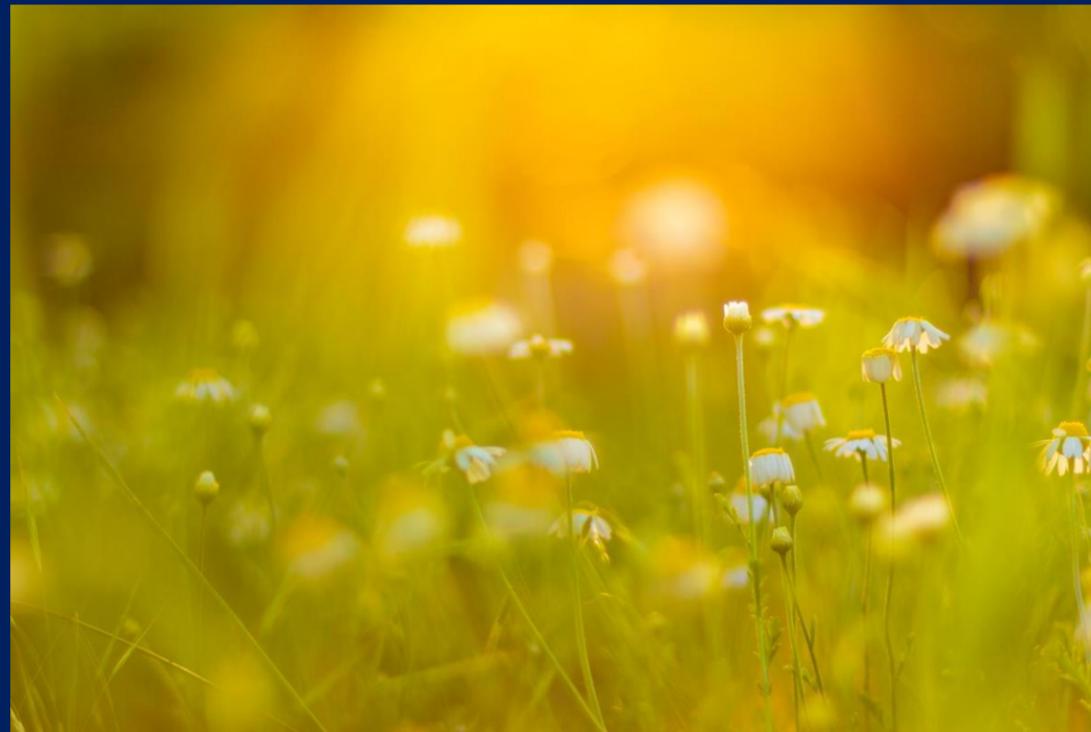




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Mr Draper

Headmaster's Foreword

Dear children, parents, carers, staff, governors, Old Mayfieldians and friends of the school,

It has been a very busy term and an extremely packed last two weeks! As I sit in my study reflecting on the highlights of the last month, I can hear happy sounds of children playing on the Paddock in the sunshine, or chatting in the shade, of yet another glorious day, and I feel a great sense of contentment.

Looking back, the first major events after half term were the Sports Days. For once, all three Sports Days were held in beautiful, sunny weather and great fun was had by all the children competing and families spectating. The Lower School Sports Day was won by Livingstone House and the Upper School Sports Day and overall cup was won by Nightingale!

The Early Years Sports Day was well attended by families on another day of blue skies and sun, and it was wonderful to see the joy on the children's smiling faces. Early Years also celebrated Father's Day by celebrating with their families and plenty of cake! Just last week, Early Years enjoyed an educational trip to Ash End Children's Farm, and loved meeting and learning about the animals.

They are not the only ones who have enjoyed school trips; Upper II had a fabulous adventure day at Woodlands, where they kayaked and threw the atl atl, amongst other things. Transition and Form I also had a fun day out to the Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust, enjoying a ride on a barge, as well as learning a lot about the history of the Black Country.

The house competitions have been keenly, but sportingly, contested in the right spirit. The overall winner of the House Cup, based on the number of merits and house points earned by the children for good work and good behaviour, was Livingstone. The winners of the House Rounders and the House Cricket was Nightingale. Well done to all the children and better luck next term, Scott.

