



Reminders

Dinner money must be paid in advance. The cost is £2.45 per day or £12.25 per week with effect from 04/01/23. The office can bill payments termly if required. Don't forget to pay online using ParentPay. Ask the office for details of how to set up.

If your child is unable to come into school, please contact the school as soon as possible in the morning before 9am registration. Please keep us informed of continued absences.

Please can we remind visitors that Mayfield School is a NO PHONE ZONE.

In order to keep our records up to date, let us know if there are any changes to your address or telephone numbers for both you and any other contacts. Up to date information is vital should there be an emergency and we need to contact you.

Remember to visit Mayfield's school website! Photos, events, trips and any latest information is regularly updated.

www.mayfieldtorbay.org



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Summer 1
2023



MAYFIELD NEWS



Welcome

Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to read our Summer 1 newsletter.

I hope you agree that its' contents are a reflective summary of all the fantastic personal development opportunities available for the children and young people at Mayfield School, College and Chestnut.

I look forward to seeing you across the 3 sites in the second half of the summer term to celebrate more excellent progress and achievement.

Kind regards,

Stuart Heron

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 26th May
Last Day of Summer 1 Term

Monday 5th June
First Day of Summer 2 Term

Monday 26th June
KS4 Residential Week

Thursday 6th July
Transition Day

Monday 17th July
Activity Week

Friday 21st July
Last Day of Summer 2 Term



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RESIDENTIAL Trips



Class 12 LONDON

Class 12 set off to London for their residential trip where they stayed in a youth hostel near Windsor. Their first day was spent at Harry Potter World where they all had a wonderful time exploring scenes from the films.

The next day they went to Legoland where they all went on the fastest rides including the thrilling roller coasters! The pupils and staff loved every minute!

For many of the pupils it was their first time away from home and they all behaved impeccably. Everyone had a fun, happy time and the atmosphere was very relaxed.

Well done Class 12!



KS3 PGL BARTON

Some pupils from classes 13, 14 and 15 ventured up to PGL in Barton for their two night residential trip. After settling in to their new temporary home the adventures started almost immediately!

Over the two days pupils took part in climbing, orienteering, aeroball and swimming. Some pupils showed great bravery going on the zipwire and giant swing!

There was also plenty of fun to be had on the lake where they sailed in canoes and used their team work skills to build rafts and test them out in the water.

They all had an amazing time filled with great memories for the future!





WHIZZ KIDS

Having access to a variety of different technologies is a key part of many of the pupils learning experiences. This term has been no exception! Classes 8, 9 and 10 have been using the Bee Bots, which teaches pupils basic rules of coding as well as developing pupils' directional language.

Class 15 have spent time creating circuits using small batteries and wires, exploring cause and effect principles, while other classes have spent time developing their computer and typing skills with a variety of different programs.



Coronation Celebrations

Experiencing a Coronation is a rare occasion and pupils at Mayfield were excited to spend the day celebrating. Wearing red, white and blue they took part in a range of fun activities. Pupils from across the school decorated their own crowns and made seed bombs to take home with them.

There were plenty of activities outside as well, including lawn games, a disco and a performance from the Makaton Choir.

The three royal sheep received decoupage patches made by all of the classes. These were then centre stage in the schools' Crown Parade where pupils took part in a procession. The winning crowns designed by the pupils were then bestowed upon the sheep in their very own crowning ceremony!

It was a really fun build up to such an historical event.





TEN TORS

On the 28th April, 20 pupils from both Mayfield School and College, headed up to Okehampton Army Camp to start their Jubilee Challenge. Upon arriving they explored the army base, were literally blown away by helicopters, visited the entertainment tents and chatted with participants.

The following day everyone woke at 5.00 am to music by Queen and a stunning orange sunrise. After a frantic breakfast they headed to the start line for 7.30 am.

We had 4 groups competing in the Jubilee Challenge, two groups in JC1 (7.8 miles), one in JC2 (8.9 miles) and one in JC3 (11 miles). All of the pupils showed incredible resilience, endurance and team work to complete their challenges, with every team finishing by 2.00 pm.

