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Mr Draper

Headmaster's Foreword

Dear Staff, Pupils, Parents/Carers, Governors, Old Mayfieldians and Friends of the School,

Easter seems like a long time ago now; it's been a busy half term with lots of highlights to reflect upon.

The half term has been dominated by a number of sporting events. In the first week, we held a round robin football tournament featuring members of Mayfield's Football Club and local team, Starlands Warriors. The tournament was a great success and will hopefully be repeated next season. At the beginning of May, our U11s hosted 4 football matches against Hillary School, played in good spirit and hopefully the beginning of regular fixtures with Hillary. Then, just this week our U7s Football team played in a tournament at Walsall FC's ground, the Bescot Stadium, and to everyone's delight Mayfield won the tournament! In mid-April, our U11s Netball team played really well to come 3rd in the Walsall Schools competition at Wolverhampton University, Walsall campus, and the players swooned when 3 professional players from Birmingham Panthers turned up and spent time chatting to all the players. At the end of April, our Form I, Lower II and Form II pupils competed in the Swimming Gala, showcasing their talents. Scott House ended up the winners by a narrow margin. The

following week, we hosted the Mayfield Cross Country. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, and Mayfield successfully won the Under 11s Boys and Girls Shields, with Anayah and Nikhil picking up individual Bronze medals in their races, and Aaroahi a Silver medal!

There have been two residential trips for three of our classes. Right at the beginning of term, Lower III pupils had a whale of a time in Bryntysilio, walking among the beautiful hills, canoeing and scrambling, rope climbing, evenings around the campfire, river gorging, archery and pond dipping. While Form II and Upper II had a residential art visit to Ingestre Hall, taking part in art, drama and dance workshops before putting it all together for the final performances. Thanks to Mrs Crosby, Mr Tobin, Mrs Smith and Mrs Hatton for organising the trips and supervising the children.

Also, at the end of April, children in Early Years had a fabulous day at Sycamore Adventure. I'm glad it was a sunny day and that the children all had a change of clothes as they got rather wet in the water play!

Meanwhile, a number of children sat their LAMDA exams two weekends ago – we eagerly await their results after half term. Upper II and Lower III pupils performed superbly in the Junior Maths Challenge, which

is aimed at Year 7 and 8 secondary school pupils. 22 pupils earned Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates, while Zayn has qualified for the final bonus round. A team of 4 Form II students also spent the day at King Edward's School, taking a Maths Challenge and attending a Maths workshop. Finally, to round off excellent Mathematics news, 4 students qualified for the bonus round of the Primary Mathematics Challenge and were very successful. Jai and Samay achieved Bronze medals, while Nikhil and Rohan G achieved Silver medals!

Please note that, sadly, my daughter's favourite ever teacher, Mrs Young (formerly Miss Roberts) will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term in July. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her exceptional work over the 20+ years she has been at Mayfield and wishing her a happy retirement. Mrs Hatton will become the full-time Kindergarten Form Teacher from September, which she is greatly looking forward to.

Mrs Guest will also be leaving Mayfield at the end of May to further her career elsewhere. We thank her for her hard work over the last few years at Mayfield and wish her well on her next venture.

Otherwise, the staffing will remain as it is this year, and the children will be able to spend

the afternoon with their new teacher on Moving Up Day at the end of term.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 8th June, ready for a packed half term of Mayfield's Got Talent, sports days, school trips, prizegivings and the Lower III play!

Believe it! Achieve it!

Mr M. Draper, Headmaster

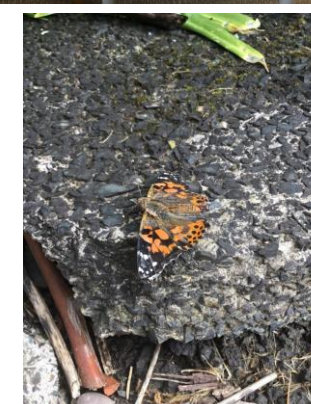




Pre-Nursery

Mrs S Rahman

We continued to look at people that help us. We talked about the police, teachers, dentist, and fire fighters. The children enjoyed getting involved in the different role play areas. We enjoyed learning all about growing. We followed the cycle of the caterpillar the children were very interested in the process. We looked at The Hungry caterpillar story and linked it to maths. The children planted a sunflower seed they watered them and watched the sunflower grow. They have enjoyed watering and looking after their plant. We also looked at the children's baby picture and compared it on how much they have grown. We focused on mark making using a variety of materials. The children enjoyed using the sand to do some mark making. The children really enjoyed throwing and catching a bean bag. It has been a busy term full of learning, projects, and growth! I am proud of how the children have worked hard, tried new things, and supported one another. It has been a wonderful term.



