



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

DID YOU KNOW?

Torbay SEND have a special newsletter for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities. It's sent out electronically just before the end of every half term and is packed with updates about SEND services, training, resources and events, both online and face-to-face. If you would like to subscribe, head to www.torbay.gov.uk/send-newsletters/

Autumn 1
2024

MAYFIELD NEWS



Welcome

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2024-25 academic year. We hope you enjoy reading about the incredible experiences our pupils have had during this Autumn half term.

The pupils at College, Chestnut, and School have impressed us with their remarkable confidence, effort, and resilience, making phenomenal progress. The entire staff team is immensely proud of their achievements.

Have a wonderful Autumn Break.

Kind regards,
Stuart Heron

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 4th November
First Day of Autumn 2 Term

Monday 2nd December
Christmas Fayre & Enterprise

Monday 9th December
Christmas Play Week

Tuesday 17th December
Carol Service & Enterprise

Friday 20th December
Last Day of Autumn 2 Term

Monday 6th January
First Day of Spring 1 Term

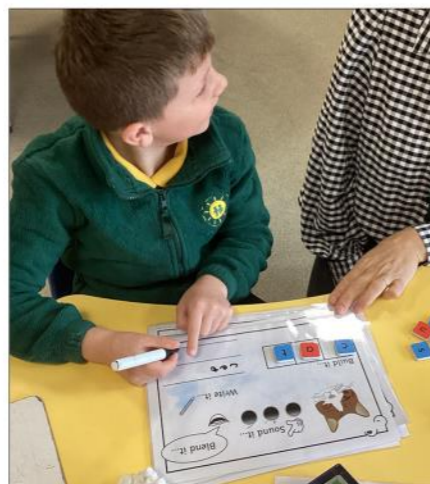




TOPIC: Harvest

Class 3 have been exploring the festival of Harvest and incorporating it across their learning. They loved inviting their parents and carers in to make bread! The pupils looked at the fruit and vegetables that are harvested by farmers every year and had great fun scooping out pumpkins.

In Maths sessions they have used the story of Elmer to discuss patterns, creating their own using a variety of approaches.



This half term our KS4 pupils have been getting out and about in the community, applying their English and Maths skills to read shopping lists and purchase ingredients for cookery sessions and for our popular circus themed cafe.

Year 10s have also been taking part in motor vehicle sessions at Combe Pafford, which have involved car washing and learning how to use hand tools. Through this we have discovered several budding mechanics!

FUNCTIONAL Learning Opportunities





This half term, several classes across the school have enjoyed weekly visits to Dorbri Stables as well as sessions in our Forest School area. Class 9 remembered lots of skills from their visits to the stables last year, including the use of PPE and all the different jobs that need doing around the yard. They worked really hard preparing nets and grooming the horses.

Pupils from classes 1 & 2 have had a busy time at Forest School foraging for materials to decorate photo frames, while Class 14 explored mark making with crushed berries.

Class 15 recapped on the safety rules of using a flint and steel and also collected a variety of leaves for leaf threading.

Dorbri Stables & Forest School



Learning through Play

Our EYFS pupils have had a great first term back at school, with lots of outdoor learning experiences. Developing their sensory skills, they have played in the mud and leaves, created shapes and line drawings in a range of media and also built the tallest towers with the giant lego blocks,



Stop ANIMATION

In Creative Technology lessons pupils have had a fantastic time learning how to make their own Stop Animation Videos using a variety of toys, models and Lego bricks. They have all worked hard to bring their stories to life!





Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge well done to all the young people that have transitioned to the College this term. The students are now able to navigate the building and are showing an increased level of independence within such a short space of time.

I am looking forward to seeing the progress our students will make both within the College and the community.

Have a lovely half term break!

Rachel Hawthorne
Head of College



LIFE & LIVING: Careers & Further Education

This half term the students have been working collectively whilst travel training and exploring the local area. Visits have included Teignmouth, Decoy Park, Trago Mills, Cockington and Paignton where the emphasis has been on getting to know the surrounding environment. They have also worked on their Literacy skills, visiting the local library, as well as strengthening their money skills in local shops.