The final week has been a fitting climax to the term and the school year. The Centenary Library was officially opened by local children's author, Serena Patel, whose nephew also attends the school, and who gave a superb writing workshop to our Upper II pupils. Serena has written many exciting books, such as Test Trouble, Picture Perfect and Pia's Pet Club which are well worth a read. We thanked Eva for her astonishing fundraising of nearly £5000 towards the library after completing a challenging Liddle

Mudders run, and our Lower III Librarians for their efforts in assisting staff stocking shelves and digitally cataloguing the library books. Finally, Eva, the Librarians, School Council Leaders and our Pupil Leadership Team buried a time capsule, full of Mayfield uniform, children's memories and paraphernalia, which we hope will amaze children in 25 or 50 years' time when they dig it up again!

Wednesday afternoon was wonderful. Firstly, it was Lower III's prizegiving in front of the whole school in the Hall of the Olympians. This was followed by the drama performance, 'Trapped in a Musical', perhaps the best ever Lower III play, written entirely by Mrs Andrews, with a rocking soundtrack, singing, dancing, and, my favourite, corny 'Dad' jokes!

Yesterday was the Lower III's Farewell Party. Highlights included the annual staff vs Lower III rounders match, which Lower III won for the first time ever, by a single rounder, followed by the pool party at Queen Mary's Grammar School. I am sure you will join me in wishing our Lower III pupils well as they leave Mayfield today, and we wish them every success in their new schools in September.

We say goodbye to Mrs Bolt, who leaves on the crest of a wave, as of 95 children who

took LAMDA exams this term, 84 of them passed with a Distinction and the other 11 passed with a Merit. Our best performance ever! Congratulations to Mrs Bolt and the children for an outstanding result! We will welcome Mrs Melia from Tribe Theatre who will be taking over in September. We also say farewell and future happiness to Mrs Higgins after 10 years of excellence. Mrs Hawthorne will be taking over as Head of EYFS from September. Congratulations also to Miss Roberts, who will be getting married in the summer and will come back in September as Mrs Young.

It really has been a year to remember, so have a lovely summer break everyone, I hope you can enjoy a holiday somewhere, recharge the batteries and I look forward to seeing you, safe, sound and healthy, back at Mayfield in September.

Best wishes

Mr M. Draper

Headmaster





Mini Mayfield

Nursery Staff



The children have enjoyed their final term in Nursery. On returning to school after the Half Term break, the children were excited to find the butterflies emerging from their cocoons. They spent a day taking turns to observe them, then we released them into the wild.

We celebrated Father's Day by inviting the men who are important in our lives into school. The children sang some songs and did a craft activity with the grown-ups. Then they had cakes.

In our Topic work, we have been finding out about different forces. They have investigated how things move by pushing and pulling. They also experimented to find items that could float.

The children enjoyed taking part in Sports Day. This involved completing a range of activities on the school paddock, including running, throwing and balancing. We also went along to watch the older children compete in their races and had fun cheering them on.

The lovely weather at the start of this half term meant Nursery have been able to do lots of activities outside. They have continued to develop their physical skills by playing on the slide. They have also shown their social skills by sharing resources and chatting together.





Pre-Nursery

Mrs S Rahman



Our final half term has been full of fun and exploring. The children are amazing at recognising numbers 1-10. They have really enjoyed climbing and balancing on the outdoor equipment. The children loved going in and out of the tunnel. As part of the children's physical activity, they balanced a bean bag on their heads, and they all did a superb job of it! The children really enjoyed using the construction blocks to build tall towers. The children loved taking part in the sports day. We have all enjoyed being outdoors in this lovely weather. The children enjoyed their time at the farm. We have all had an amazing term.



Kindergarten

Mrs Smith

Kindergarten had an amazing time visiting Ash End Farm this half term. We joined Nursery and Pre-Nursery, and the children fully embraced everything. We enjoyed feeding the sheep and the greedy goats. We stroked the cows and horses and even spotted some reptiles. After lunch, we enjoyed some play time on a giant bouncy pillow in the lovely sunshine.

