



# Mayfield



Spring 2  
25/26

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# Mr Draper

## Headmaster's Foreword

Dear Staff, Pupils, Parents, Governors, Old Mayfieldians and Friends of the school,

It has been a beautiful end to the Spring Term, as we have been blessed with glorious sunshine and the promise of an excellent summer to come! Let us take a look back at the highlights of the last half term.

World Book Day was great value again this year, seeing everyone dressed up as book characters. Lower III pupils all wrote their own Mr Men and Little Miss stories online then spent a happy afternoon reading their stories to Nursery and Kindergarten children. A team from Upper II competed at the annual Aldridge World Book Day Quiz and Birjivan was delighted to be on the winning team! As part of World Book Day, Mrs Andrews organised the annual Poetry-by-heart Festival. Eva, Inaaya and Sara won their Form prizes, while Zayn and Samay were best in school and entered for the National Finals. Xander and Rohan T were also highly commended for their performances. In the battle of the classes, Form I just shaded Transition with an excellent performance.

The theme of British Science Week this year was 'Curiosity: what's your question?', and we were delighted to have the Primary Science Teaching Trust (PSTT) who ran very interesting online investigation sessions which laid the foundation for practical scientific investigations in every class from Pre-Nursery to Lower III. Sixth Formers from Queen Mary's Grammar School also ran a

STEM workshop for our Upper II pupils during British Science Week. The Science Posters were fabulous again this year and 5 winners have been entered into the National Science Poster Competition. Well done to all the children and parents.

In sports news, we took both our Ulls Boys and Girls football teams to the Walsall Schools Football tournaments at Wolverhampton University, Walsall campus. The Boys team won 1 match, drew 1 and needed to win the final match to qualify for the Black Country Schools Finals, but unfortunately narrowly lost to the eventual winners of the tournament by a single, solitary goal. The Girls team also started with a win, then had two draws and lost 1 match to miss out on the finals by only 2 points! At the same venue, a team from Form I won the inaugural Rocket Fuel cricket tournament with three wins out of three! In the last few weeks, the children have contested the House matches. Scott won this year's Pancake races, and children in Early Years also enjoyed competing in their pancake races, too. Mrs Marston and Mrs Cook organised World Maths Day activities in every class from Pre-Nursery to Lower III. Upper School pupils also participated in a House Maths Quiz, won by Scott. Mrs Flanagan ran the Upper School General Knowledge House Quiz, which was won by Scott. The House Netball, the House Cross Country and the House Rugby were won by Livingstone. The House Cup was won by Scott.

This half term, we have also enjoyed a visit

by the Splat! Theatre Company with their interactive Shakespeare performance of Midsummer Night's Dream. Upper School loved it and appreciated the comic humour of the Great Bard! In Early Years, we were visited by the West End in School Theatre Company who presented performance of traditional tales to tie in with this term's theme in Early Years. Then, last week Transition and Form I enjoyed visits to the United Reform Church on the Broadway and St Matthew's Church respectively. Form I particularly enjoyed descending into the underground crypt! Mr Watts also organised St John's Ambulance First Aid workshops for the pupils in Upper School. We have also taken a team to the Year 5 KES Maths Challenge, where they enjoyed a Mathematics presentation and finished 3d in the quiz!

Last Monday, the Lower School and Early Years had a lovely Easter Bonnet parade, followed by the Famous Egg Characters competition in Upper School. Well done, children and parents, for your imagination and artistry! We also thoroughly enjoyed the Mothers Day celebrations and Easter Egg Hunt in Early Years, and the children very much enjoyed Easter Movie Night! Yesterday, we held our Easter Service in the Hall of the Olympians, which included a re-telling of the Easter story by our Lower III pupils, interspersed with hymns beautifully sung by our children. Thanks to Reverend Emma Holton, St Peter's Church, Walsall, for speaking at the Easter Service.

In recent assemblies, we have celebrated

the Holy month of Ramadan and Eid-al-Fitr. We also had whole school assemblies on World Languages Day, St David's Day, and we were delighted to have visits from Reverend Peter of the Broadway United Reform Church, Bob from Lichfield's Keep Britain Today and one of the children's favourites Andi Markham, Grandad and Jack from Kids UK.

Staying with the theme of charities, valuable funds were raised again for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day, so thanks to everyone for your donations and Livingstone House for the tuck shop. Well done to our budding Lower III entrepreneurs who pitched their ideas, designed assorted products and sold them after school last week. The winning team was the 'Fab 5' with their bestselling 'Squishies', but congratulations go to all the Lower III students and their teachers for a very successful Mayfield Enterprise scheme!

Finally, I wish everyone a well-deserved break and a great holiday! See you back in school on 14th April.

Happy Easter!

Mr M. Draper

Headmaster



**Mrs Dallaway, Mrs Whatmore, Miss Mallen and Mrs Bowen**

This half term has been full of excitement and creativity in Nursery as the children have continued to explore some much-loved Traditional Tales. One of our favourite activities was based on The Three Little Pigs. The children worked together to build their own houses using straw, sticks and bricks. To make the story come to life we transformed a hair dryer into the Big Bad Wolf!

