



MAYFIELD



REMINDERS

Dinner money must be paid in advance. The cost is £2.45 per day or £12.25 per week. 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.

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.

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Summer 1
2024



MAYFIELD NEWS



Welcome

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to our newsletter for Summer 1. We hope you enjoy reading about some fantastic experiences this half term.

The pupils at Chestnut, College and School have wowed us with some incredible effort, resilience and progress and we are very proud of their achievements.

Our sincere thanks for your ongoing collaboration and support. I look forward to seeing you at one of the multiple events we have planned for the second half of term.

Kind regards,

Stuart Heron

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 24th May
Last Day of Summer 1 Term

Monday 3rd June
First Day of Summer 2 Term

Wednesday 10th July
Sports Day (Weather permitting)

Wednesday 17th July
Garden Party

Monday 22nd July
Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July
Last Day of Summer 2 Term (Pupils)

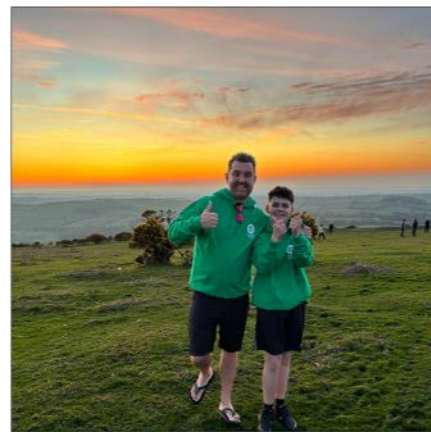
Wednesday 24th July
Non Pupil Day (Staff)



TEN TORS

This year's Ten Tors, Jubilee challenge was another huge Success! The students have been training for the past ten weeks, in preparation for the final walk. During these training walks they explored the local area, covering distances from around 5Km to 12Km. This is a key part in making sure everyone is not only physically fit for the event but also mentally.

On Friday 10th May, 19 students headed up to Okehampton Army base, where the camp had been set up. Students were able to explore the Army camp, take part in the engagement fair and watch the helicopter drills. In the evening, Colin May made a guest appearance to cook the famous class 16 Spaghetti Bolognaise. Students settled down around 9.00pm, ready for an early start and a long day.



All students were up at 5am to the sound of Chariots of Fire to enjoy a cooked breakfast before preparing to start their walk at 7.30am. Four teams eagerly set off - two JC1 groups, one JC2 group and one JC3 group.

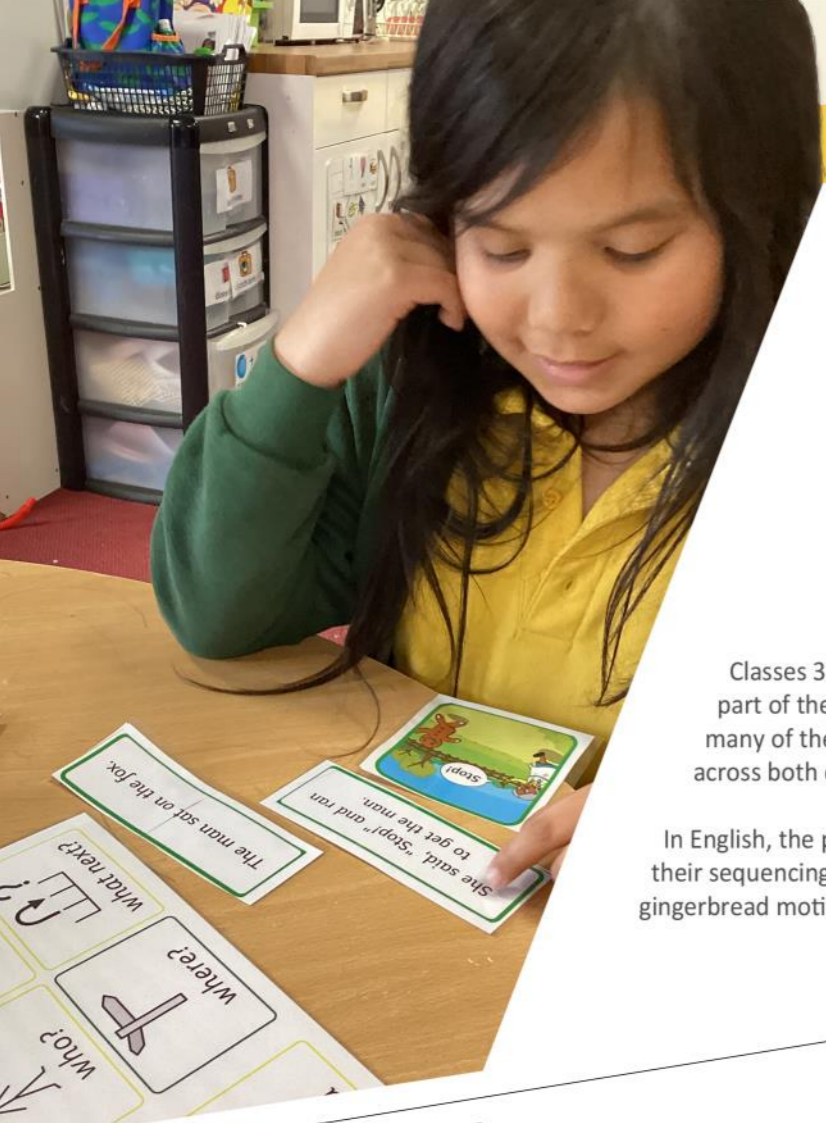
The weather this year was the hottest we have experienced in over ten years, which obviously adds to the challenge, however, despite this, each team completed their walks in very quick times, with JC3 being the first in out of all teams.