During English sessions back at the College, the students worked on creating their own newsletter about their excursions. Billy shared 'I like Stover' and Callum commented on his trip 'out to Trago Mills'.

LIFE & LIVING: Skills for Life

The students in the Life & Living: Skills for Life Pathway have had a fantastic start to the Autumn Term and have been actively engaging in volunteering at Stover Country Park where they have been chopping down overgrown shubbery and piling up debris ready for burning. They also visited Cockington Church as part of their RE sessions.

Working on their personal development curriculum, the students met a local PC who told them all about his job and what the Police do to help us. We are looking forward to welcoming other services as part of this curriculum.



TRANSITION: Skills for Life



We are very proud of how the students have come back from the Summer and got stuck in. The students have been really busy producing some amazing work to go on the display boards to showcase what they have been doing.

The group's main focus has been visiting the local community and introducing the Transition Pathway to our new students. It has been lovely to welcome Demi, Maddie and Millie to the group. Ethan, Lucas and Riley have really helped them to feel part of the team!

TRANSITION Careers & Further Education



The Transition: Careers and FE Pathway have had an impressive start to the new term, giving their all to their work experience placements:

- Dylan, Jake, Matty and James are working with the animals at Ocombe Farm
- Alfie is working in the kitchen at the Toorak Hotel and at Winners Gym
- Jessica has a placement at the The Gym Group
- Benjamin is helping at Mayfield School
- Ryan and Benjamin have also set up their own Friday lunch time enterprise selling wraps to the staff. We are very proud of them all!

Visits out to Next Step Provisions have included:

- Turning Heads Skills Centre
- Turning Heads Community Kitchen
- Maidencombe Farm
- ROC Active.

These trips out have been great for the students to gain an idea of where they would like to go after College.



INDEPENDENT LEARNING: Careers & Further Education

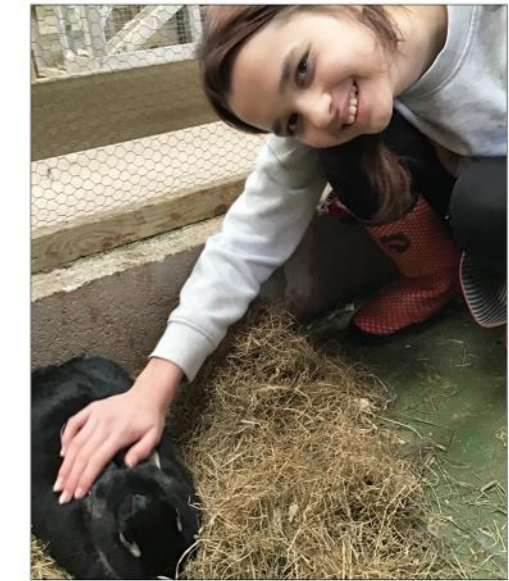
Much of our Independent Learners' English and ICT activities have been centred around their recent trip to Comic Con! (more on that later), with students researching, planning and creating their own events using websites and programmes such as PowerPoint, Kahoot, Floor Planner and Padlet. It has been lovely to see their skills and confidence grow in these areas. In Maths, students have focused on revising and developing their familiarity and knowledge of numbers, addition and subtraction.