We were also very proud of the children during our Mother's Day Assembly. They performed beautifully for their families and sang 'You are my Sunshine' with great enthusiasm. They also shared a surprise with their families as we had filmed a short video to show them. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to share their confidence and joy with their families.

The children also enjoyed a storytelling workshop delivered by West End in Schools, where they took part in an interactive retelling of the Ugly Duckling.

Most recently, the children arrived in the classroom after lunch to discover a magical surprise – a giant beanstalk stretching from floor to ceiling in our classroom! The children have also taken great pride and responsibility in planting our own herb garden that we will look after for the Summer Term.





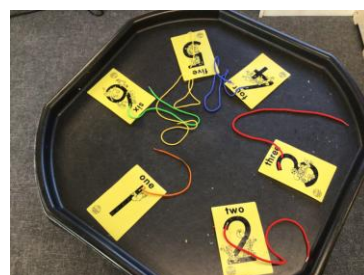
# Pre-Nursery

Mrs Rahman



In Pre-Nursery we looked at more of the traditional tales. We enjoyed the Gingerbread Man in particular. The children collaged a gingerbread man picture using Weetabix, and we talked about the different textures. We also did an experiment using a gingerbread man biscuit by putting the biscuit into the water to see what happens to it.

For Science Week, the children made some lovely coloured rainbow fish using pipettes and water. We celebrated mother's and special adult's day when the children did some lovely singing and some craft work with their special adult. We enjoyed World Maths Day. We talked about number and coloured a number in. We also talked about people that helps us the children loved being doctors and looking after the patients. We had a little Eid celebration the children tried some special sweets. We ended the term with having our easter egg hunt. Have a lovely Holiday everyone.



# Kindergarten

Mrs Smith

We have had another busy half term in Kindergarten. We continued our topic about Super Stories. As part of this work the children took part in a drama workshop. Ellenor from West End in Schools helped the children act out the story of The Ugly Duckling. The session included some fun games too.

The children enjoyed dressing up as different characters for World Book Day. They then made their own books with a picture of their character.

We celebrated World Maths Day by finding out about how Maths is all around us and how everyone needs to use it. The children enjoyed completing some outdoor Maths challenges.

For Science Week, the children listened to the story Rainbow Fish. Then they carried out an experiment to make their own rainbow fish by dropping water on to felt tip pen blobs to find out what happened.

There were several things to celebrate this half term. We started with Pancake Races for Shrove Tuesday. For Mothering Sunday, the children enjoyed inviting their grown up to school to do some craft together. Then it was Eid and finally our Easter events.

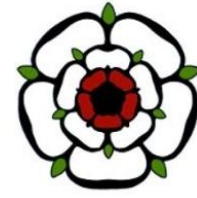




This term, Transition have been busy learning all about Spring and Summer in their Science Lessons. The classroom has been full of excitement as the children discovered how the seasons change and what happens in nature during the warmer months. At the start of the topic, the children went out onto the paddock and noticed that the flowers began to bloom, trees grew new green leaves and much of the wildlife was becoming more active. The children also observed the weather to notice if the temperature was getting warmer. The children even noticed that despite the season had changed there were still plenty of rainy days!

As the children moved on to learn about summer, they discussed how the days became longer and the weather usually became hotter. They linked their scientific discoveries to Maths where they created great pictograms showing daylight hours throughout the seasons.

The children have enjoyed observing nature, drawing pictures, taking photographs and sharing what they have noticed outside. Their curiosity and enthusiasm has shone throughout the topic, and they are all becoming super scientists!



# Form I

Mr. Watts



Form I have been busy carrying out lots of investigative work to enhance their learning this term. We have been learning how to measure in our Mathematics lessons, using a ruler (cm for shorter objects like paper clips) and a metre stick (metres for longer objects such as the length of the classroom,) We have used balances and weighing scales to find out the mass of a range of resources within the room. We have used mathematical symbols to compare their weights and then order them from lightest to heaviest. We also investigated volume and capacity.

In RE, we have been learning about beginnings and endings, which prompted lots of questions about whether the Easter story is an ending (in the sense that Jesus died on the Cross) or a beginning (as Christians believe that he rose from the dead.)

During this half-term, the children enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and investigated chicken nugget totals for World Maths Day! We visited St. Matthew's Church in Walsall in where we found out about its history and looked at the important features of the church itself, including the crypt, altar and font.