Nursery

Mrs H. Dallaway

It has been a wonderfully busy and exciting half term in Nursery, filled with exploration and lots of hands-on learning.

Our focus story has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar, which inspired many of our activities and sparked the children's curiosity about the natural world. The children were fascinated as they learned about the life cycle of a caterpillar and carefully observed five tiny caterpillars transform into cocoons before emerging as beautiful butterflies. Releasing them into the garden was a special moment for everyone.

Inspired by the vibrant illustrations of Eric Carle, the children have enjoyed a variety of creative art activities and decorated our cloakroom with colourful flowers. Our garden project continues to thrive, with the children taking great responsibility to care for our herbs and pea plants. We have also loved exploring minibeasts through fun maths activities involving positional language, capacity, and symmetry. The Bumblebee honey jelly sensory tray was a particular favourite and encouraged lots of imaginative play and discussion.



As we look ahead to our final half term in Nursery, we are beginning to prepare for our transition to Kindergarten and the adventure that awaits us.

Kindergarten

Mrs. A. Young

This half term, Kindergarten has been learning about growing and their local environment. They enjoyed planting their own seeds after reading the story Sam Plants a Sunflower. They have explored the school grounds to find out what is growing and then talked about how they could make it even better. They have observed some caterpillars grow, develop into chrysalises and then hatch as butterflies.



As part of their PE lessons, the children have started to get changed into their smart PE kits. They have shown increasing independence and are preparing for their move to Transition in September. The children were very excited to go out on a trip to Sycamore Adventure, an outdoor activity centre near Dudley. They had a fantastic day exploring and taking part in lots of outdoor activities.





Form I

Mr Watts



Form I have enjoyed their PE lessons this year. They have all grown in confidence and become more agile. This term, we have been practising for our Sports Day events (hurdles, sprint and water relay) and played cricket, and tennis. We have improved our hand to eye co-ordination and developed a confident style when hitting the ball. The children have been very competitive when playing matches. As long as the children stay in their lanes when running, I have high hopes for Sports Day!

In French, we have been reading, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," which helped the children revise their colours, foods and days of the week from previous lessons.

In PSHE, we have been learning about VIPs in our family and the importance of friendships. We have identified the qualities that we look for in a friend, such as kindness, loyalty and humour. We have even looked at ways in which we can encourage friendships and prolong them. A number of children in Form I have benefitted from joining after school clubs, including football, tennis and chess, which have also led to new friendships.

In the final week of half term, some children attended a football event at Bescot Stadium in Walsall where they were lucky enough to play on the astroturf and learn new skills. Earlier in the term, we learnt about different types of disabilities and how we need to treat everybody the same, even though they may appear different to us.



To round off a fantastic year together, Transition have been combining their Geography topic and Design Technology topic to recreate a typical English tea party. As you all know, the English do like to drink an awful lot of tea! The children learnt about basic food hygiene and how to stay safe in the kitchen by producing some eye-catching posters. They designed a menu of items they thought would be tasty but also healthy too. On the final Wednesday of the half term, the classroom transformed into a bustling kitchen. The children practised vital life skills, using child-safe knives to slice cucumbers, spread butter, and assemble their creations. The project culminated in a grand celebration of their time in Transition with a grand tea party filled with fun and laughter to celebrate the end of the topic. Mrs Guest said, "The children showed fantastic teamwork and creativity throughout the design process and thoroughly enjoyed preparing the tea party. I am exceptionally proud of each and every one of them".



Transition

Mrs Guest



Lower II has certainly been busy this half term and have engaged really well in a variety of new topics and skills! In Science, as part of our plants topic, we explored the role of the stem in water transportation. We added dye to water and placed white chrysanthemums in the water. The results were fantastic and we loved our brightly coloured flowers! We then applied this knowledge to explain the function of the xylem and phloem in transportation.

We have also been studying the process of pollination and worked together in groups to match flowers and pollinators. We identified which types of flowers different birds and insects preferred and went on to create a storyboard to show the process.