What an incredible year it has been, the students have been fantastic. A big thank you to all the staff who supported over the weekend and during the practices, without them none of this could be possible.

Thank you everyone,
Spencer Dart





TOPIC: Come Outside



Classes 3 and 4 have spent this half term looking at traditional tales as part of their project: Come Outside. They incorporated the stories into many of their lessons, with The Gingerbread Man being a firm favourite across both classes.

In English, the pupils spent time breaking up the sentences and developing their sequencing skills. Enhancing their fine motor skills, they then used the gingerbread motif for threading, modelling and cooking.



MINIBEASTS

Pupils in Class 6 have spent this term learning about different animal species, from tiny insects to large predators and mammals.

Armed with a checklist, the pupils headed off to hunt for minibeasts in the school grounds. They searched the flower beds and long grass as well as the bug hotels mounted on the walls. They all did a fantastic job identifying the creatures they found!

More recently, pupils from Classes 5 and 6 enjoyed a trip to Paignton Zoo to observe the wide range of species housed there.



MEET THE GOVERNORS



Terry Jackson

My name is Terry Jackson and I am the Vice Chair (Careers) co-opted governor at Mayfield School.

I am from London and previously lived in London and Surrey, working as a Virologist for most of my career. I am now retired and live in Brixham. I strongly believe that every child should experience the best education possible, giving the best start in life.

I am committed to supporting the school and staff to achieve the best learning experiences possible.



Horticulture

Horticulture sessions with Yvonne have continued, despite the rain. A polytunnel was recently put up, providing a warmer, sheltered area for pupils to begin germination and watch seedlings grow.

Classes 10 to 19 have rotated through various horticultural activities in their sessions; exploring senses with herbs, searching for specific plants outdoors, pulling weeds, planting seeds and of course getting covered in mud!

Pupils from classes 16 and 18 have helped bring the horticulture areas back to life, cutting back overhanging branches, bravely sweeping the cobwebs from the shed and setting up raised beds.

Yvonne has also provided some taster sessions to some of our pupils in Key Stage 2, allowing them to explore and gain self-confidence in learning outdoor skills.