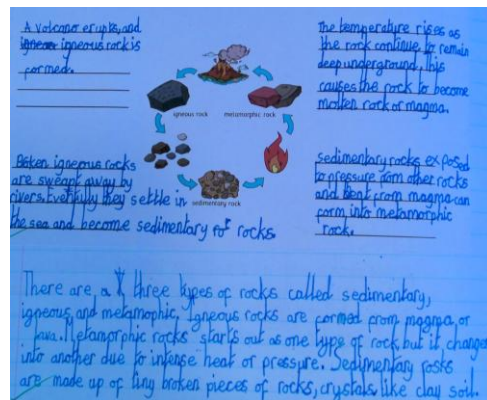
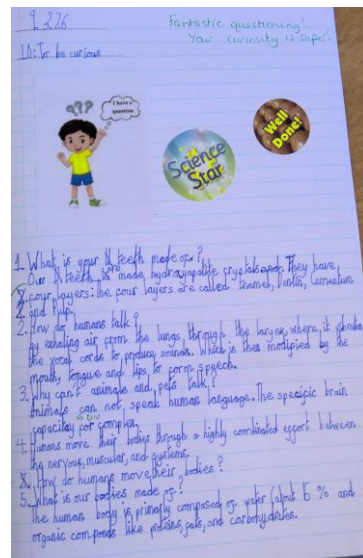
In Science we have completed lots of investigative work and designed a poster for a competition. Some of us competed in the Cricket Fuel competition at the University of Wolverhampton (Walsall campus) where we managed to win all three matches. Asides from cricket, in our PE lessons we have also played football, netball and dodgeball. We even competed in our very own Form I cross-country challenge!!!



# Transition

Mrs Guest





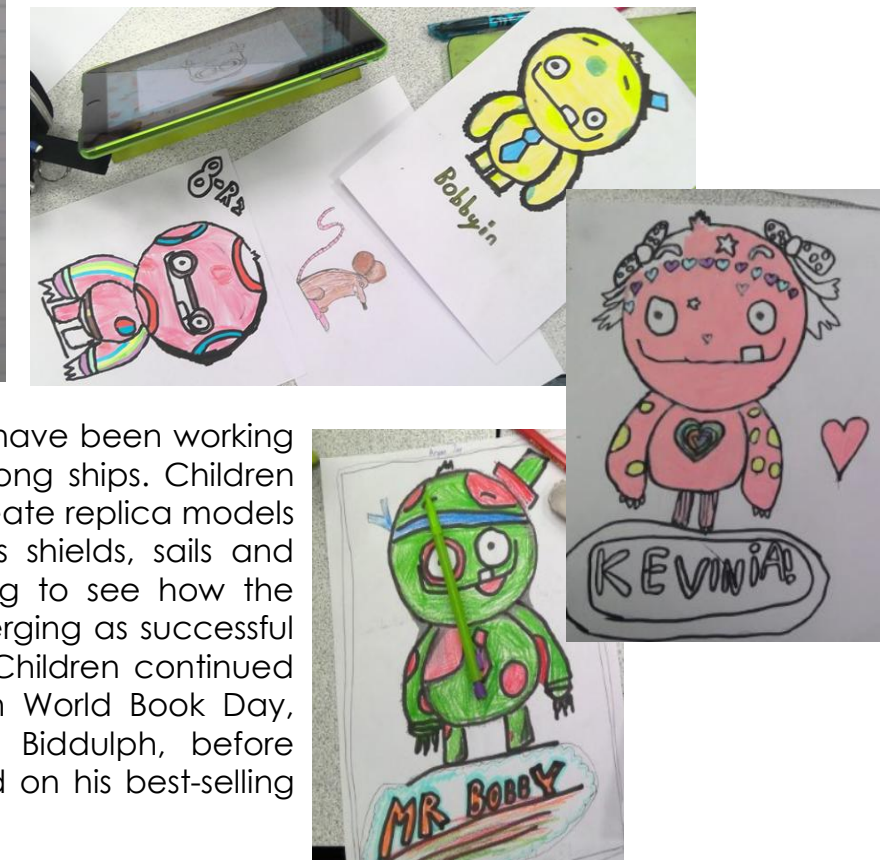
# Form II

Mrs Andrews

In Form II, the children have been learning about Sound in Science. They made vibrations using different instruments to see how sound travels as well as learning about the achievements of inventor and scientist Alexander Graham Bell. During British Science Week, the children were challenged to build vertebrae out of different materials. After participating in an online lesson, children tested the strength of these by stacking books until their constructions collapsed.



In English, the children showed enthusiasm and creativity by engaging in poetry writing and performance during World Book Day week. Pupils took inspiration from the whole class text: 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and a poem studied called 'A Spirit of Place' to construct their own poetic pieces which created and demonstrated a sense of mood and atmosphere.



In Design Technology lessons, pupils have been working hard to construct their own Viking long ships. Children used their historical knowledge to create replica models which included accessories such as shields, sails and dragon-like shaping. It was intriguing to see how the ships developed week-on-week emerging as successful final products – well done, Form II! Children continued to demonstrate their artistic skills on World Book Day, looking at the illustrations of Rob Biddulph, before creating their own characters based on his best-selling book: Kevin.



Lower II have been learning all about Rocks and Soils in Science. We have carried out an investigation to test the properties of different rocks and to test the permeability of a range of soils. The children are becoming confident with their write-ups and have really enjoyed this unit! As part of British Science Week, we took part in a live online lesson, testing the strength of paper 'vertebrae' with different diameters. In keeping with the theme of this year, we also carried out independent research on iPads to find the answers to questions that we were really curious about.

