



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.

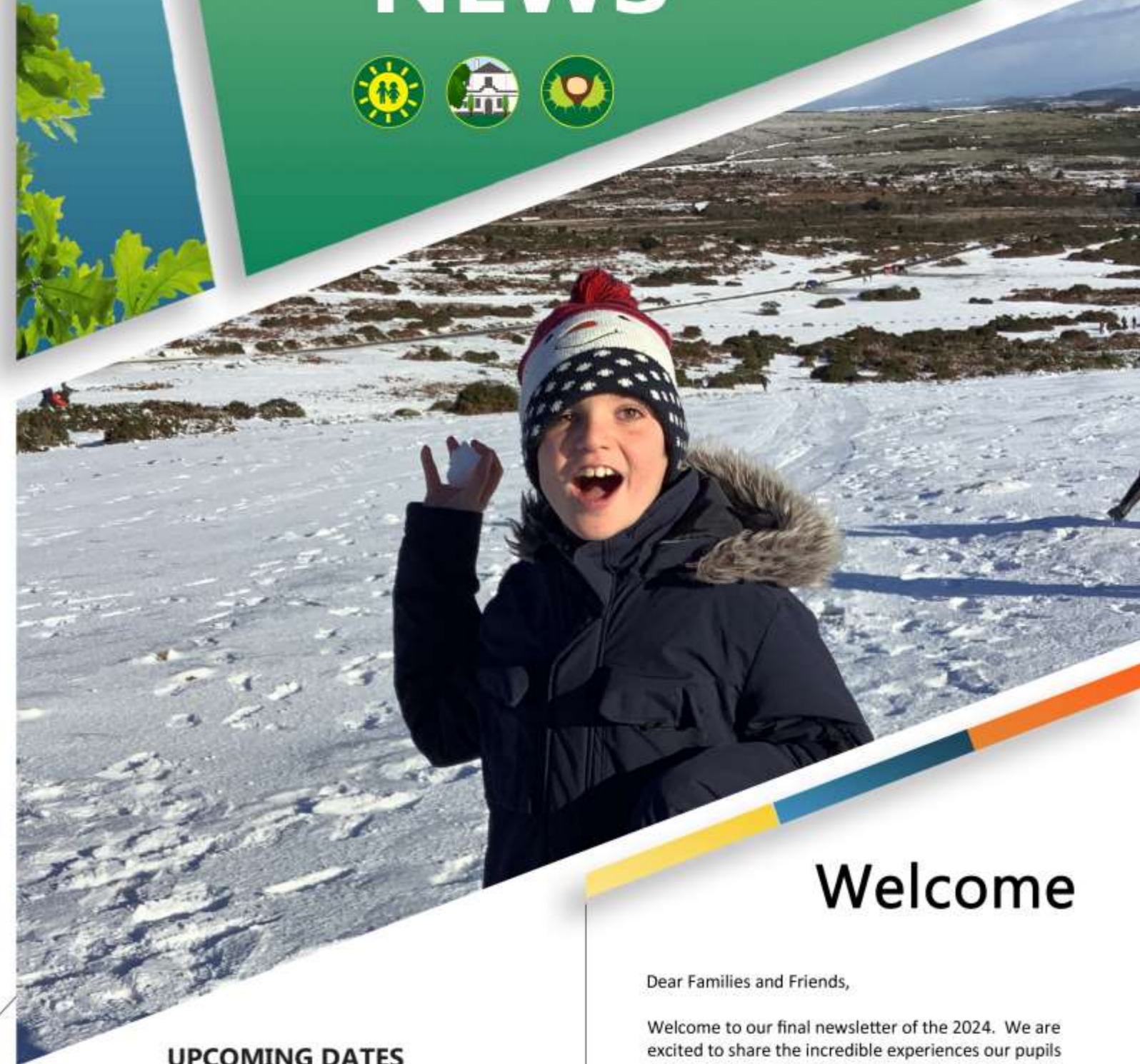
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MAYFIELD NEWS



Welcome

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the 2024. We are excited to share the incredible experiences our pupils have had during this second half of the Autumn term.

The pupils at College, Chestnut and School have shown remarkable confidence, effort, resilience and made phenomenal progress.