We enjoyed ourselves at Sports Day, taking part in lots of activities including balancing on the beam, hurdles and welly wanging. We invited daddies, grandads and mummies to our Fathers Day assembly where we made medals and enjoyed a cake.

To end our year in Kindergarten, we really enjoyed the fun day and our end of year party on Wednesday afternoon. Good luck in Transition, children, I will miss you.





It's been an action-packed half-term for Transition, with lots of exciting activities to round off the year! Firstly, all of the children participated enthusiastically in Sports Day, and we were so proud of each and every one of them!

In History this half term, we have been focusing on 'Inspirational Women' and we have found out all about the achievements of Mary Anning, Rosa Parks and Mary Seacole. Our class assembly focused on Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The children were all amazing and as well as telling the story, they also danced their hearts out to the 'I sat on a bus' song.

In Science, the children went out on to the paddock to make a nest for a bird and thought really carefully about what natural resources could be used. They really enjoyed this and even continued this in their break and lunch times.

In Design Technology, we have been exploring dips and dippers, and the children had the opportunity to taste houmous and guacamole and then made their own raita and thousand island dressing. Most of the children said the raita and thousand island were their favourites. The guacamole was the least favourite.

We finished off the term with our class trip with Form I to the Dudley Canal Trust. The children took part in a fun workshop about habitats, had a boat ride and hunted for minibeasts. It was a great day and a lovely reward for all of their hard work. We will be sad to see the children move on from Transition, but we are very proud of them and look forward to seeing them go from strength to strength as they move up through the school!

 **Transition**
Mrs King



Form I

Mr Watts



In the final few weeks of the year, we have all participated in Sports Day, performed in our Form Assembly and visited the Dudley Canal and Caverns.

The theme of our Assembly was Diversity, in which we thought about the class as unique and special individuals who all have important strengths and virtues. We ended our Assembly with a story about individual tools who have to work together to make things. In a similar way, in Form I we have to work together to get jobs done. The children have been very good this year at working together as a team, helping one another and encouraging their friends. The Mayfield mantra of kind hands, kind feet and kind speech has helped with this. In PSHE, we created tangrams by working together to create an image.

When we visited Dudley Canal Caves and Caverns, we had a workshop, where we learnt about habitats and visited the wildlife garden. Then we had a boat trip (so much fun!) and a craft activity/minibeast hunt in the afternoon. It was a really lovely trip, which rounded off a very successful year. It has gone very quickly but the children have worked hard and learnt a great deal. We will miss them.



Happiness is...

As part of Lower II's PSHE topic 'Think Positive', the children have been exploring how a positive mental attitude can be good for their mental health. They discovered that by finding ways to relax your mind, smiling and laughing, getting plenty of sleep and spending time with friends and family members all contribute to a positive mental attitude. The children investigated the 'Science of Happiness', where they found out that happy people are more successful and are more likely to achieve their goals. Including that scientists had discovered that in schools, research shows that happy children learn better and make more progress. Finally, the children thought of what happiness meant to them, realising that different things make different people happy because we are all unique and individual.

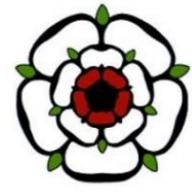
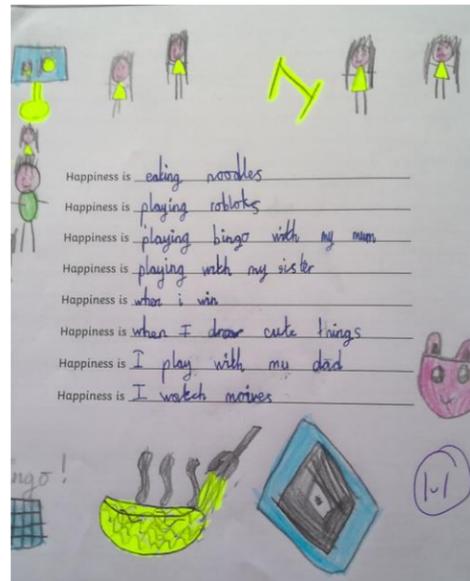
Here is a selection of the children's happiness.