In Geography, we have been researching different climates across the world and have used a range of atlases and online maps. We also interpreted climate graphs and drew our own for the Midlands, using data from the Met Office. We used all of this wonderful learning to then investigate what effect climates had on the animals and plants that can be found there.

In English, we have continued our adventures with Ted Hughes' Iron Man. The children started by using online menu resources to adapt and change them into a menu that would be perfect for the ever-hungry Iron Man himself. Can we tempt anyone with Spicy Springs topped with iron filings, Fiery Ferrari Fajitas or Nut and Bolt stew? We then interpreted the author's descriptions from the story to draw and annotate what we thought the space-bat-angel-dragon might look like. The end results were terrifying!

Next, we made headlines of our own by writing a fantastic newspaper report about our heroic Iron Man's tremendous victory over the space-bat-angel –dragon.

Finally, we all enjoyed celebrating World Maths Day, by taking part in a House Maths quiz with Form II, and World Book Day, where we saw some amazing costumes!

# Lower II

Mrs King



Upper II were recently treated to a fantastic STEM workshop, thoughtfully organised and led by Sixth Form students from Queen Mary's. The session was packed with super-interesting activities that had the whole class engaged from start to finish. There were smiles all round as pupils explored hands-on challenges and discovered just how exciting STEM can be.

The workshop also introduced pupils to what STEM actually means: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. These subjects help us understand how the world works — from the gadgets we use every day to the way buildings stand, how medicines are developed, and even how we explore space. STEM skills encourage problem-solving, creativity, and teamwork, preparing young learners for a wide range of future opportunities.

It was a truly inspiring afternoon, and Upper II left buzzing with enthusiasm and a curiosity for all things STEM.



# Lower III

Mrs Crosby, Mrs Hawthorne and Mrs Pittaway

Continuing with our Enterprise topic, the children made some fantastic posters to promote their products, with careful consideration given to persuasive devices. They understood how to target their specific audience and included elements that really hooked potential buyers.

All groups have worked really hard in lessons to produce their products and enjoyed the experience of selling them. The team who made the most money and won the competition was Fab 5 with the squishies.

A big thank you to all the parents and children who came to visit the stalls and bought an item. The money will be invested into school funds for items such as the Lower III play production, visitors to the school such as the St John's ambulance First Aid training and future events like the summer fun day. A big well done and thank you to the Lower III pupils for their time, effort and selling skills in raising such a great amount!





# World Maths Day

Mrs S Marston

On Wednesday, 18th March, Mayfield celebrated World Maths Day. Children from Pre-Nursery to Form I completed challenges linked to the theme of 'United by Numbers'. Nursery used Jack and the Beanstalk as a basis, Kindergarten looked at where we find maths all around us and completed some outdoor maths challenges, Transition looked at 2D shapes through art and Form I investigated totals that can be made from boxes of chicken nuggets!

Children in Lower II, Form II, Upper II and Lower III took part in two Maths Quizzes, in honour of the day. The children were split into house teams and took part in three rounds. The first was an individual round, then we had a round using Kahoot, on iPads. The final round was a relay, which involved answering questions as quickly as possible, then running to collect the next question.

The winning team for Lower II and Form II was Scott 1- Jai, Sukhmani, Eva and Casey. The house with the most points overall was Scott. The winning team for Upper II and Lower II was Scott 2- Anand, Jai, Nabiha, Ansh and Sara. The house with the most points overall was Scott. Well done to everyone who took part.





