



Issue 21

Friday 4th March 2022

An exciting new half-term



Headteacher's Message

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

Welcome back after half-term. It was lovely to see so many enthusiastic children return to school on Monday, ready for another busy half-term of learning and exciting events. We will continue to share as much as we can with you over the next few weeks, including special events and activities, children's learning and special achievements.

One of the main ways we celebrate school life and achievements at Mayfield is through this Weekly Newsletter. Please spread the word if you know there are families who don't check the newsletter to see what's going on! It is e-mailed to parents / carers each Friday. We also try to include most of the really important messages that parents / carers need to be aware of and hope our children, parents / carers and members of the community find it useful.

The other way we celebrate our school is through our Twitter account [@MayfieldOldham](#) which captures lots of the amazing things we do. Our staff are encouraged to post regularly and it is a great way for you to see the range of things going on. It is fantastic to see that so many of our families now follow us on Twitter and we are grateful for your support. Parents / carers can set up their own Twitter account to follow us or simply go to Mayfield's website and click on the Twitter button at the top right of the screen, where you'll see that you can scroll through our tweets. So much is going on and it is a shame that some families may be missing out!

Best wishes, Mr Couper-Barton (Headteacher)

Mayfield's 'Quote of the Week'

'None of us can ever go back in time and start anything again. What we can all do, if we want to, is start again from now and make a brand new ending'.



Mayfield 'Value of the Week'



KS2 Morning Sports Club

(Events the first week back)

Monday: Dodgeball

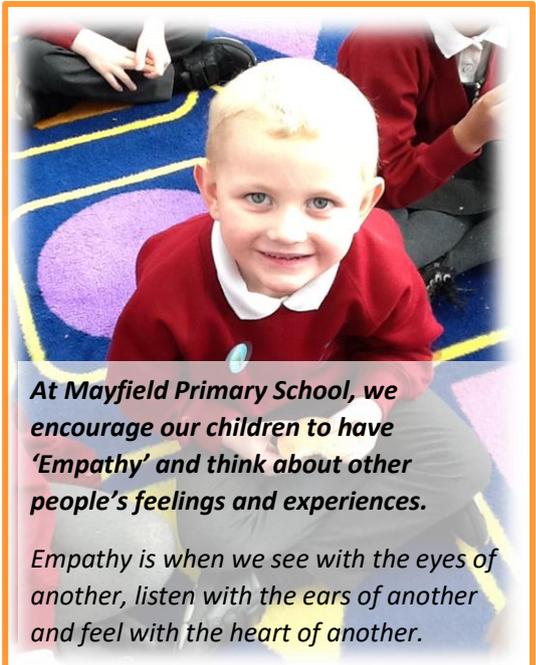
Tuesday: Football

Wednesday: Handball

Thursday: Freddy Fit

Friday: Basketball

**FREE places for children in Yr3-6. (8.15am)
Main entrance**



At Mayfield Primary School, we encourage our children to have 'Empathy' and think about other people's feelings and experiences.

Empathy is when we see with the eyes of another, listen with the ears of another and feel with the heart of another.

DPD's 'Have a Brew on Us' initiative



Huge thanks go to DPD parcel delivery service for their kind gesture this week. DPD staff continued throughout lockdown and ran a 'Have a Brew on Us' initiative. Sam and Dave from DPD presented Mayfield with a coffee machine after nominating our school. We are incredibly grateful.

House Team Winners of the Week

1 st place	Waverley Blues
2 nd place	Kingston Reds
3 rd place	Granite Green
4 th place	Vulcan Yellows

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: Brodie Ogden and Ronnie Smith

Reception GE: All of RGE

Reception LA: All of RLA

Yr1SC: Florence Jakeman and Kai Phiri

Yr1PS: Teddie Nolan and Eliza Clegg

Yr2RL: Amber Mason and Brody Kershaw

Yr3DT: Finley Poole and Riley Ager

Yr4JS: Joseph Butterworth and Maize Blake

Yr5: Ben Lowe and Ruby Nield

Yr5/6: Brodie Somerset and Marcelina Janicka

Yr6: Craig Meah and Brodie Somerset

Attendance and Punctuality (from last week)