The entire staff team is immensely proud of their achievements.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Stuart Heron

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 20th December
Last Day of Autumn 2 Term

Monday 20th January
Family Progress Meetings

Friday 14th February
Last Day of Spring 1 Term

Monday 6th January
First Day of Spring 1 Term

Thursday 23rd January
Family Progress Meetings

Monday 24th February
First Day of Spring 2 Term



Space & Shape

Pupils in Class 5 have been working hard in their Maths sessions identifying and sorting a variety of 2D and 3D shapes. Using magnetic and clip-on building kits, pupils recreated cubes and pyramids, as well as creating their own shapes using Duplo and Lego bricks.



TRAIN PLAY Day



This half-term we invited Train Play Devon into the school for a unique, fun packed day. The team got to work setting up a train track system that filled the whole hall, complete with bridges, stations and Dino parks to name but a few!

The event was available to pupils from Classes 1 to 13 and the team adapted areas of track for each time slot to suit the needs of the pupils.

All of the pupils (and staff!) had an incredible time playing with the variety of trains that were provided. Everyone enjoyed it so much we hope to invite Train Play Devon back to the school again soon!





FOREST School



It has been a busy few weeks in our dedicated Forest School area. Pupils have collected leaves and berries to create their own picture frames and to finish off their poppies for Remembrance Day.

Some of the classes foraged for twigs and leaves to refresh the stick insects' home, whilst taking turns to hold them!

Our older pupils developed their skills warming popcorn and making campfire donuts.

Halloween & Fireworks

To celebrate Halloween Class 4 created their own potions, mixing their concoctions in a range of cauldrons. For extra spookiness, they even added in toy frogs and spiders!

On the 5th November to celebrate Fireworks Night, several classes created amazing firework pictures using chalks, pastels and paints. With close supervision, it was time to light the Sparklers, where pupils used them to draw shapes and letters in the air.

To finish, the whole school were treated to our very own Firework Display down on the field, providing a great sensory experience for the pupils which also prepared them for louder, longer displays in the community later that night.





Festive Celebrations

Those involved with Mayfield, from parents and carers to staff to pupils, really are a credit to the school in the lead up to Christmas, and this year was no exception. The Primary Christmas Performances really showed how hard the pupils have worked learning their lines and the costumes made and provided from home really brought the performances together.

This year's Sensory Spectacular followed the story of The Polar Express and did not disappoint! Pupils were taken on a journey through a Winter Wonderland, enjoying cookies and hot chocolate on the way, before arriving at The North Pole to see the Elves and Father Christmas.



TOPIC: The New World

Class 16 have looked at the text 'Treasure Island' and so kicked off their topic by dressing up as pirates and visiting Cockington to follow the Pirate themed sculpture trail.

Pupils have also been studying the voyage of 'The Mayflower' where they visited the Mayflower museum and the Mayflower Steps in Plymouth. They learnt about the journey of the pilgrims and where they landed in America.

We learnt about why thanksgiving is celebrated in relation to this and even cooked our own Thanksgiving dinner!



Making VOLCANOES

Pupils in Class 13 have been studying the geology of volcanoes and what causes them to erupt.

Working in groups, they made their own volcano models using bottles, papier mache, clay and tape. After they had added the finishing touches and painted their models, they added the ingredients to the bottle core, creating their own eruptions!





Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very positive half-term at the college with the students experiencing a breadth of offer both within the local community and at the college.

As always, thank you to all of you for your support of both the young people and the college. It would be great to see as many parents as possible at our Christmas Market on Wednesday 18th December 10:00-12:00.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday everyone!

Rachel Hawthorne
Head of College

STUDENT ALUMNI

Great News for Freddie



Freddie left Mayfield College 2 years ago to access the Retail, Business and Catering course at South Devon College. He then completed the 'Bridges to Work' course.

Last year he moved into supported living. Freddie lives with 5 other young people and is semi supported by Summerland House staff. He loves supported living and is also enjoying Turning Heads.

Freddie shared that staff at his house help him with budgeting and batch cooking.