# English at Mayfield

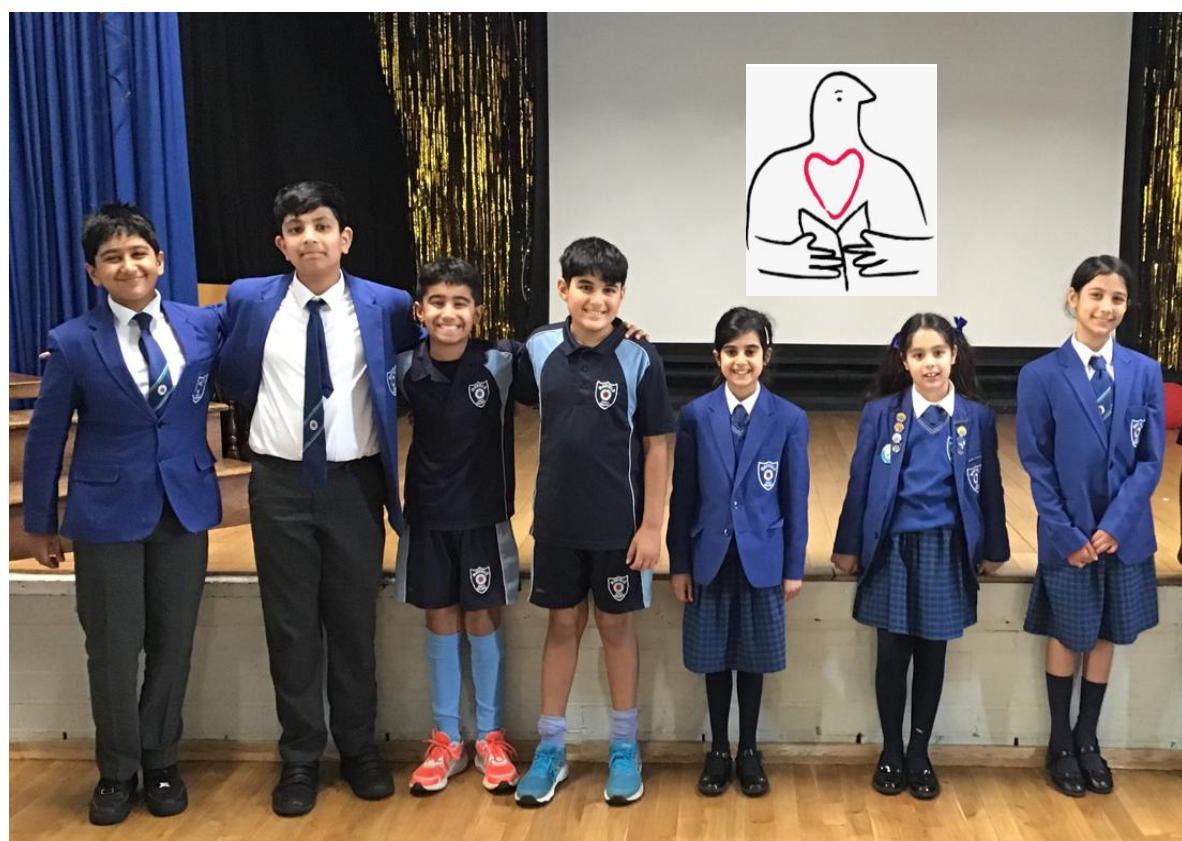
Mrs C. Andrews

The English calendar has been extremely busy this half-term with many wonderful events taking place.

On Thursday 5th March children from Key Stage Two, took part in the National competition: Poetry-By-Heart. Presented with the challenge of reciting a selected poem 'off by heart', children performed poetry to their classes before being selected to participate in our whole school showcase. Our guest judge was none other than our Governor for English, Mrs Chester, who was absolutely bowled over by the incredible speaking and listening talents of all children involved. Her choice was a difficult one; however, she managed to select an overall winner from each class, before going on to choose the children who will represent Mayfield at a regional level. I will be submitting their entries electronically before the end of term and wish them the very best of luck. Thank you to all children who put so much hard work into this amazing event, and to the pupils in Transition and Form I who opened and closed the show with their own class poetry renditions.



Our love of the literacy continued into Friday as staff and children from all year groups celebrated World Book Day 2026. We all did ourselves proud by coming to school dressed as our favourite book characters. Classes took part in different activities, honouring different authors and their literary talents.



We ended the half-term with a visit from the Splats Theatre Company, who performed an adaptation of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The cast put on a most incredible show which was thoroughly enjoyed by children across Key Stage Two. As always, the children of Mayfield were a superb audience, participating with enthusiasm and appreciation.