"Happiness is watching lambs in the paddock." - Freya

"Happiness is going to Scotland" - Inaaya

"Happiness is playing football with my brother" - Sana

"Happiness is spending time with my little brother" - Tia

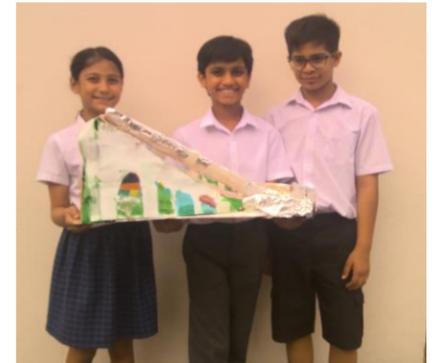


Form II

Mrs Hatton



In Humanities this term, Lower II and Form II have been learning about Romans. After learning about the amazing Roman inventions, we looked at the purpose and features of an aqueduct. In groups, the children designed and constructed an aqueduct, using their DT knowledge and skills of attaching materials together to make a strong structure that stood unaided. The children worked incredibly well in their groups, demonstrating excellent teamwork. It was a great lesson, seeing the children test out their designs. All aqueducts were fit for purpose and were successful in the final challenge of transporting water.



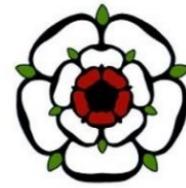
On Wednesday 12th June, Upper II had an amazing day out at Woodlands Adventure.

We split into two groups and took part in four amazing challenges. For the High Ropes, we had to climb in pairs as high as possible, trying to touch the beam at the top. Some people were quicker than others, but we all did our best and faced our fears.

We had three tunnels to explore for Caving. The first was quite short, the second longer and the third had a ball pit in the middle. Luckily, we didn't meet the crocodile! The final challenge was a team event; we had to see which team could get all members through in the shortest amount of time.

Atl Atl is a stone age hunting method, using sticks to allow you to throw a dart much further than just using your arm. We were amazed at how technique is more important than strength.

Our favourite activity was kayaking. After spending some time getting used to rowing, we played a ball game in teams. Several people fell in and everyone was soaked through by the end. We also had a go at entering the water in the kayak using the very steep slide.



Upper II
Mrs S Marston





Lower III

Mrs Andrews

Props, places and positions. With auditions and roles cast completed before Whitsun, Lower III returned for their final half term at Mayfield full of enthusiasm and sparkle, keen to tread the boards and get the show underway. The whole class worked well as a team, scripts were studied, lines learned, and staging practised. The cast helped Suelock Holmes and Wotsit to lift the curse, to release the school from being "trapped in a musical!" To find the solution, they travelled to different classes collecting the four magical items needed by Oz to say the magical words and release the school. The opening show arrived, there were some nerves, but the class pulled together, dug deep and delivered an outstanding, memorable performance.

Lower III, you have been a delight to teach during your time here at Mayfield and it has been a great year, you rose to the occasion and delivered. We know that every one of you will go on to great things. Hold on to your time at Mayfield and remember that we are here if you need us.



The Mayfield Art Gallery

Mrs Hatton

Another impressive Mayfield Art Gallery has been created this term, a collection of work from pupils throughout the school, created at home. The work is displayed outside the Art room and staff and pupils have enjoyed seeing the beautiful artwork produced.



If you would like to create some artwork for the Gallery next term, please hand it in to your Form Tutor, the first week back to school after the Summer Holiday, with your full name and form clearly written on the back.

A huge thank you and well done to the following artists for sharing their fantastic work this term.
Haaris KG, Elliot KG, Daanvi FI, Sukhmani LII, Alayna A LII, Ruby LII, Sara FII, Kyra FII, Anika FII, Saran LIII, Avraj LIII.
Pupils and parents are welcome to visit and take a look at the artwork from 3:30pm on Mondays.

