



Issue 12

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The run up to Christmas



## Headteacher's Message

*Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Members of the Mayfield Community,*

*This week continues to be an exceptionally busy week in the run-up to Christmas and there are lots of activities in school designed to make things really special. Children will continue to experience those things that we know create Mayfield Magic Moments and add to the excitement around Christmas. From children's perspective, very little will appear different to what we would usually do around this time of year, which we feel is important. We have tried to continue 'as close to normal' as we can for children, whilst recognising the challenges that remain in place.*

*There will be lots of creative and fun Christmas activities in classes this week, several small-scale Nativities and Carol / Song concerts, Christmas parties and 'Amazing Stephen' entertainment for children in EYFS. Later in the week, Father Christmas may even make a special visit to Mayfield!*

*Last week children in KS2 had a special Christmas assembly with Chaplain Ford, Yr1 visited East Oldham Methodist Church, Yr1-4 enjoyed the owls from the Wise Old Bird Sanctuary, Yr1-6 enjoyed the pantomime, and of course, we had Christmas Jumper / Christmas Dinner Day. Children are really getting into the Christmas spirit and it is lovely to see. Thank you for recognising the hard work that has gone in to making sure the final couple of weeks of the term are memorable for our children.*

**Best wishes, Mr Couper-Barton (Headteacher)**

### Mayfield's 'Quote of the Week'



Offers for places will be announced on 23rd Feb 2022.

BRIAN CLARKE

*'And just like that, Brian Clarke Academy's application window is closed. What an amazing few months we have had. We are so grateful for everyone's support and the applications we have received. Offers for places will be announced on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.'*

**The Brian Clarke Team**

### Mayfield 'Value of the Week'

*At Mayfield, we encourage children to recognise that 'Everyone Matters'. We try to set an example, by treating others with kindness and respect. We believe that each child is an individual and should be supported and encouraged to be the very best they can be and are meant to be.*



## Face-to-face events

As part of our on-going risk assessment, we made the decision this term to **reduce the number of face-to-face events** in school, to further reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission for children, staff and families, as has been the case with many schools in Oldham and across the country.

We were delighted that we were able to return to face-to-face Parents' / Carers' Evenings earlier this half-term, staggered over two nights. We also managed to host small-scale 'Open Evenings' for prospective Nursery and Reception parents / carers. Finally, we were able to go ahead with our much-reduced official opening of our expansion, involving a small number of children, staff and selected representatives from organisations involved.

We understand it is disappointing not to be invited into school as parents / carers for Nativities and Carol / Song concerts once again this year. Recordings will be made available and shared with you at this time, through Twitter and our website.

## House Team Winners of the Week

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Waverley Blues
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Vulcan Yellows
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Kingston Reds
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Granite Greens

## Mayfield 'Superstars of the Week'

Congratulations to the following children, who have been chosen for amazing learning, their excellent behaviour, super attitude or a special achievement.

**Nursery HB:** Rawan Hamed and Brody Woolfe

**Reception GE:** Amir Tom Juma Adam and Esme Nolan

**Reception LA:** Leegan Doel and Oscar Moore

**Yr1SC:** All of Yr1SC

**Yr1PS:** All of Yr1PS

**Yr2RL:** Amelia Atkin and Ethan Moore

**Yr3DT:** Elnour Hamed and

**Yr4JS:** Melissa King and Micheal Mullen-Ackroyd

**Yr5HS:** Ruby Nield and Ryan Jones

**Yr5/6ET:** Ella-Louise Harvey and Eva Mason

**Yr6HD:** Jac Wall and Kaymi-Leigh Bennett

## Attendance and Punctuality (from last week)

	Attendance	Punctuality	
<b>Overall</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>97% and above</b> Excellent
Nursery HB	93%	100%	<b>95% to 97%</b> Heading in the right direction but improvement needed
Reception GE	94%	99%	
Reception LA	95%	98%	<b>91% to 95%</b> Attendance is slipping: to be closely monitored
Yr1SC	89%	97%	
Yr1PS	93%	99%	<b>90% or below</b> Poor (High numbers of children are persistently absent)
Yr2RL	91%	98%	
Yr3DT	96%	98%	
Yr4JS	96%	100%	
Yr5HS	93%	99%	
Yr5/6ET	94%	100%	
Yr6HD	94%	100%	