	Attendance	Punctuality	
Overall	89.4%	98.8%	97% and above Excellent
Nursery HB	96.1%	98.7%	95% to 97% Heading in the right direction but improvement needed
Reception GE	88.6%	100%	
Reception LA	92.4%	97.6%	91% to 95% Attendance is slipping: to be closely monitored
Yr1SC	91.1%	98.2%	
Yr1PS	84.2%	99.2%	90% or below Poor (High numbers of children are persistently absent)
Yr2RL	90.7%	99.3%	
Yr3DT	92.4%	96.4%	
Yr4JS	88.2%	98.2%	
Yr5HS	84.3%	100%	
Yr5/6ET	90.5%	100%	
Yr6HD	85.2%	99.5%	

	PE award winners	Team Spirit winners
Nursery HB	Alex Katjivikua Katupose	Thomas Mayall
Reception GE	Harper Entwistle	Samantha Ajiwe
Reception LA	Jacob Evans-Heywood	Charlotte Whiteley
Year 1SC	Alexa Jones	Aviana Butterworth
Year 1PS	Jake Kershaw	Charlie Snowdon
Year 2RL	Oliver Kennedy	Erik Izsepi
Year 3DT	Jake Lees-Higgins	Darcie-Rae Richards
Year 4JS	Joseph Butterworth	Lacey Davidson
Year 5HS	Raheeg Hamed	Emily Fisher
Year 5/6ET	Luca Binns	Courtney Maguire
Year 6HD	Masror Qayteweny	Jac Wall
Overall winner	Jessica Lawton	

Mayfield's Noticeboard

Welcome to new staff

We are delighted to formally welcome the following additional staff members to Mayfield

- Miss Hussain (Nursery TA)
- Miss Akhtar (KS2 SEND interventions)
- Mrs Cox (Lower KS2 TA)
- Miss Miah (Upper KS2 TA)
- Miss Rainford (Pastoral Support Assistant: Attendance and Persistent Absence)

NB: Some of these positions are temporary until Summer.

Yr6 Secondary Schools

This week our fantastic Yr6 children found out which secondary school they will be going to in September, to continue their journey.

Over the next few weeks / months, we will be working with Yr6 to prepare them for transition to secondary school, which we know can involve a mixture of excitement and nervousness.

We will look to meet the needs of all of our Yr6 children during transition and offer extra support where needed.

Fire Drill

We are delighted with the way our children from Nursery to Year Six took part in our practice Fire Drill today.

We are a large building and a growing school community and it is so important that we have these regular practices, so that we all know and understand exactly what to do in the event of an emergency.

Children listened to the adults beautifully, walked safely to their meeting place and showed what Mayfield superstars they are throughout the drill.

We are particularly proud of our classes Yr4-Yr6 who had just finished 'Celebration' assembly and were in the hall.

COVID-19 update

Earlier in the week, parents / carers received an e-mail regarding the latest COVID-19 update.

Please make sure you have read this letter and are clear on what to do if your child is positive or you suspect your child is positive. This is important to continue to keep us all safe.

PE Kit Uniform

A reminder that all children Yr1-Yr6 must wear school's outdoor PE kit as listed on our website.

Football / sports tops / crop tops are not permitted. Some children have returned after half-term with inappropriate PE kits that are not in keeping with the school policy. This will be followed up with families individually.

Well done Rebecca!

Gail 🌟 @Gailthefragle · 14 Feb

My 9 year old received a Headteachers award on Friday for looking after an injured Robin that was later released back to the wild. 🙌 @ChrisGPackham #NatureMatters



Mayfield Primary School Retweeted



Chris Packham @ChrisGPackham · 14 Feb

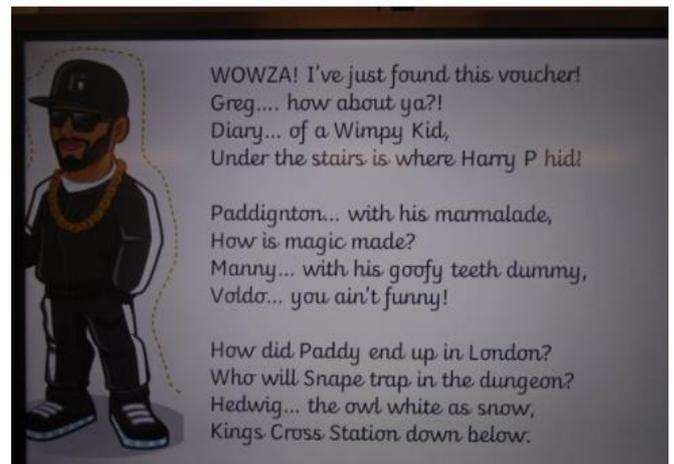
Replying to @Gailthefragle

Top work !