SCHOOL NEWS

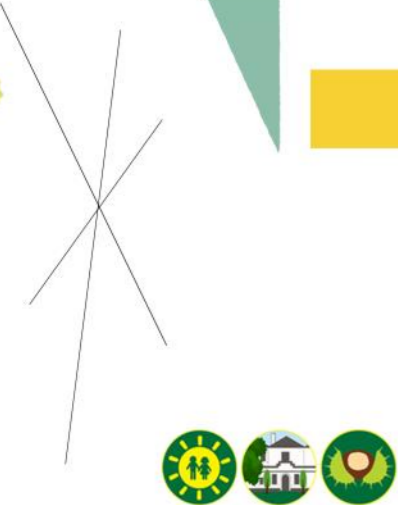


Class 13 had a fantastic trip to Plymouth Hoe this term, where they went to find the location of famous Beatles picture on display there, taken nearly 60 years ago. The pupils each had a turn posing on the silhouettes of the Beatle's hand and leg positions, which are installed at the location, allowing visitors to recreate the famous photograph for themselves.

The class have been learning all about the 1960's as their chosen decade for KS3 and KS4's upcoming production. With the Beatles being such an iconic band and symbol of this time, the pupils really enjoyed visiting this local landmark!



Exploring the wider community



Growing CATERPILLARS



Our EYFS pupils have had the theme of The Very Hungry Caterpillar for this term's topic. They have been looking at the life cycle of a caterpillar and the variety of butterflies that emerge from them.

The classes bought a caterpillar habitat and some caterpillars. The pupils have really enjoyed watching them grow as they eat their food, just as in the story, until they were able to spin their cocoons. The pupils were so excited when the butterflies started emerging! So far the classes have 4 painted lady butterflies which will be released in the field very soon.

Classes 16 and 18 went to Exeter to visit a city as part of their project of 'Bright Lights, Big Cities'. They spent some time searching through various parts of the city, looking for some examples of the amazing graffiti that can be found. The pupils then took turns to photograph their favourite pieces.



At lunchtime they went to have a picnic outside the Cathedral, where they discussed the impressive building and it's history before heading off to look at some of the other interesting buildings that make up Exeter City.





WELCOME

Dear Families and Friends,

Despite a short half term, the students at the College have certainly packed a lot in! The students who took part in Ten Tors had a wonderful time and were very fortunate to have the sun shining whilst they completed the challenge.

We have had the pleasure of starting transition for KS4 students who are joining the College in September. Callum M has joined us this term and has settled in to College life very quickly. We have also started the sad, yet exciting, stage where students who are transitioning away from College to their next step providers.

We hope you have a great half term and look forward to a sunny Summer 2 term.

Rachel Hawthorne,
Head of College



Life & Living:

Skills for Life

Careers & Further Education

As part of their Science curriculum, Life & Living students have become 'Eco Warriors'. They have been on the bus to Paignton Zoo and Ocombe Farm to see what they have implemented to support our environment. The students have discussed the importance of bees and insects to our Eco-system. At the College, they have researched the effects of litter on the environment before travelling to the beach and the park to litter pick.

The group had an interesting trip to Plymouth Aquarium, where they focused on the dangers of litter and plastic pollution in our oceans. During their research, they have created Eco Warrior PowerPoints, and will continue to update them to show their knowledge and share images of their participation in this topic.

To conclude this topic, in the upcoming weeks students will be planting a bee garden and making bird feeders for the College garden. They have also scheduled a presentation from SWISCO to develop their knowledge on recycling, before designing their own recyclable bags.

The highlight of the Summer 1 term for some students was attending the Ten Tors event this year. The scenery and atmosphere always amaze, but this year was made truly special by the appearance of the Northern Lights and an amazing coloured sky!

ENGAGEMENT:

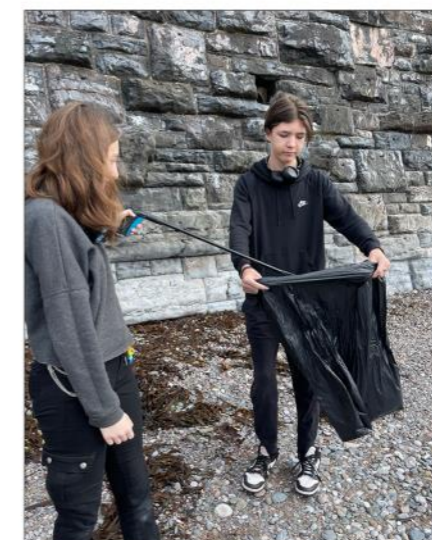
Skills for Life



Engagement students have enjoyed a few trips out this term. They went to Preston Seafront to explore the park and also visited the Zoo. As part of their phonics sessions, they engaged in sound walks, where there were many different sounds to listen to and recognise.