At the finish line, the teams found one last burst of energy to run up the hill, cheered along by a very loud Mayfield crowd. Everyone claimed their well deserved medals and headed home to rest.

We would like to thank all the staff, families and friends that supported the event and a special thank you to Spencer for organising Mayfields' involvement in Ten Tors. We are incredibly proud of the remarkable achievements our children and young people continue to accomplish.

College QUOTES

'Good, I camped out, I walked a 1000 miles.'
James C

'It was really tiring, we walked to get our gold medal. I'm proud of loads of walking.'
Tanya

Kaden identified winning a gold medal at Ten Tors as his proudest moment of the year so far!

'Walking, camped out, had breakfast. Walking with Cooper.'
Harrison

It was a very proud day for the Melliush family - Harrison was supported by his twin brother Cooper to complete JC1 and achieve his gold medal.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has gone particularly quickly, perhaps because the sun has shone. The students have managed to go out more, experience more and learn more in their community.

In preparation for the summer, we had a visit from the RNLI. The students discussed how to stay safe around water and the importance of all the different coloured flags. They also learnt how to contact the RNLI in the event of an emergency. Some students also enjoyed competing to see who could put on the RNLI uniform the quickest.

The Duke of Edinburgh volunteering has well and truly started with our young people doing a litter pick.

We look forward to a sunny Summer 2 term and we wish you all a lovely half term break.

Rachel Hawthorne
Head of College



LIFE & LIVING

This year Life & Living students have been undertaking work experience placements in the Hub (our college kitchen). Students have been following a recipe and working together to weigh and measure items to make puddings for staff and students' lunches.

They have also assisted the kitchen manager to make hot meals, baguettes and jacket potatoes and have developed skills needed within the kitchen whilst experiencing what it is like to work in a busy catering environment.

We are very proud of every student who has participated, their motivation and enthusiasm for each task has been exemplary, even when it came to cleaning the dishwasher!



Community Participation

(LIFE & LIVING)

As you saw earlier in the newsletter, some of our Life & Living students completed the Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge. Riley, Ethan, Lucas, Tanya, Kaden, James and Harrison completed a walk of 12 miles on the Saturday morning. I must say, the students did an amazing job and it's an accomplishment they should be extremely proud of!

The rest of the group have been working on their functional skills and exploring the local community. The Life & Living staff team all agree that the students have been making exceptional progress and are excited to see what the last half term has to offer.



UPCOMING DATES

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July
Parents' Evening

Friday 7th July
Leavers Prom

Wednesday 12th July
Garden Party (10 am - 12 pm)

Thursday 13th July
Duke of Edinburgh Event

Tuesday 18th July
Leavers Assembly (10 am start)



Independent Learners

As part of our blog writing sessions, our Independent Learners have been discussing different foods and written up recipes for their favourite main meal and pudding. The students are now making these meals in life skills sessions.

In English we have been exploring picture news, which has included topics such as Eurovision, The Kings Coronation, seagulls, government emergency alerts, education and learning. All of these topics have been highlighted in recent news events and students have had a lot to say!



E-Sports

In E-Sports we have been building on our ICT skills using Microsoft Excel, creating spreadsheets about different topics.

They have also looked at different types of gaming equipment and consoles. Students have been creating decision-based video games using PowerPoint, where the players decisions impact on the outcome of the game!

This term's E-Sports winner was Leo, who chose to celebrate at the pier.



TRANSITION

It's been another busy few weeks in Transition Pathway with Charlie P successfully completing his work experience at the Toorak Hotel - initially as a porter, then realising his passion lay in the kitchen. He completed his last 4 weeks working alongside a chef. Well done Charlie - we are so proud of you for completing this placement!

A number of other students have also enjoyed successful work experience placements. Shane, Joshua and Elliot have proved themselves to be an amazing team at Ocombe Farm. Sophie, Hayden and Mia have worked wonders in the college kitchen and Phoebe began her placement at the Derwent Hotel, moving to the Toorak Hotel after half term.