MC Grammar inspires Mayfield

Mayfield Primary School @MayfieldOldham · 22h

In our Year 6 English lesson today, we focused on poetry and the amazing rhymes featured in the World Book Day Rap by 'MC Grammar'. The children considered their favourite class books and created their own shared rap. Keep a look out for our performance! 📖🌟❤️ #WorldBookDay 🎵



Mayfield Primary School Retweeted



MC Grammar @MrMCGrammar · 19h

Writing your their raps to celebrate reading and books. Now that's magic!

Mayfield Primary School Retweeted



MC Grammar @MrMCGrammar · 19h

Replying to @MayfieldOldham

Incredible skills! Welcome to my Grammar Gang, kids. #AnotherLevel 🎵

Well done to our Year Six poets.
Another fabulous week of learning!

Amazing Demi

You may have seen on Twitter that Demi in our Year Six class has recently received some medication that has made such a huge difference to her.

Demi is a true Mayfield Marvel and such a resilient, strong person, that I want to pass on our love and best wishes to Demi (and her family) and let her know just how proud her Mayfield family are of her.



Roles and responsibilities

Families may not realise this, but lots of our children in school have additional roles and responsibilities if they show that they lead by example.

Examples include - School Council, House Team Ambassadors, ECO Team, Prefects, Buddies, Head Boy / Girl and their Deputies, Sports Leaders.



Children in Yr6 in particular, try really hard to 'give something back' to our school community before they leave us for secondary school in a few months' time.

We are always looking out for other children to get involved!

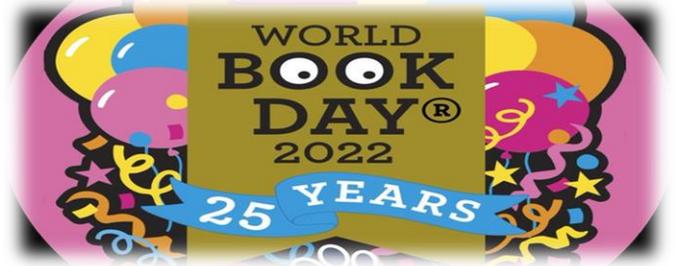
Brian Clarke Academy construction

The new secondary school in our Trust opens in September 2022 in temporary accommodation on the Blue Coat site, until the new building is ready in 2023. It's exciting to see the site being prepared for the construction of the amazing new school.

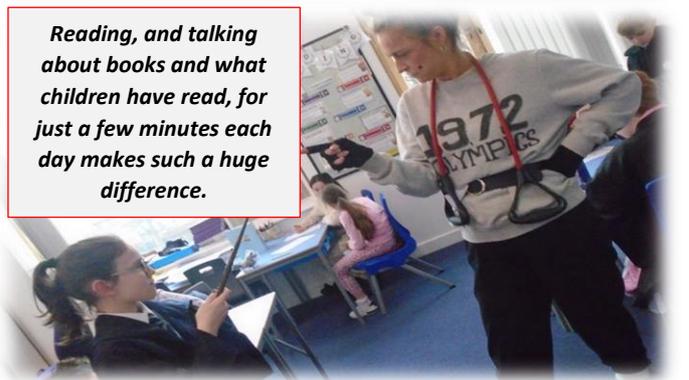


Promoting a love of books and reading!

Thank you to our wonderful children, families and staff for supporting this year's World Book Day, a special 25 year anniversary. We really hope children have enjoyed reading books and listening to stories in school and at home, to develop an even greater love of reading.



Reading, and talking about books and what children have read, for just a few minutes each day makes such a huge difference.



Parents' / Carers' Evening

Please note that Parents' / Carers' Evening will take place on the following dates:

- 28.3.22 (N, RGE, Yr1SC, Yr2RL, Yr4JS, Yr5/6ET)
- 30.3.22 (N, RLA, Yr1PS, Yr3DT, Yr5HS, Yr6HD)

Arrangements will be confirmed with you next week via email, although they will run exactly like they did in the Autumn term, i.e.

- Parents / carers will be given an allocated time slot (based on your preferred time slot). There will be a texting system once again.
- On the evening, there will be a space to wait in the hall.
- Parents / carers will be taken through to the small hall for your appointment with the class teacher.
- Parents / carers will be able to look at children's books in classrooms and look round the school.

This Parents' / Carers' evening is an opportunity for staff to talk to you about your child's Attainment and Progress.