In History, we have been investigating the Bayeux Tapestry and the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings. The children researched the four contenders to the throne and decided who they thought should have been crowned king. We also created some beautiful display work themed around the tapestry.

Our English lessons have been all about dragon training! We started with designing a dragon and creating a fact file and then moved to writing a character description of the tremendous Gobber the Belch!



 **Lower II**
Mrs King



Form II

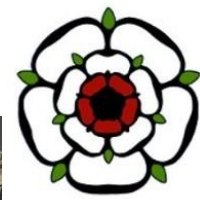
Mrs Andrews

Form II has been enjoying a new class reader this term, 'Boy Tales of Childhood' by Roald Dahl. Pupils have enjoyed learning about school life in the 1920s and 30s, through the eyes and experiences of this much-loved children's author. Setting their imaginations to work, Form II have explored biographical writing; generating life-stories and background tales for some of the book's key characters.

In Science lessons, we have been investigating living things and their habitats. The children conducted fieldwork, looking different invertebrates as well as assessing the school environment in terms of positive and negative impact on habitats. David Attenborough would have very impressed with their Scientific knowledge and photography skills! The children's engagement in the great outdoors continued as they enjoyed taking part in Forest School activities with Mrs Young. From den building to completing scavenger hunts, the children have fully immersed themselves in outdoor learning – well done, Form II, we commend your enthusiasm and creativity.

And finally...the residential trip to Ingestre Hall was a HUGE success! All staff involved were blown-over by the children's exemplary behaviour and their attitude towards the workshops that they participated in. Amazing pieces of art, dynamic dance routines and marvelous musical recitals were amongst just some of the activities in which children show-cased their talents.





Ull Residential



Upper II recently enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to Ingestre Hall, where creativity and confidence took centre stage. Over the course of the trip, the children immersed themselves in a variety of inspiring workshops, including Drama, Music, Art and Dance, led by expert tutors. Each session encouraged them to explore new skills, collaborate with friends and express themselves in imaginative ways.

The highlight of the visit was the wonderful final presentations, where pupils proudly showcased everything they had learned. Their performances were full of energy, creativity and enthusiasm, leaving everyone thoroughly impressed.

Evenings were just as exciting, with a lively disco followed by a cosy movie night watching *Wreck-It Ralph*. These moments gave the children time to relax, have fun and strengthen friendships.

The residential was a fantastic experience for all involved, filled with laughter, creativity and lasting memories that the pupils will treasure for years to come.



Upper II

Mrs C Flanagan



Lower III

Mrs S Crosby

Residential

Lower III attended their residential to Bryntysilio Outdoor Centre in Wales for five days. They experienced great weather for the week and so enjoyed all the activities on offer. On Monday, the first task was to make their bed and have a tour of the grounds. Team games in the sunshine were a good start to the adventure as was a short walk to the local church graveyard (pupils had fun searching for the oldest gravestone) and then more team games with a blindfold on the field next to Horseshoe Falls. The evening activity was a nice walk up a nearby hill and a look out over the valley with the sun setting!

On Tuesday, after a hearty breakfast, Lower III split into their activity groups of Oak and Ash. Oak enjoyed a paddle in a team canoe along the canal whilst Ash scrambled up a nearby hill. In the afternoon, the groups swapped over and were very much in need of their dinner of pasta! During the evening, pupils teamed up in pairs to complete the rope course, finishing with a timed crawl through the tunnel. Well done to Jude for completing it the fastest in 11 seconds!.

Wednesday was a day of river gorging (Lower III's favourite activity of the week) and archery with a bit of pond dipping in between. Both groups came back soaking from the river and enjoyed a warm shower before lunch and dinner. During the archery, pupils learnt how to hold the bow and aim at the target with some managing to hit the yellow centre!

On Thursday, Lower III split into an all-day canoe group or an all-day mountain hike group. Well done to the hikers who scrambled for over an hour to get to the summit! Magnificent views and an achievement to remember! The canoe group were able to paddle a single canoe in pairs or threes along 7km of the canal, including the Pontcysyllte aqueduct. Again, splendid views and not something Lower III experiences everyday! We ended the day with a camp fire with marshmallows and games.

Friday was our last day and after all the paddling and walking the day before, we chose to take a leisurely stroll along the canal to the ice cream shop. We finished the residential in the souvenir shop and lunch in the sunshine, enjoying the views one last time.