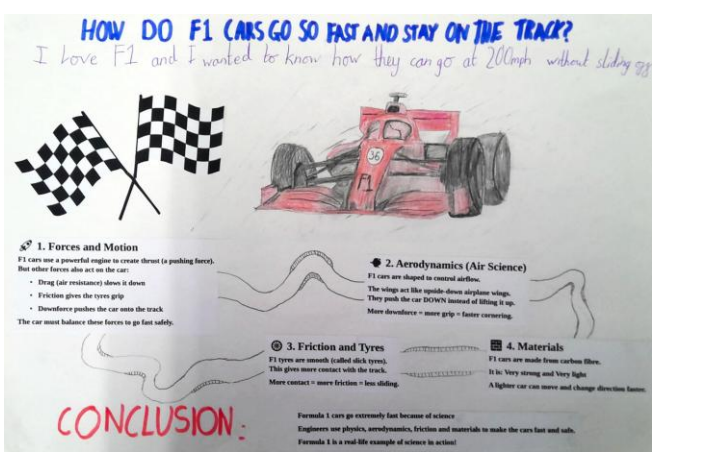
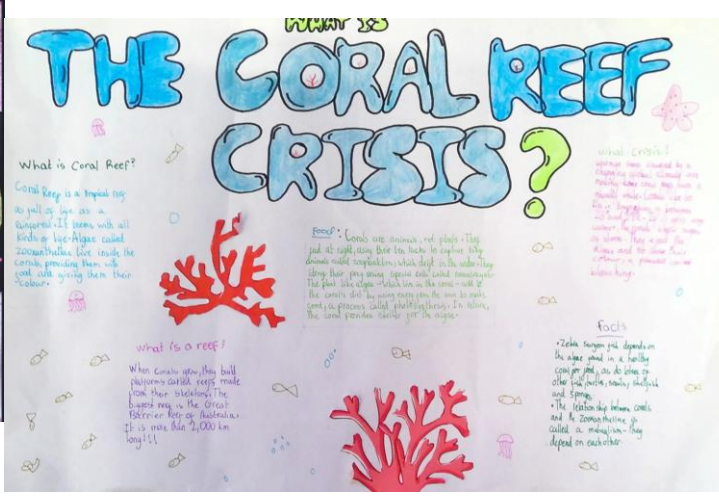
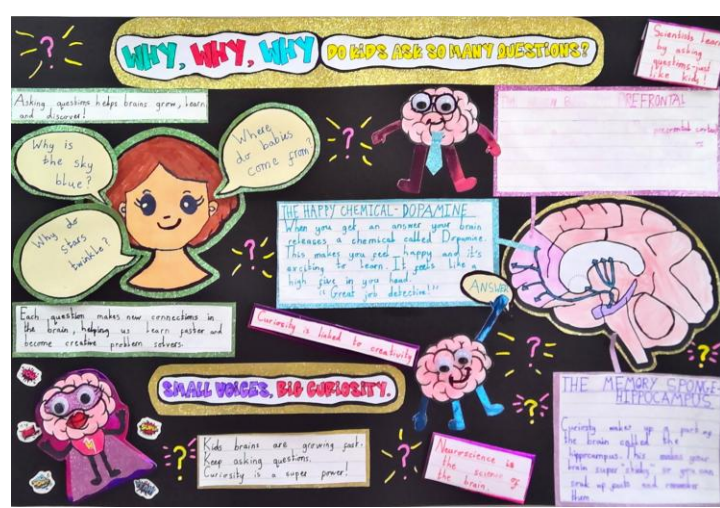




# British Science Week

The theme for this year's British Science Week has been Curiosity - What's your question? The children from Pre-Nursery to Lower III produced some eye-catching posters about a science topic that really inspired them. Each child researched the answer to their question and put their creative designs skills to work to share learning. The posters have been displayed in the Hall for us all to admire! It was a very hard task to choose winners for each class, and this resulted in some Highly Commended Certificates also being given. The winners all received a Science Book and the overall winner from Daanvi received a Lego Kit.