External assessments for 2022

The Department for Education intends on going ahead with external assessments for 2022. These take place in the Summer term. Assessments have been cancelled the last two years due to COVID-19.

External assessments refers to Phonics in Yr1, Phonics re-sits in Yr2, Times Table Check in Yr4, SATs in Yr2 and SATs in Yr6.

Please be assured that they are carried out in a safe and supportive environment so that children see the assessments as similar to those activities they are familiar with in class. We are keen to reduce unnecessary pressure on our children.

Year Six SATS are a more formal series of test papers, however school staff are able to make reasonable adjustments in line with the guidance to meet specific children's needs to ensure that children are able to do as well as they can.

Individual class teachers will communicate further details with you over the next few weeks.

Spaces available

We currently have some spaces available in the following classes due to the growth of our school:

- Nursery
- Reception
- Year One

Please spread the word if you can. Thank you!

Attendance: Children need to be in school every day if they are well enough to do so. Please let's all make an extra special effort this half-term.

Punctuality: Children need to be in school on time each day to make sure they are not missing out on valuable learning. Doors open at 8.45am.

Shrove Tuesday

'On Shrove Tuesday, Reception enjoyed learning all about pancake day. We talked about Lent, listened to 'The Runaway Pancake' and sang a pancake song.

We tried flipping pancakes which was very tricky, but we didn't give up. We also got to try pancakes with different toppings.' (Reception Team)



'To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, Yr1 discussed the symbolic meaning of Lent in Christianity. We listened beautifully to the book 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and tucked in to some delicious pancakes of our own! We then designed a pancake with our favourite toppings!' (Yr1 Team)



Dates for your diary (new dates added)

Monday 7th March: Habitats workshop (Reception) Willmott Dixon Builders

Tuesday 8th March: International Women's Day

Wednesday 9th March: April 'Rising Threes' Open Evening (by appointment only / staggered timings)

Friday 11th March: Football match v St Edwards

Monday 14th March: Chicks to arrive in Reception

Monday 14th – Friday 18th March: Science Week (Miss Alderson will send out further information).

Monday 21st March: Yr6 Crucial Crew event

Wednesday 23rd March: Yr3 and Yr5 Oldham Linking Project with artist Claire Mathers

Thursday 24th March: Chaplain Ford assembly (KS2)

Sunday 27th March: Mothering Sunday

Friday 8th April: School closes for Easter.

Friday 15th April: Good Friday

Sunday 17th April: Easter Sunday

Saturday 23rd April: St George's Day

Monday 25th April: Start of first Summer half-term

Tuesday 26th April: Habitats workshop (Yr4) Willmott Dixon builders

Tuesday 3rd May: Bug hotel building (Yr2) Willmott Dixon builders

Tuesday 3rd May: Mapwork workshop (Yr5) Willmott Dixon builders

Thursday 5th May: Main Hall used as Polling Station (School will remain open. The main hall can be secured from the rest of school).

Week beginning 9th May: Yr6 SATs week

Thursday 19th May: Chaplain Ford assembly

Monday 23rd May: Giant tetrahedron building (Yr6) Willmott Dixon builders

Wednesday 8th June: Giant tetrahedron building (Yr5/6) Willmott Dixon builders

Thursday 9th June: John Hunt Photographers in school (Class photos and Yr6 individual ones).

Tuesday 21st June: Oldham Linking Project at Gallery Oldham (Yr3 and Yr5)

More Mayfield Magic Moments this week!

Congratulations to Reception royalty!

A super traditional tale performance of 'The Princess and the Pea'.



Brilliant praise from our music teacher Mrs Saville!

 Mrs Saville @saville_alison · 19h

Replying to @MayfieldOldham

Well done everyone! Yesterday I could hear how hard you have worked learning the songs and choosing the actions 🎵 🙌 🧡

Yr1 made some fantastic weather gauges



'Red Nose Day' for Comic Relief is coming soon to Mayfield!!!

Our School Council, supported by Miss Sidlow and Mrs Sutcliffe, will be sending out some information early next week about this year's 'Red Nose Day' and how we will be marking the event at Mayfield. Please watch this space!!!



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 weekend.
Mr Couper-Barton (Headteacher)

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

God of strength and peace,
Send your blessing on the
people of Ukraine.
Sustain them in their
struggles,
Hold them in their fear,
Protect them from all
danger,
And be for them the hope
they desire.
For Jesus Christ's sake,
Amen.