



MAYFIELD



## REMINDERS

Dinner money must be paid in advance. The cost is £2.60 per day or £13.00 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.

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

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

[www.mayfieldtorbay.org](http://www.mayfieldtorbay.org)



Summer 2  
2024

# MAYFIELD NEWS



## Welcome

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2023-24. We hope you enjoy reading about the incredible experiences that our pupils have participated in this Summer half term.

The pupils at College, Chestnut and School have impressed us with amazing confidence, effort, fortitude and made phenomenal progress. The whole staff team is so proud of their achievements.

Our sincere thanks for your ongoing collaboration and support. We wish you all a great Summer Break.

Kind regards,

*Stuart Heron*  
Headteacher

## UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 23rd July  
Last Day of Summer 2 Term

Thursday 5th September  
Non Pupil Day

Friday 6th September  
Non Pupil Day

Monday 9th September  
First Day of Autumn 1 Term

Friday 25th October  
Last Day of Autumn 1 Term



TOPIC: WHAT'S NEAR US?

Class 19 have been exploring the local community and what it has to offer. Pupils visited Combe Pafford School to take part in some of the taster sessions they have to offer.

They joined a session for Animal Care, where they focused on small animal welfare and care skills. The pupils really enjoyed meeting the animals and having lots of cuddles with them!

Some of the pupils also looked at the Mechanic taster session where they explored some of the every day tools they use.



Zoo Trip

To celebrate another successful year of learning, Class 7 treated themselves to a trip to Paignton Zoo. As a bonus, parents were also invited to attend - the only goal of the day being to have fun and enjoy socialising with friends and family.



MUSIC through the DECADES

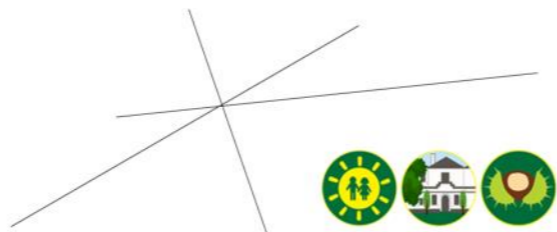
Last term, our Secondary pupils spent many weeks practising for their theatre extravaganza 'Music Through the Decades', which was performed at The Royal Lyceum Theatre in May to parents and pupils.

The pupils sung and danced to a range of different songs through the decades from 1950s to the Noughties! Their hard work really paid off and it was a delight to watch all of the performances.





# RESIDENTIAL Trips



## KS2 - Warren Barn

Classes 5 and 6 went on an overnight residential to Warren Barn in Cockington. Some pupils stayed overnight and others just visited for the day.

They had a brilliant time exploring the local woods before working together to build dens amongst the trees. Back at the barn they toasted their own marshmallows over a camp fire and spent the evening playing games and socialising with their friends.

The next day the pupils visited Occombe Farm where they got to have lots of cuddles with the smaller animals and helped to feed the goats, sheep and donkeys!

Luckily the weather was fine and dry for the whole trip and they all had the best time!



## KS4 - Devon Cliffs

Some pupils from Classes 16 and 18 went for a week long residential at Devon Cliffs in Exmouth. During their trip, pupils took part in a variety of fun activities. They spent a day at The World of Country Life where they got to see some of the animals up close. The other days were spent swimming, bowling, walking along the beach and playing in the local parks and arcades before enjoying the entertainment onsite.

The group stayed in caravans and the pupils helped to make their own breakfasts, lunches and dinners, although they did have a sneaky Burger King one evening!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the staff were very proud of how the pupils behaved during their week away.





## Forest School & DORBRI STABLES

There have been some really interesting Forest School sessions this half term. Sue has helped Classes 5, 9 and 13 to make their own water filters using plastic bottles, cloth, stones, sand and leaves. They then compared their finished filters to see which one made the cleanest water.



## SCHOOL NEWS



## GARDEN PARTY

We had a fantastic turnout for our Annual Garden Party! With the weather in our favour, it was great to see so many families and friends enjoying the food and entertainment on offer.

Pupils and staff made some great stalls with games, competitions and activities. The live music was a real highlight, along with the inflatables!

Thank you for all the generous donations that made up the Tombola and uniform stalls.



## Sports Day Snippets





## CREATIVE READING

Across our Chestnut site, pupils are encouraged to develop their reading skills in many of their lessons, whether it's enjoying a story, reading an instruction sheet, or learning new facts.

Pupils have been finding creative ways to enjoy their books both inside and out to maximise their reading opportunities.

Kai in Palm Class received a 'Book Dub' certificate for completing a 9 book series, consisting of 2578 pages or 776,750 words!



## Dartmoor Residential

Pupils from the Upper School department had a 2 night residential trip in Dartmoor. After they got settled in to their accommodation at The Dartmoor Centre, they headed off to take part in fun and action packed activities on the Moors.

Once they had completed the safety talks, the pupils did some rock climbing, river swimming, caving, archery as well as some more relaxed exploring!

It was great to see the pupils tackle their fears and be excited and nervous at the same time. They managed these emotions really well and every one had a fabulous time!