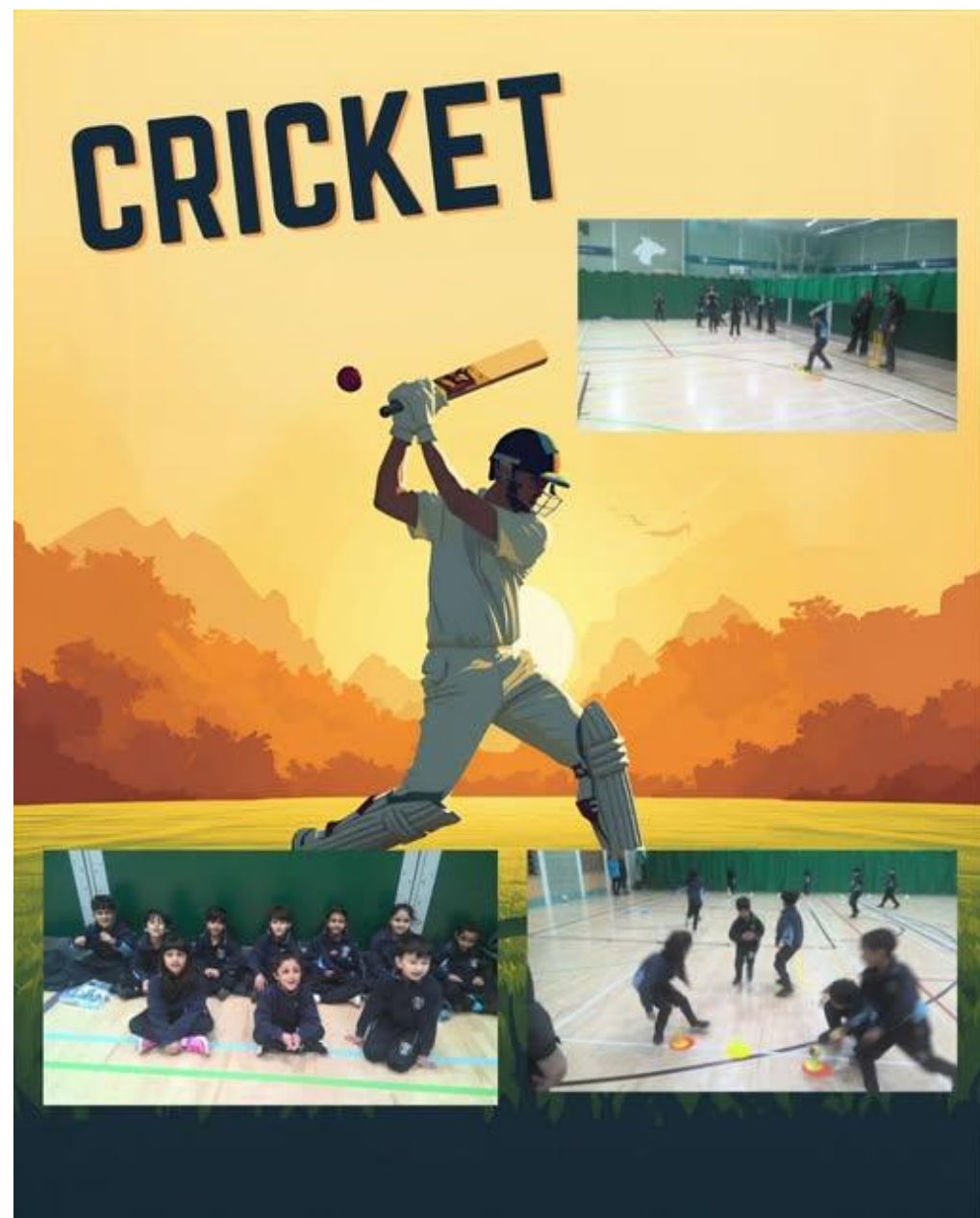
During Science Week, many exciting activities took place in each form including an online Science activity presented by a local scientific organisation that supports the teaching and learning of science in primary schools. In the EYFS, 'The Rainbow Fish' story was used to help the children investigate colours. In Transition and Form I, the pupils were challenged with trying to make a carrot float by wrapping it in different materials. The children developed their predicting and critical analytical thinking skills to explain the result. Lower II and Form II carried out a fair test to investigate different diameters of vertebrates whilst Upper II and Lower II explored air resistance.