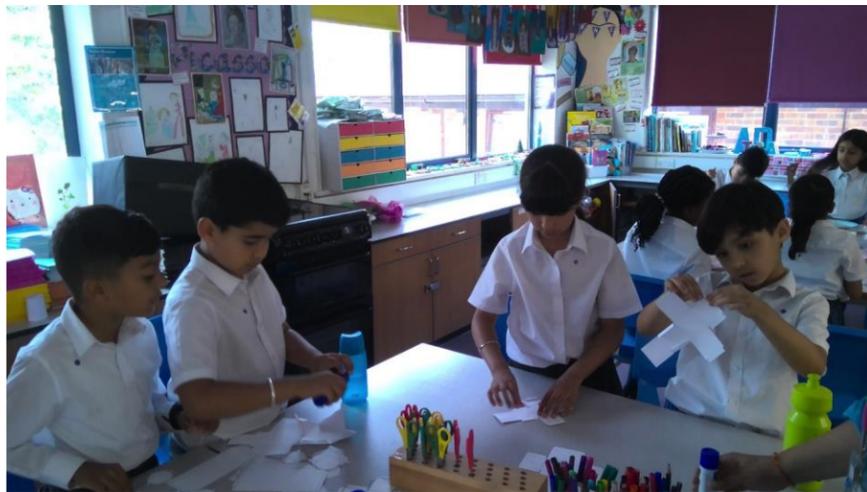


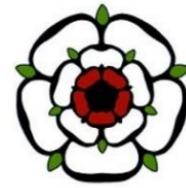


STEM with QM!

Mrs S Draper

On Friday 4th July Form I took part in a fabulous STEM workshop provided by Sixth Form Students from Queen Mary's Grammar School. The pupils were given the opportunity to explore, discover and solve challenges together in order to help escape from the Planet Atomicon! Developing their use of money, Form I had to add totals of money and calculate change. As engineers, the pupils used nets to build a selection of 3-Dimensional shapes to erect shelters. Computer experts used their coding skills to plan an algorithm to navigate their way through a maze. In the Galactic Grub space restaurant, Form I created healthy balanced meals. Finally, in the chemistry station our pupils tested liquids to find out which would make the best rocket fuel for the journey home. Team Mercury were the winners of this out of this world experience. We had a fabulous afternoon to inspire the pupils in their future scientific learning.

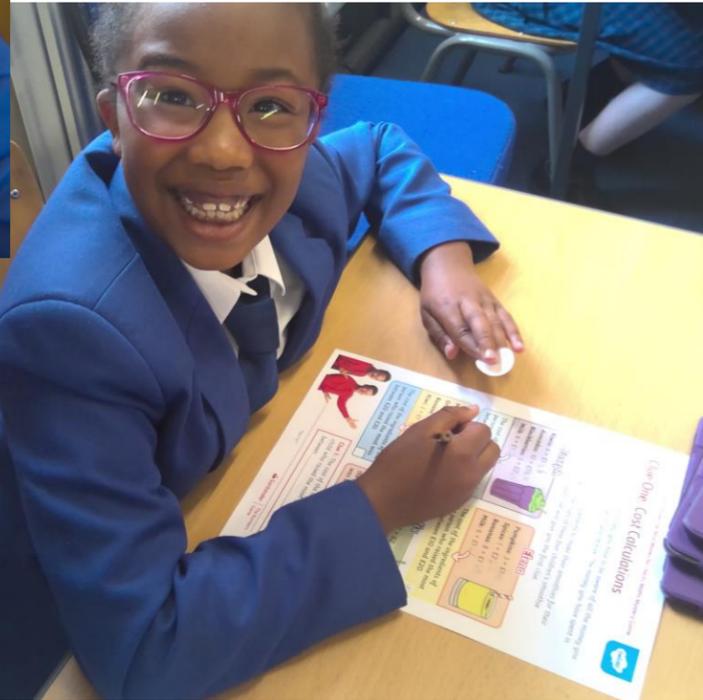




World Maths Day

Mrs S Marston

On Friday 23rd May, we celebrated World Maths Day at Mayfield. We decided to go with a theme of money and financial literacy, so every class completed activities linked to this. Kindergarten played shops, Transition explored the Ed and Bunny stories, Form I explored different ways to pay for goods, Lower II enjoyed discussing and understanding that people may make different choices about how to save and spend money. Form II worked in groups and were asked to become 'Money Heroes' and take on the role of advisor for a hypothetical family. Upper II planned a sports' day, considering food, drinks and tickets and Lower III planned a party, again taking into account all the different aspects involved. Everyone had lots of fun and hopefully learned something about saving, spending and investing.



