his first-ever chess competition! Well done Mikey!

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!