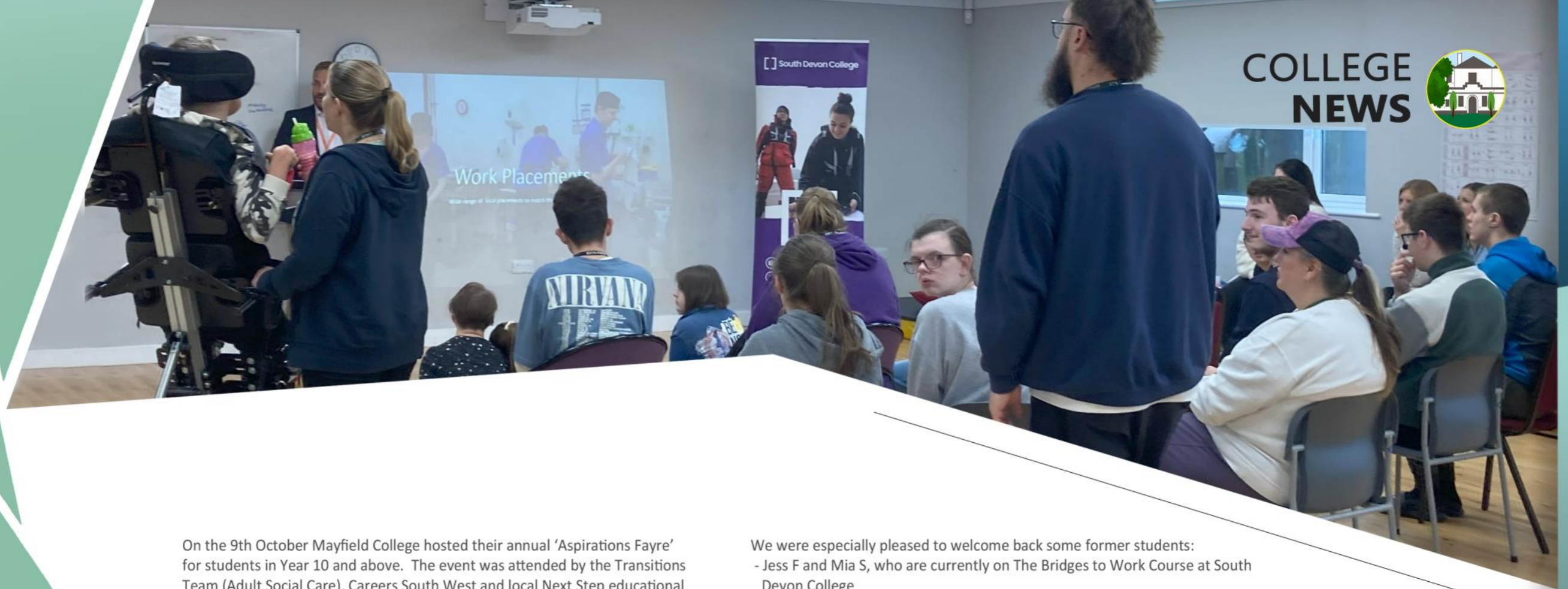
Some students have been fortunate in attending a weekly workshop run by Sound Communities, where they have been learning skills such as DJ-ing, music production, radio presenting and green screen video editing. If your young person hasn't had the chance to experience this yet, they will do later in the year.

The group have been busy exercising in PE and swimming, cooking, creating woodworking projects in Enterprise class, discussing and creating music in music club and Taiko drumming sessions. These are all in addition to their valuable community access sessions, working hard on their travel training, with visits to Cockington, Torquay and Paignton, as well as travelling to their work placements.

As mentioned earlier, the highlight of this half term was a trip to the 2024 Exeter Comic Con. The students did us proud, with many of them putting a huge amount of pride and effort into their costumes. We browsed the vast array of merchandise stalls, saw some amazing cosplayers, got stalked by Daleks and a dinosaur.

The icing on the cake was meeting the Dr Who actor Peter Davison! The whole event was a great chance for the students to practice their money, communication and time management skills, but mainly, it was just great fun!



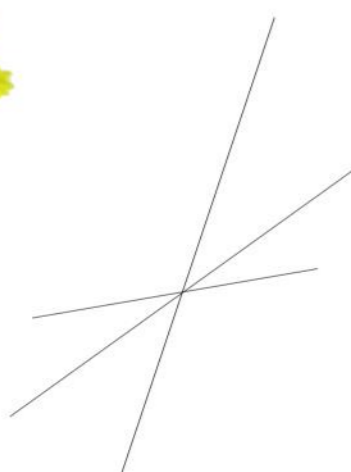


On the 9th October Mayfield College hosted their annual 'Aspirations Fayre' for students in Year 10 and above. The event was attended by the Transitions Team (Adult Social Care), Careers South West and local Next Step educational and social care providers, with the aim to support students' understanding of the future and the choices available to them. For more information about planning for the future, please visit the Careers and Preparing for Life section on Mayfield's website.