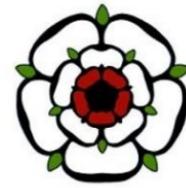
English News

Mrs C Andrews

National Writing Day



As part of National Writing Day, Upper II and Lower III participated in a writing workshop run by Pobble 365. The children were inspired to write their own short stories based on a strange image of a house on stilts. The children did not fail to impress with their imaginative ideas and story concepts. It was a pleasure to listen to and read the amazing pieces of writing generated. Thank you for the enthusiasm that you demonstrated during the morning's activities...great job everyone!



Poetry-By-Heart Update



Before they could even place their feet on the steps leading to their property, the front door swung open, and the children could hear a croaking, hoarse voice becomng them inside, repeating the words written on the parchment that was left burning on the beach. Carefully, they crept into the house, unaware of what dangers lurked there... waiting to attack. Once they entered, someone or something grabbed their arms and dragged them to the floor, the poor children kicking and screaming, until there was silence. 'I've got you' were the last words spoken in that house... and on that island.

Story snippet by Tia H – Lower III



It seems like a distant memory, but we have recently received some fantastic news regarding our school Poetry-By-Heart finalists. On behalf of myself and the entire school, I would like to congratulate Sehej and Dylan for their amazing performances. Overall, Sehej was credited with a Commended entry, whilst Dylan was awarded the title: Best in County: West Midlands! This has been our best result since we started participating in the competition just over two years ago.

A HUGE well done to both children...we are immensely proud of you both.

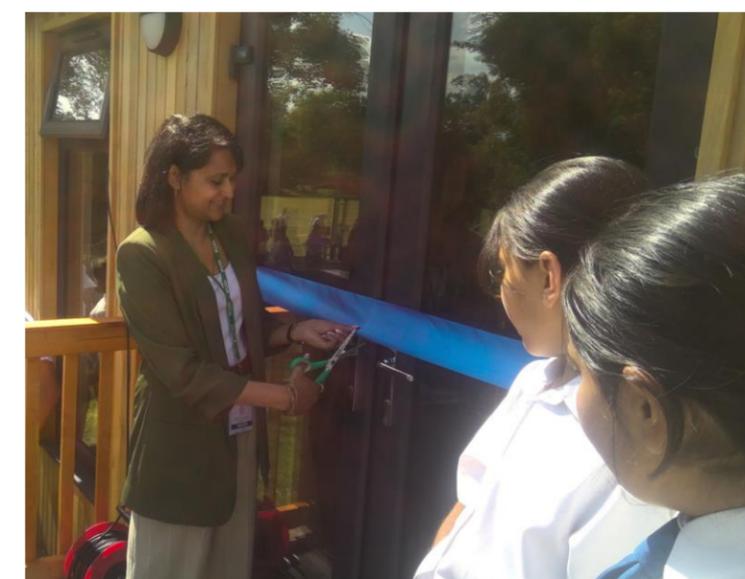




Centenary Library – opening



On the 7th July 2025, the Centenary Library was officially opened by local Author Serena Patel. She was joined by the Student Leadership Team, The Librarian Team, The School Council Leaders, fundraiser Eva Bansal and many eager students waiting for the doors to be officially opened. To mark the occasion, a time capsule of Mayfield Preparatory School was buried by all of those involved to give a snapshot of the school to be discovered by future pupils. We look forward to many happy years of literary moment for future generations at Mayfield!



Fun day!



Roll up, roll up! The sun shone down on Mayfield for another memorable event; the Summer Fun Day had arrived! Hook a duck, tin can alley, splat the rat, penalty shootout, parachute fun, rebounders, netball goal practice, target practice, hockey, cricket, play your cards right, skipping, scoop catch, hula hoops, tennis and the awesome Superheroes inflatable assault course! The students, dressed brightly for fun in the sunshine, enjoyed all the activities while grooving along to the music, creating an atmosphere that felt every bit like a day at the fayre, making memories that will last a lifetime.



Thank you for taking the time to read our magazine, we hope it has provided an enjoyable insight into the half term.

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