Lower III pupils were exemplary in their behaviour all week and the centre staff were impressed with their resilience and teamwork. See the next page for some photos of our time.





Lower III Residential

Mrs S Crosby





BAG 2 SCHOOL



Our next Bag2School collection has been arranged for

24th June
Collecting clothes & shoes.

All contributors will be entered into a raffle to win an Amazon voucher!



Bescot Football

Mr Watts

A "Kids' Cup" competition organised by Walsall FC took place at Bescot Stadium. Nine children from Form I and Aryan from Transition played in the event. Mayfield played 5 matches, drawing the first two games and then winning the final three. We won our group by scoring a total of 11 points. The team scored some great goals but Adam made some great saves in goal. Well played everyone!



MP Visit

Mrs Hawthorne

LIII recently enjoyed a visit from MP, Andrew Mitchell, who spent time touring the school alongside a small group of pupils before joining the class. During the session, pupils asked thoughtful questions, demonstrating strong awareness as they explored topics such as current affairs, global events, and the motivations behind becoming an MP. Andrew Mitchell responded openly, helping pupils deepen their understanding of his role and responsibilities. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to learn more about democracy and leadership while developing their speaking and listening skills. Thank you to, Andrew Mitchell for his time and insights.





Mathematics News

Mrs S Marston

On Wednesday 25th March, I had the pleasure of taking Anaya, Dahlia, Rajan and Reet to King Edward's School, to take part in their Maths Challenge Final.

The children had to complete two gruelling rounds of competition, a very challenging cross-number puzzle and a relay race, answering as many questions as they could in the time allowed. In the afternoon, we took part in a workshop and then watched a maths-magic show with Dr Ken Farquhar.

Competition was fierce, as always, and we weren't winners this time, but did have a very enjoyable day, including a delicious canteen lunch!



The Bonus Round of the Primary Maths Challenge consists of 25 questions. 24 or 25 marks is needed for Gold, 22 or 23 for Silver, and 20 or 21 for Bronze, so it is not easy to be awarded a medal. Congratulations to the following children in Lower III, who achieved medals -a huge achievement!

Nikhil- Silver Rohan G- Silver Jai- Bronze Samay- Bronze

All of our children in Upper II and Lower III took part in the Junior Maths Challenge in April. This is aimed at students in Year 7 and Year 8 but we are pleased to announce that the following children achieved certificates-

Gold- Zayn and Ekam

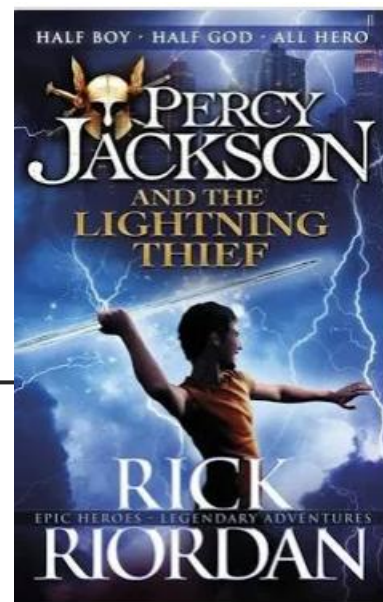
Silver- Jai, Samay, Xander, Rohan G, Nikhil, Rohan T, Ilah, Dahlia, Shahil, Aarohi, Dhiyaan P, Asir and Neece

Bronze- Anand, Anaya, Nabiha, Birjivan, Maya, Gamuchirai and Simaaya

Zayn has also earned a place in the Junior Kangaroo, taking place in June. Well done to you all!



Congratulations to Ryan and Ruby Kattri who have demonstrated their journalistic talents after having their work published in children's magazine: The Week Junior . Not only were the children lucky enough to watch a performance of 'The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical' at the Birmingham Hippodrome. They also got to meet and interview some of the cast members following the show.



The musical is based one of a series books by Rick Riordan, and follows the story of 16 year old Percy Jackson who discovers that he is the half-blood son of the Greek God, Poseidon. His life takes a dramatic turn as he is plunged into a world much bigger than he could possibly have imagined.

With newly-discovered powers he can't control, a destiny he doesn't want and a whole mythology textbook's worth of mythical monsters on his tail, Percy must learn what it means to be a hero.