We were especially pleased to welcome back some former students:

- Jess F and Mia S, who are currently on The Bridges to Work Course at South Devon College
- Tamzin C who volunteers at Mayfield School and has just started the Work and Independence Course at South Devon College.
- Bradley B and Charlotte M who work at Turning Heads
- Kim P who attends Maidencombe Farm

Aspiartions Fayre



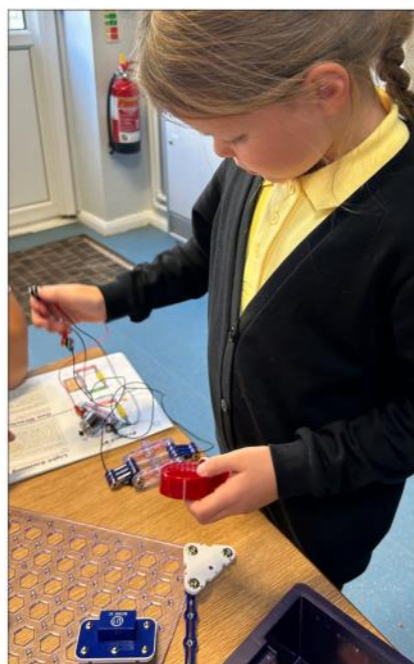


TOPIC: Chain Reaction

This term Maple class have been working hard on developing their Maths and Science skills. Pupils have been exploring recurring patterns and the values of number placements using single blocks and blocks of ten.

In their Science sessions they discussed how electricity works, using this knowledge to create their own circuit boards with switches, batteries and connectors.

Continuing with this cause and effect theme, the pupils have investigated how different parts of machines work as part of their Chain Reaction Topic. They then built their own ball runs to see how they could manipulate the ball to go in the right direction.



Food from around the World

Palm class have been learning about a different country every week. They have explored what traditional food dishes are eaten in each country and have replicated them during their cooking sessions. So far they have cooked Sausage and Mash, Chicken Curry, French Toast, Carbonara and Egg Fried Rice. They have enjoyed learning about the different cultures and foods.



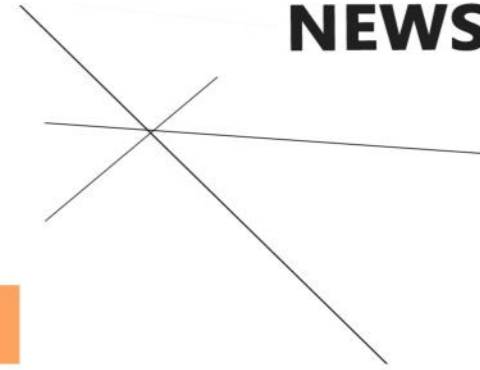


Chestnut's KS2 pupils had a great day out experiencing Dartmouth's Round Robin. Their journey started by boarding the steam train at Paignton, enjoying the sights as the train ventured into Kingswear.

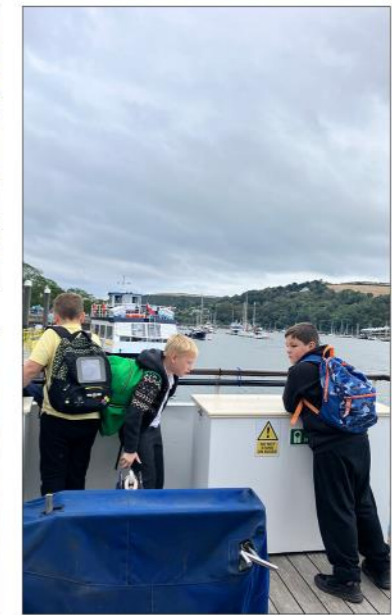
From there, they boarded the Dartmouth Explorer Ferry to enjoy the scenery from the water. Once docked at Dartmouth, the pupils enjoyed a trip around the town learning about the history. As a treat they visited the local park, before heading back to the ferry for their return trip home. The pupils and staff all thoroughly enjoyed the day!



CHESTNUT NEWS



Round Robin Trip



Team Sports

Pupils from Maple and Elm classes have been working hard in their PE sessions, in a variety of team ball games. They have practiced passing the ball to each other, communicating as a team whilst making sure they follow the rules of the game.

They particularly enjoyed learning new basketball skills and how to improve their aim to score points.