During art and creativity sessions, the group have created paintings using masking tape and explored silhouette paintings. Their creations were all unique and creative.

The College gym has been a really great space for the students this half term. The new cross-trainer has been a popular addition, which Tasmin has been able to access much more independently. Demi has enjoyed using the mirror wall and the physio balls.



UPCOMING DATES

Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd July
Parent's Evenings

Friday 12th July
Leavers Prom

Wednesday 17th July
Garden Party, 10 am - 12 pm

Monday 22nd July
Leavers Assembly



'I feel more confident with my Maths, time with Jess has helped me.'

Alfie

'I think I have made progress with the Tuck Shop and I am proud.'

Theo

'I'm finally ready for my next steps!'

Tiana

'I'm looking forward to my work experience.'

Benjamin



COLLEGE NEWS

Independent Learning:

Careers & Further Education

The Independent learners group have had a great half term; learners have accessed a range of work experience placements, including ROC Farm, Sound Communities and individual placements at College.

In Maths sessions students have focused on position and direction, where learners have generalising their skills on Google Maps and in food hygiene.

English sessions have placed emphasis on writing and creating projects surrounding a historical figure. Learners have picked from a huge range of candidates, from Guy Fawkes to Andre the Great, to Cleopatra! They even created imaginary Facebook pages for them, a short story based on an event in their lives and created timelines.

During the group's ICT sessions students have focused on using a range of software, practising their spreadsheet skills on Excel, as well as exploring interactive and collaborative games. This has helped build upon their British Values, co-operating and respecting in others in a variety of environments. Finally, a huge well done to Theo and Matty for completing the Ten Tors walk - everyone is very proud of you both!

TRANSITION:

Careers & Further Education

Finally some sunshine! The Transition group have enjoyed getting out and about this half term, catching the bus, getting the train to Exeter, visiting libraries, the Zoo and the beach.

Working at Ocombe Farm in the recent sunshine, instead of torrential rain, has been a real joy for our work experience students. They have had the opportunity to see lots of new baby animals. A highlight for all of them was feeding the lambs bottles of milk and having cuddles with all the new animals.

Luke has continued to excel at the Gym Group for his work experience. Some of the group ventured down to the Gym where they took part in an amazing circuits session led by Luke and the other trainers.



TRANSITION:

Skills for Life

The Transition: Skills for Life Pathway have been doing a lot of functional learning through community access, attending Lego Club, exploring new foods and much more.

Using the nice weather to their advantage, they visited Dartmoor to find the wild ponies and also took a trip to Buckfast Abbey. The students enjoyed learning about the history and culture of the building and the Benedictine Monks who reside there.

The students have all been making great progress in their learning and have definitely become a lot more confident and independent. The group are looking forward to more sunny days in the final half term of the school year so they can continue to enjoy the community and learn more about themselves.





TOPIC: Save Our Planet

Acorn class have been learning about the importance of looking after our planet. They took a trip to Paignton Zoo to discover all the wonderful plants and animals that make Earth a planet worth saving. They also discussed worldwide issues, such as the vital role rainforests play and how we need to protect them.

As we welcomed in Spring with some warmer weather, Acorn class headed off to Paignton Beach to do some litter picking. To begin with, they thought the beach was quite clean, but soon discovered lots of little bits of fishing wire and plastic amongst the seaweed. The pupils were really proud of themselves for leaving the beach cleaner.



Brixham FISH QUAY

With many classes exploring the local community, Palm class also enjoyed a trip to the Fish Quay in Brixham Harbour. They spoke with some of the fishermen, discussing their catch, and how to fish responsibly.