# Mayfield Sports

Form 1 enjoyed a visit to the University of Wolverhampton's Walsall Sports Centre to play cricket. It was an introduction to cricket for young pupils. They played 3 matches and won them all! Well done, Form 1.



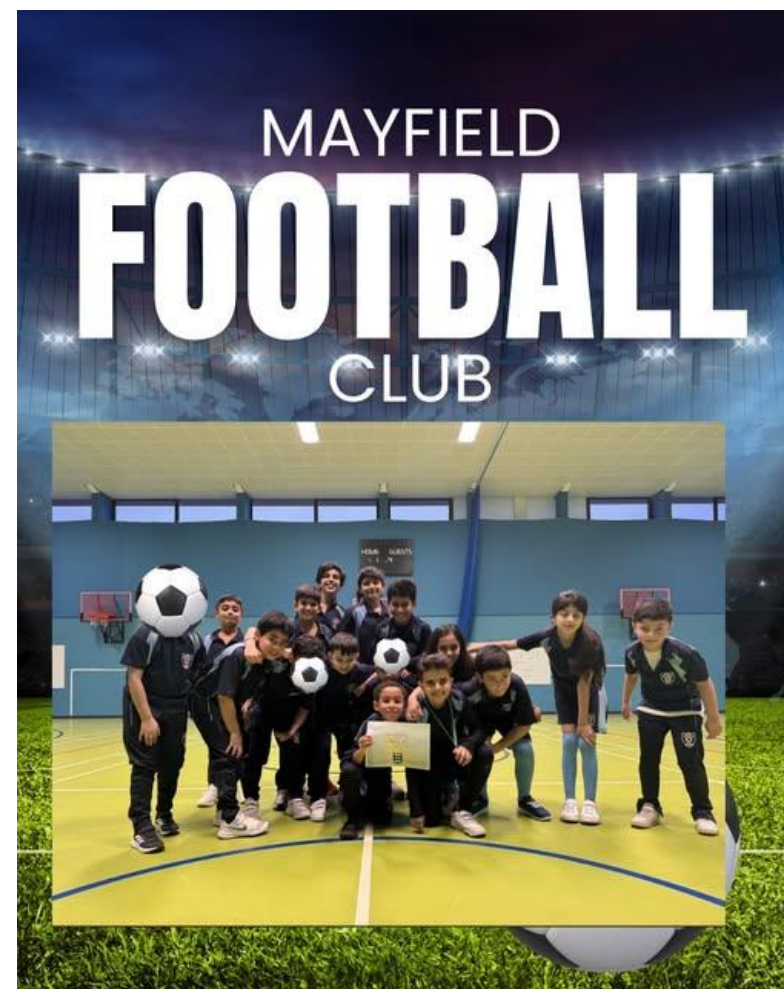
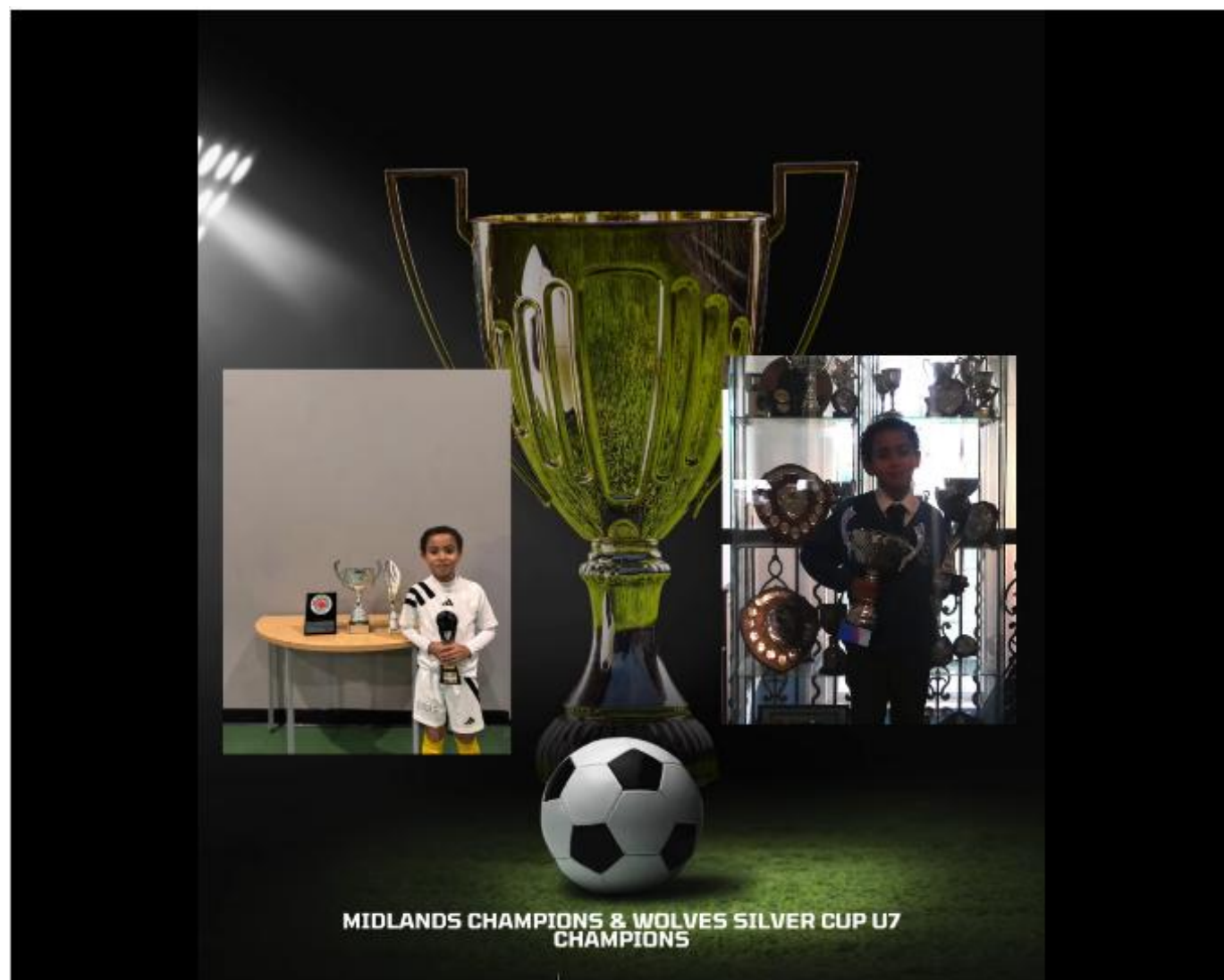
The U11's football squads narrowly missed out on a place in the Black Country Schools Finals at the Walsall Schools Football competition at Wolverhampton University, Walsall campus. Both teams acquitted themselves well and were able to register a win and a few draws along the way. Well done to them all for a fantastic performance!





# Mayfield Sports

Congratulations to Joshua in Form I on his football trophies.



Lower III took a 6 week Joy Of Movement course, looking at how much movement we should do to keep our bodies healthy in the Hall of the Olympians.



The Mayfield Cross-country team have a gritty performance in the terrible weather at Lindens, Streetly, competing with 5 other schools.

Coaches from Barford Tigers are running the Mayfield Hockey Club after school on Wednesdays for Transition to Lower III pupils.

## Hockey Workshop



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# Key Dates

Tuesday 14th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Thursday 16th April	School Council Meeting
Thursday 16th April	Football - Round Robin Tournament
Monday 20th April	Lower III residential - Bryntysillio
Wednesday 22nd April	Disability Awareness Workshop (KG to FI)
Wednesday 22nd April	Form II - Maths @ KES
Tuesday 28th April	Police Community Officer in for Assembly
Monday 4th May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6th May	Disability Awareness Workshop (LII to LIII)
Thursday 7th May	Open Morning
Thursday 7th May	School Council Meeting
Monday 11th May	Lower II (Year 3) Road Safety Walk
Wednesday 13th May	Ingestre Hall Residential Arts Centre (3 days)
Wednesday 20th May	Upper II (Year 5) Senior Schools presentation
Friday 22nd May	End of Summer half-term
Monday 8th June	Start of Summer term 2

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