The future of the world hangs in the balance as Percy and his friends embark on an epic adventure that will have you on the edge of your seat. If this sounds like your kind of read...then check out one of the books in our school library.

We hope you enjoy reading their article as much as the Mayfield staff did!



 **Over to you**



A magical musical experience

Name: Ryan and Ruby

🗨️ We went to see *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* at the Birmingham Hippodrome theatre.

Ryan: "I like reading *Percy Jackson* books because they are a mix of ancient and modern life, and Percy is dyslexic like me.

After the show, we met some of the cast at the backstage door. It was magical to speak to them, especially the actor who played Percy Jackson (Vasco Emauz).

Ruby: "My favourite part of the show was when the Minotaur took Percy Jackson's mum. They didn't have an actor dressed up as the Minotaur. Instead they used large eyes, horns, eyebrows and a big mouth (don't worry, I don't mean real body parts!). I thought it was a really cool effect. Like my brother, I also loved meeting the actors and I can't wait to read the books."





Your adventures



Anayah received a gold medal in an event with the Lawn Tennis Association. Her group, Staffordshire, worked hard in a competition playing many matches in fours and in pairs going on to achieve first place, a fantastic achievement, we are very proud of you!



Chess
Samay in LIII, the County Chess Staffordshire U11 captain, won a bronze medal in a county chess tournament against Shropshire and Wales, remaining undefeated with 3 wins and 2 draws. Recently, he has received a bronze medal at the Coventry Open, a silver medal at the Burntwood Open and a silver medal at the Warwick Open.



Cricket
Samay has also been reappointed as County Captain of the Staffordshire U11 Cricket team. Well done, Samay!



Ruben in LI played for the Warwickshire U8's A team this weekend in the Tennis County Cup and they came in 1st place!



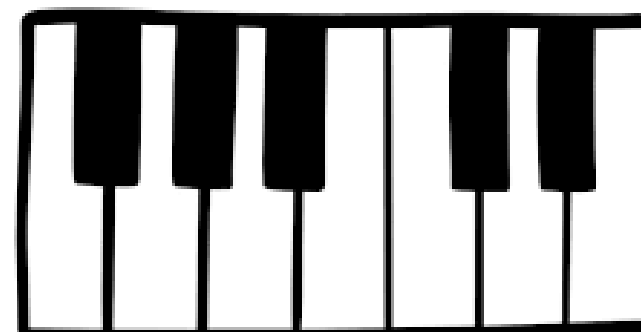
Congratulations to Kiaan who won a golf tournament in his age group by 2 shots. In a National event held at The Rock League, Hearsall, Coventry. Well done, Kiaan!



Arian has been scouted by Derby County FC Academy and has featured to play under his own age group (6 years old; Year1), every Sunday so far and was also invited to play 3 games for the under 7s and under 8s last week Friday and has also been invited to play this week Friday 17th April to play 3 games.



Congratulations to Jai in Form II who has achieved his Grade three diving certificate and passed his Grade 3 piano exam with a strong Merit, well done Jai – keep going!



Key Dates

Monday 8 th June	Start of 2nd half term
Wednesday 10 th June	Mayfield's Got Talent – Class heats
Wednesday 10 th June	2:30 – 3:15pm PN & NUR - Sports Day (Reserve date Wednesday 24 th June)
Friday 12 th June	Mayfield's Got Talent – Finals
Monday 15 th June	Lower II safety walk
Tuesday 16 th June	Open morning for prospective parents
Wednesday 17 th June	Kindergarten, Transition & Form I Sports Day - starts @ 1:30pm (Reserve date Friday 26 th June)
Friday 19 th June	Lower II, Form II, Upper II & Lower III Sports Day - starts @ 1:00pm (Reserve date Friday 3 rd July)
Monday 22 nd June	Transition & Form I Trip to Conkers
Wednesday 24 th June	Bags 2 School Collection
Monday 6 th July	1:45 – 3pm, Moving On Up afternoon
Monday 6 th July	3:30 – 4:30pm, Parents Information Evening with their child's new teacher from September 2026. Pre-Nursery to current Upper II, including all new starters
Thursday 9 th July	Lower III Prizegiving & Play (9:00 to 11:15am)
	Lower III farewell pool party in school
Friday 10 th July	Lower II & Form II Trip to Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery
Wednesday 15 th July	End of Summer Term
Thursday 3 rd September	Start of the New School Year



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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