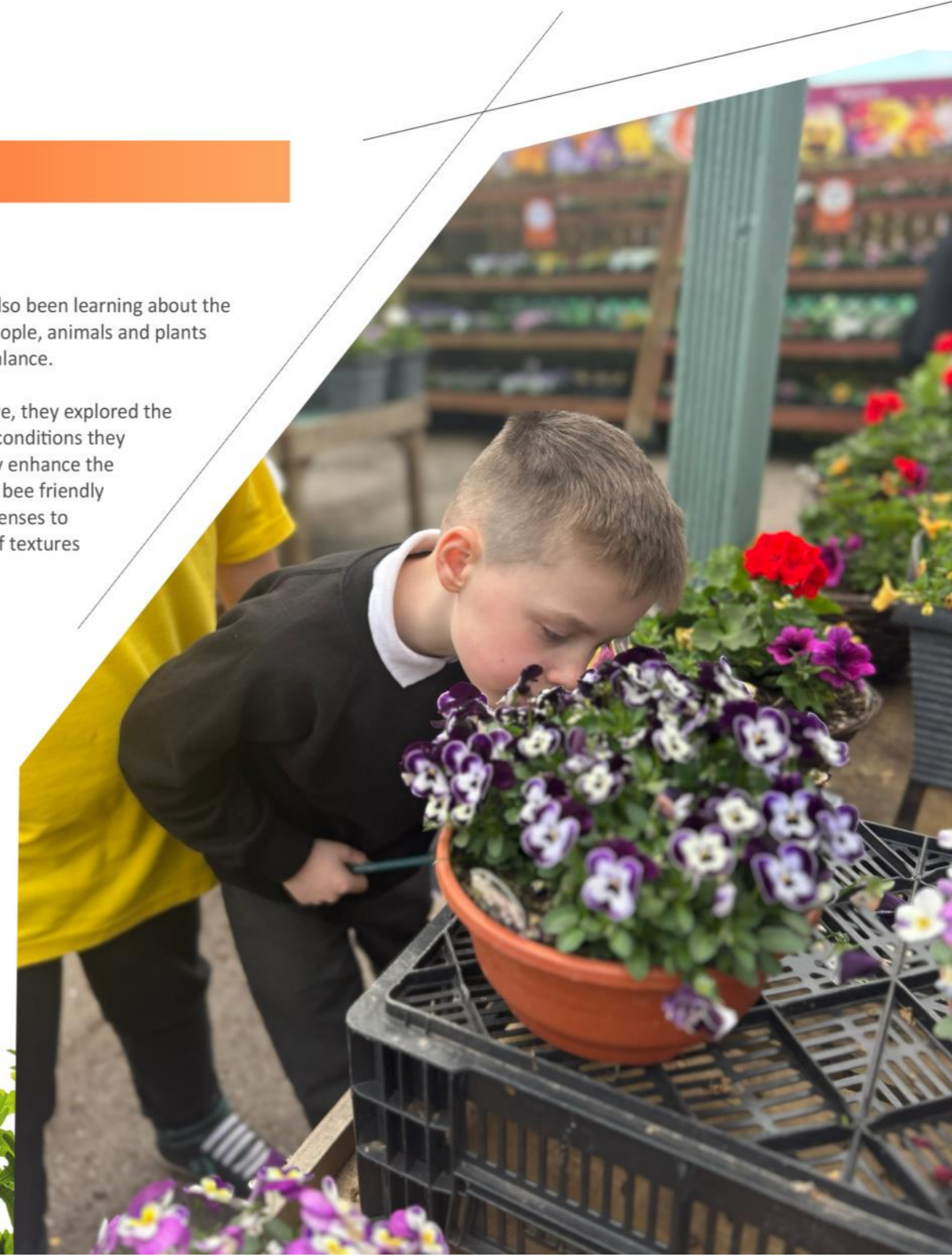


Flora & Fauna

This term, Maple class have also been learning about the environment and the roles people, animals and plants play to maintain the fragile balance.

Visiting the local garden centre, they explored the different plants on offer, the conditions they need to flourish and how they enhance the environment. They looked at bee friendly flowers and used all of their senses to investigate the wide variety of textures and fragrances.

Back at Chestnut they are growing their own plants and have been tidying the outdoor space to build their own little garden.





GALLERY FOCUS: Teamwork & Friendship