## BEACH Day

As the school year draws to a close, Chestnut pupils were treated to some fun days out, one of them being a trip to the beach.

They spent some time climbing the rocks, hunting for crabs and fish in the rockpools. They then headed to the outdoor pool at Shoalstone for a fun swim where they braved the cold seawater!



# CHESTNUT NEWS

## BOAT TRIP on the Dart

Willow Class enjoyed a fun boat trip along the River Dart. With the sun shining, they headed up and down the river, exploring the local landmarks, including Dartmouth Castle and the Greenway Estate.

The pupils enjoyed waving to passengers on the passing ferries and some of them even had a go at steering the boat which was a real highlight!

They were all incredibly well behaved and it was a great trip to celebrate another good year at Chestnut.





Dear Parents & Carers,

It feels as though our academic year has flown by. We have had a particularly busy year at the College and we hope you have enjoyed seeing what our students have experienced, both onsite and within the community. Thank you to the College staff team for making this year so memorable for our students.

To our leavers, it is never goodbye, but see you later! We are also saying farewell and good luck to Ryan Delbeque, the Independent Learners Pathway Teacher. We offer a warm welcome to Russell Carter who will be replacing him in September.

To those starting at the College after Summer, or continuing their journey with us, we look forward to seeing you in September.

Have a wonderful Summer holiday everybody!

*Rachel Hawthorne  
Head of College*

## ENGAGEMENT: Skills for Life

This term the Engagement: Skills for Life students have been consolidating their morning routines and independence skills.

The students have enjoyed learning about the environment and made their own colourful bunting about what they learnt.



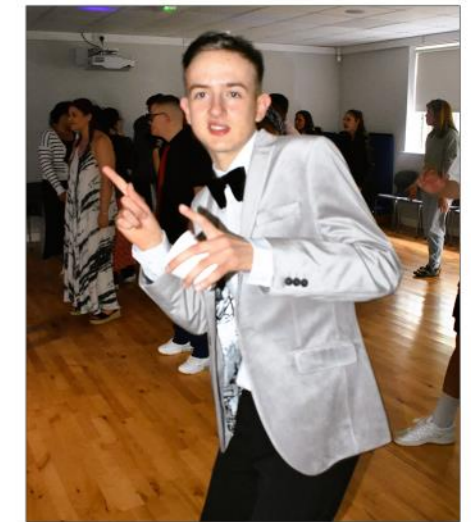
Every week over the term, the students have chosen a different book to read, with 'Monkey Puzzle' being their favourite overall. They then recreated the animals from the story using a variety of materials and techniques for each animal.



## TRANSITION: Skills for Life

What a year it has been for Amber, Anya, Bethany, Betty, Harrison, Jake AH, Jake S, Jess and Kamil! We are so proud of all you have achieved! A big thank you to the Transition: Skills for Life staff team for supporting the students to become the best that they can be.

There have been so many highs and wonderful moments this year and seeing the students become more independent and confident has been a real pleasure. For students returning to the group in September, we look forward to another great year reaching your potential. For students moving to a different group, we look forward to hearing about all your new adventures! Kamil and Bethany will be moving on from the College and we look forward to staying in touch - they have both been a pleasure to teach.



## TRANSITION: Careers & Further Education

Students from the Transition: Careers & Further Education group have had their final visits to their next step provisions, including South Devon College and Oakwood Court, and are feeling very excited about their new starts.

The students have received feedback and references from their work placements that have been filled with positive comments! We are very proud of their progress - it has been an amazing year.





## INDEPENDENT LEARNING: Careers & Further Education

This term the Independent Learning students had a residential trip to Plymouth.

They visited a 4DX cinema, enjoyed dinner out as a group, explored Plymouth Hoe before ending the trip with shopping spree!

In addition to this, Benjamin has been working on his biggest E-sports tournament to date with 32 players! We will find out the winner at the end of the term.

The Independent Learners have worked so hard this year and we are very impressed with how much progress they have made across the board. They have been an amazing group.



*'Using my bus pass by myself. I don't need any help.'* Summer

*'In Woodwork I made a birdhouse for my Mum.'* Millie

*James successfully completed the Duke of Edinburgh Award*

*'I think I've learnt to deal with change. I love the College. I like Woodwork, ICT. I feel more grown up and confident.'* Kieron

*'I can work on what I find difficult!'* Kayden



## LIFE & LIVING: Careers & Further Education

Students have been looking at all they have achieved this year; discussing their proudest moments and what they have learnt about themselves:

## LIFE & LIVING: Skills for Life

It has been an amazing year for the Life & Living: Skills for Life Pathway. They have focused on promoting independence and personal growth and our students have truly thrived. They have taken initiative, made decisions and managed responsibilities, boosting their life skills and confidence.

Students explored their interests, set personal goals and worked hard to achieve them. This hard work and determination has been the key to their overall development.

There have been some exciting trips this half term, including visits to an aquarium, Dartmoor, Brownstone, Slaton Sands, Stover Country Park, fossil hunting, rock pooling and boogie nights!

These adventures have helped build a strong sense of community within the students and provided lots of fun and learning.