Erin, Charlie, Shane and Phoebe have enjoyed spending their Monday mornings at Turning Heads. They have taken part in a range of activities from baking, flower arranging, art, woodwork and playing pool. They have also enjoyed some lovely days out together at Devon Bay swimming, visiting the zoo as well as travel training together catching the bus to Goodrington and Brixham.

College ALUMNI



Jess F began Mayfield School in December 2004 and left Mayfield College in July 2021 to continue her education at South Devon College on the Retail, Business and Catering course. Jess left Mayfield with qualifications in English Functional Skills, Personal Finance and ICT Employability. We caught up with her recently to hear all about her experiences:

What have you enjoyed most since leaving Mayfield?

'I've enjoyed College, especially the choice of food. The things we make are very tasty and there's enough for me and my family. Monday day off!!'

What course do you do at South Devon College? What is it about?

'Pathway to Employment - it's about next steps towards a job.'

How did Mayfield prepare you for College?

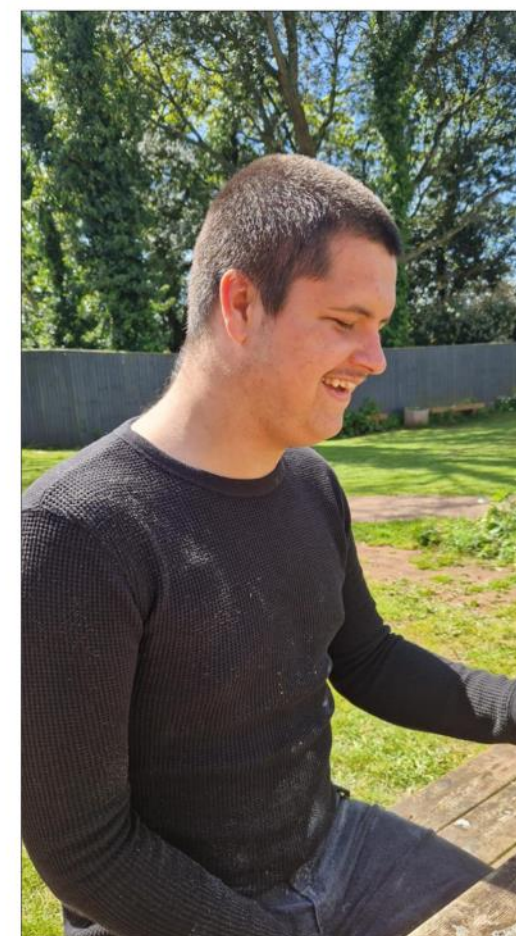
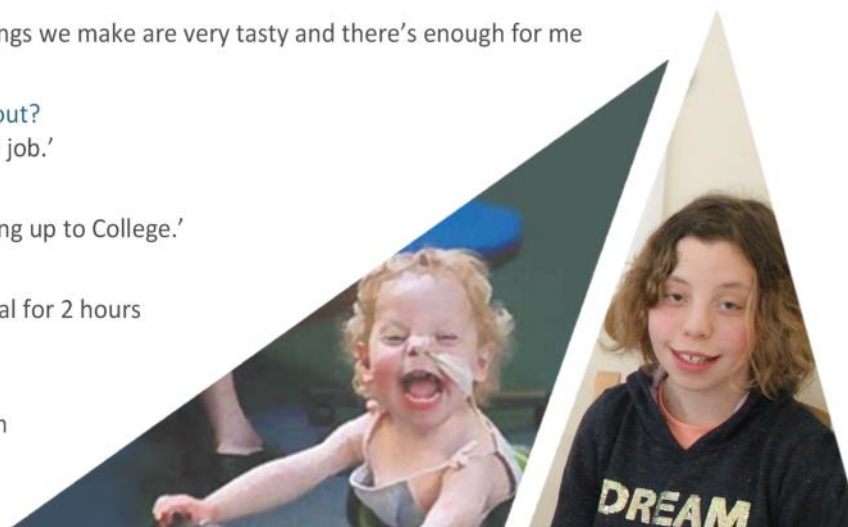
'The staff at Mayfield made me more comfortable with going up to College.'

What do you do for the rest of the week?

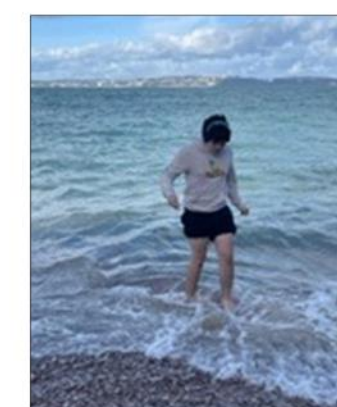
'Work placement on Thursday volunteering at Mare and Foal for 2 hours which I like - the ladies are really kind.'

What has been difficult since leaving Mayfield?

'I don't really know but I've found travel training on my own really hard.'



Engagement



Students in the Engagement Pathway have also had the opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy the weather.

Here are a few of our favourite moments from a really great pathway of students..



CHESTNUT NEWS

EXPLORING Brixham

Palm class have been discussing how towns and places change over time. They headed into Brixham town, following specific directions and using a map to guide them. Armed with old photos of Brixham, they navigated themselves to the same locations where they compared the images to the current view. They explored the different factors that could account for the changes, from weathering, nature and growth, and human development.



Museum Visit

Pupils in Acorn Class visited the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter this half term. They spent the day exploring all of the different exhibits from the amazing butterfly collections, to Egyptian pharaohs and prehistoric animals. They had a great day looking at all the displays and information and were a credit to the school.



Pirates

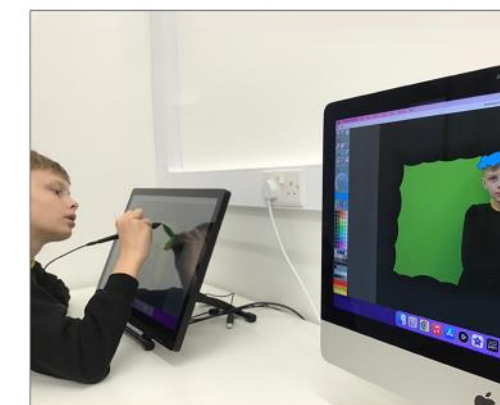
Maple and Elm classes have been learning about pirates this half term and took a trip to the Golden Hind in Brixham. They heard all about how pirates lived and the history of Sir Frances Drake.

The pupils then had to follow a treasure map around the ship and were rewarded with a certificate and some treasure at the end! They showed great listening and team work skills.



Green Screen

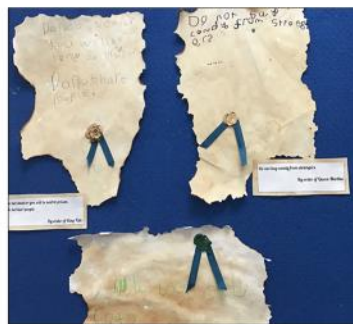
Pupils in Willow class have been using the Tech Room to take photos alongside a green screen. They then loaded the photos onto the laptops, learning how to use editing tools to change how the images look. They were able to add their own details and backgrounds to make the images unique.





LIFE CYCLES

Pupils in the Annexe have also been studying life cycles in their Science sessions. They looked at how different animals survive and grow. Over the last few weeks they have been caring for caterpillars and had the excitement of seeing the beautiful butterflies that emerged from the chrysalis'.



BRITISH ROYALS

At the Annexe, pupils have been discussing all things royal, from learning about the history of the British monarchy to writing their own Royal Proclamations! Pupils investigated their favourite Kings and Queens, visited castles and cooked up a feast fit for King Charles for our Coronation Picnic.



Chestnut FOOTBALL Team

The football team had their first home game at Chestnut and despite the heavy rain they won 5 - 0!!

This completes a winning run of 3 consecutive games - the best run of games the team have had so far.

They have now been invited to join a Brixham school league in September and an inter-school tournament in the latter half of the summer term.

A huge well done to the pupils for their hard work and fantastic team work.