	PE award winners	Team Spirit winners
<b>Nursery HB</b>	Max Davidson	Isaiah Smith
<b>Reception GE</b>	Harper Entwistle	Frankie Taylor
<b>Reception LA</b>	Caleb Atkin	Charlotte Whiteley
<b>Year 1SC</b>	Chloe-Lee Tabner	Emanuel Pereira
<b>Year 1PS</b>	Ebony-Rose Dawson-Peace	Kaison Coyle
<b>Year 2RL</b>	Enzo Barrett	Brandon Hopwood
<b>Year 3DT</b>	Shantaya Greaves	Ellie-Rose James
<b>Year 4JS</b>	Jacob Jones	Mia Higgins
<b>Year 5HS</b>	Jack Royal	Carson Jackson
<b>Year 5/6ET</b>	Archie Deveney	Brodie Somerset
<b>Year 6HD</b>	Demi-Leigh Wood	Noah Pomfrey-Donkersley
<b>Overall winner</b>	Joshua Bell	



## Dates for your diary

*Please note: Nativities and Christmas Carol / Song concerts will go ahead for children as we have planned. They will however be recorded and shared on Twitter and our school website for parents / carers this year, rather than be face-to-face events. Apologies for any disappointment caused.*

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Nativity

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Carol / song concerts throughout the day. (Each class will perform to other classes within their Key Stage).

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Amazing Stephen Christmas party (Nursery HB)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Key Stage One Christmas Party

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Amazing Stephen Christmas party (Reception GE and Reception LA)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Key Stage Two Christmas Party

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** School closes for Christmas

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Children return after Christmas

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February:** School closes for half-term

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February:** Start of second Spring half-term

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April:** School closes for Easter.

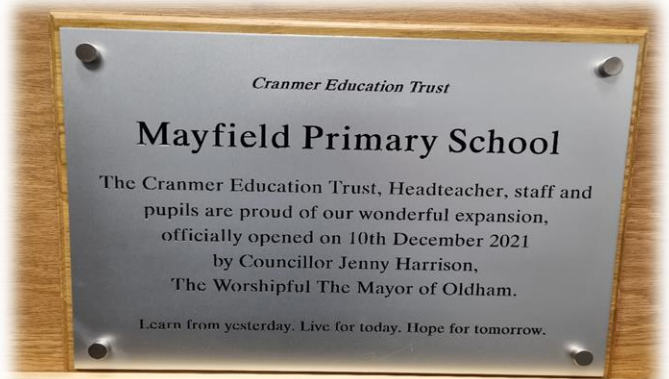
## Our new expansion is officially open!



We are delighted to announce that our new £3.3m expansion is now officially open.

We are proud of all of those involved over the last two years in making this happen, and for everyone's hard work and commitment.

Fantastic facilities for children and families in our local area.



## Mayfield Noticeboard

Mayfield closes for the Christmas break on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at the usual times. Families should collect children from their usual doors.

Children return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Doors open at 8.45am.

We pass on our thanks and best wishes to the following trainee teachers from Manchester Nexus who have completed the Autumn term with us.

- Mrs Barlow (Reception GE)
- Miss Harvey (Year 1SC)
- Miss Kemp (Year 3DT)

Our trainee teachers move on to new schools in the Spring, before returning to Mayfield in the Summer term.

Thank you to Mrs Hudson, who joined us to support Attendance in the Autumn term. Mrs Hudson leaves us to continue her work with the NSPCC. We wish her well.

We welcome our brand-new pets to Mayfield. Please meet Ant and Dec, our two new budgies!

Thanks to those children who have been involved in looking after our budgies with Miss Smith.



Thank you for your support this week. We hope you enjoy looking at some of your children's achievements and learning. Further updates can be found @MayfieldOldham (Twitter or via our website). Have a lovely week. (Next newsletter will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec).