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As is customary, we will be sending every pupil a progress or academic report. These will be distributed via book bags for Primary Section pupils and via Tutors for Senior Section pupils. If you have not received your child's report then please email our Office Manager, Mrs. Steph Manns on Manns@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk who will check your contact details and dispatch a copy. Also, please find [here](#) a copy of a letter with some important information and updates.

The Mayfield Messenger will take a break and the next edition will be sent out on Friday 8th November. To help parents and carers plan their time, please find [here](#) a list of the key events for the Autumn 2 half term.

Head of Seniors

The week beginning 4th November is a week B
The Theme for the Week is Laws: How the law protects us

As this half-term draws to a close it is good to celebrate some of the great things our pupils have done. From making me so very proud at Open Evening as they showed off our school to taking part in sporting activities and performance opportunities to attending extra-curricular clubs there has been so many excellent things happening this half-term! If you aren't following us on social media please do look at our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages to see more details of all the things we do as they happen.

Reports went home with pupils this week- please ask them to find it in their bag if you haven't yet seen it! If your child does not have a report to give you then please contact the school and we can arrange a reprint for you. If you have any questions about the content of the report, then please contact your child's Head of House in the first instance. Their email addresses are on the website [here](#).

Our school production is very much in full rehearsal mode and I would strongly urge you to buy tickets for our forthcoming production of High School Musical! Tickets are available via Scopay from Monday 4th November and there is a link on our website [here](#). It certainly promises to be our very best show yet!

A reminder that the week after half-term Year 11 start their exams with Dance being in the first week back and then the full mock programme starting on Tuesday 12th November. A copy of the timetable is available on our website [here](#).

Year 8 are busy working towards their camp and are looking for ways to raise money so they can fund themselves. If you have any ideas of things they could do or could help them in any way then please contact Mr Browning on brownings@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

I wish you all a very pleasant and restful half-term and I very much look forward to welcoming all the pupils back punctually on Monday 4th November. It is important that pupils are here on time so if your child is in Years 7 or 8 then they need to be here by 8:10am and if your child is in Years 9-11 then they need to be in school by 8:40am. The darker mornings do make it trickier to get up for a lot of people so it might be worth encouraging them to set their alarm a few minutes earlier than normal to guarantee a prompt start to the school day.

Head of Primary

The final week of the half-term started with our Prep hand-in day on Monday. As usual, it was great to see the children's tremendous creativity shining through their projects. I am looking forward to hosting a Reward Tea for each class in the first week back after half-term.

This week's assembly was taken by Mrs Sheppard on the theme of future careers. Mrs Sheppard used the assembly to launch this year's 'My Only Limitation Is My Ambition' Week which is scheduled for January 2020. We are always keen to hear from new and interesting visitors who have a career, interest or passion that they would like to share with the children. Please email Mrs Sheppard on sheppard@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk if you would like to be part of the MOLIMA week for this year.

It was lovely to meet with a group of parents at our Coffee Morning on Wednesday. I was asked lots of questions about the school and I hope that everyone found the morning to be informative and helpful.

We are looking forward to welcoming lots more parents into the classrooms for Family Learning Week in the first week back after half-term. The timetable for Family Learning Week is shown below:

	Tuesday 5th November	Wednesday 6th November	Thursday 7th November	Friday 8th November
9.00am	Year R Reading and Phonics Year 3 Maths Year 2 English	Year 1 English	Year R Reading and Phonics Year 4 English	Year 4 Maths
10.45am		Year 5 Maths Year 3 English	Year 5 English	Year 2 Maths
1.15pm	Year 5 Topic Year 1 Topic Year 3 Music	Year R Reading and Phonics Year 4 Topic	Year 1 Maths Year 3 Topic Year 2 Topic	
After school	Welcome to Year 2 Meeting		Welcome to Year 1 Meeting	

Parents are now able to book an additional space on these sessions if they wish. These are normal working days for the children and space in the classrooms is limited, so I would be grateful if you could not bring younger siblings with you to these sessions. Please come to the Infant Gate for the sessions in Year R, 1 and 2 and the Junior Gates for the sessions with Years 3, 4 and 5 where a member of staff will meet you, explain the arrangements for the lessons and give you a visitor sticker.

It was my pleasure to award the House Points Cup for October in Celebration Assembly this afternoon. This month's results were:

1st Endeavour with 9454 Achievement Points

2nd Victory with 8822 Achievement Points

3rd Discovery with 8713 Achievement Points

4th Intrepid with 8673 Achievement Points

Well done to the Blue House!

Can I please remind parents that the summer uniform cannot be worn after the half-term holidays. Please make sure that your child wears a warm coat to school every day from now onwards.

When we return after the half-term holidays, the School Council will be selling poppies and pin badges outside school each morning in support of the annual Poppy Appeal. Please can you give generously to this worthwhile cause. Thank you in advance for your support.

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

The weather is now beginning to change, therefore, could you endeavour to send your children into school each day with their coats as we go outside daily.

Our topic will continue with 'Autumn' after the half term, we are still looking at changes in the environment and exploring natural materials.

Learning intentions:

- Comment and ask questions;
- Looking at similarities and differences;
- Creating a collage with natural materials;
- Enter into dialogue about their creations asking questions about the material they have used and why.

Letter sound for the week is 'G', please create a collage looking for objects that begin with this letter. It's a fun activity and promotes lots of language development.

Finally, a gentle reminder that we have the school photographer in on Tuesday 12th November and we shall hold a Parents' Evening on the 14th November from 6pm – appointment sheets will be out from Monday 4th November for you to book your slot.

Have a lovely half term!!