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Mayfield Messenger

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A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

This week, I introduced our first new school value – RESPECT.

This value received the highest number of votes from primary school pupils, senior students, staff, governors, and you (parents/carers/community).

This has been revealed to the staff and children through assemblies, with primary pupils now voting on an animal which they feel best represents the value of RESPECT. There will be more opportunities for our school community to further explore and unpick how we live and breathe our new core value of RESPECT in every moment of the day, whether we are at school or at home.

Today was a very special day as we came together to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in war. Many children arrived at school in their uniforms representing the groups they attend outside of school.

The children across primary and seniors demonstrated our first new value - respect - by observing the laying down of the poppy wreaths, listening to the poem 'Flanders Field' read by our senior prefects and holding a silence as the last post was heard. The level of respect shown was exceptional and it is a privilege to be part of this. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this tribute so special. Next week is Anti-Bullying Week starting with us all wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12th November. This will be another opportunity for us to raise the profile of our new value of respect, as well as kindness, and the impact our actions have on others, how we can be kind to others, and how we can be kind to ourselves. I look forward to sharing our outcomes from the week.

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

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Remembrance Assemblies



Today, in preparation for this Sunday, our Remembrance assemblies took place across the school. These included an Introduction from Mr Howard, the reading in Flanders Field, delivered by our Head Prefects, our House representatives laying down poppy wreaths, and standing in silence for the last post. We are very proud and impressed by how respectful our pupils were during these, as they showed their appreciation and remembered those who lost their lives fighting for our country during the two World Wars, amongst other life-changing conflicts. This then further reflected one of our new school values - respect.



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.

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, P01 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. Please find attached a document which outlines the specifications. Entries for this must be received no later than Wednesday 13th November.

Take a look below at the Competition's Entry Rules document and sign-up sheet.

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.

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 3.15 to 4.15 with Mr Houghton if they need any support with practising 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 Monday. Have a lovely weekend!