Life & Living: Careers & Further Education / Skills for Life

This half term during English & Maths sessions students in the Life & Living Pathway have been focusing on planning a trip to Exeter. Students were keen to explore the Christmas Market and the Cathedral. They planned the day by thinking about the time they wanted to leave, where they were going and what they would see. Each student chose a particular stall at the Christmas Market that they had an interest in.

As part of their RE sessions, students attended a Remembrance assembly where they took part by sharing a variety of poems on the topic of Remembrance. Their main focus has been recognising tolerance & mutual respect in everything they do.

Some students have been looking at coastal erosion and the impact that has on our local community. They had the opportunity to visit the lifeboat station in Brixham, learning about the vital work staff and volunteers do there. They also learnt about the history of the lighthouse.



INDEPENDENT LEARNING: Careers & Further Education

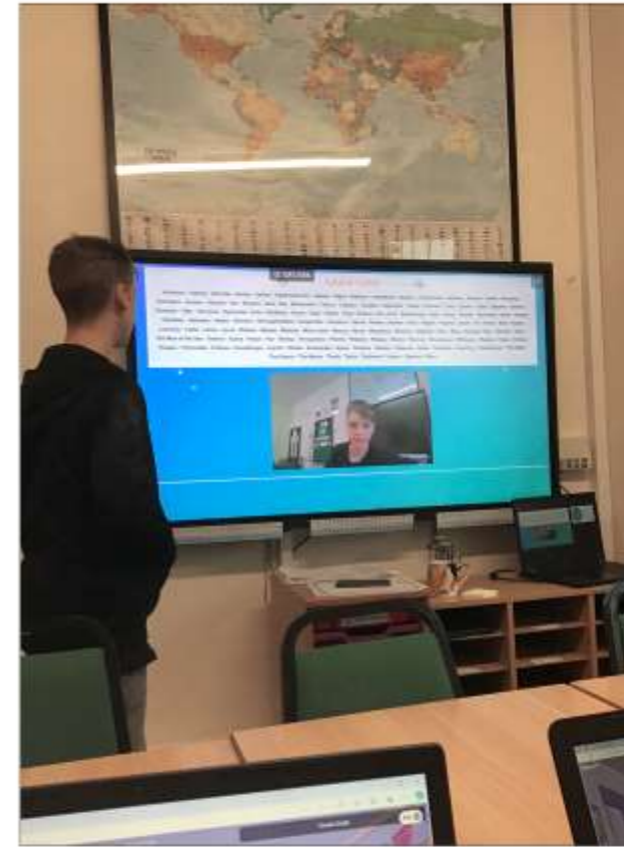
Our Independent Learning students have had a focus on Film & TV in their ICT sessions. They have looked at how documentaries are made, composed their own film reviews, created film trailers and are undertaking Easter Egg research (not the chocolate variety!).

The students have fine-tuned the art of spending money this half term in the build up to Christmas. It has been really great to see students transfer their learning from college into the functional use of money in the community.

The group have also had the opportunity to extend their cultural capital with visits and workshops from Sound Communities, along with a visit from the dental service who spoke to them about the importance of keeping teeth clean and having regular checkups.

During a recent History lesson, Theo delivered a brilliant presentation to the rest of the group all about Ancient Greek Gods.

It really has been a busy and successful half-term!



TRANSITION: Careers & Further Education



This half term has been a busy one for all students within the Transition pathway. Students have had some really positive work experience placements that have included the Gym Group, the Toorak Hotel, Winners Gym, Occombe Farm and some volunteering on our school site.

As a group they have been looking at jobs they may like to do in the future. Students visited Powderham Castle where they were given a fabulous tour and learnt about the many vocational opportunities held there.

The students recently had a visit to Exeter Cathedral and Exeter Christmas Market. All of them are very much looking forward to the pantomime next week and Christmas.



TRANSITION: Skills for Life

The focus for our Transition: Skills for Life group this half term has been the environment. They have been creating artwork and writing different facts about habitats and environments.

The students visited Plymouth Aquarium where they were able to see animals that live in water. The group also visited Paignton Zoo to learn about habitats and the vulnerability of certain species.

Demi-Leigh was welcomed into the pathway this half term, who has made firm friends within her new peer group.





Christmas Crafts

Maple class have spent their art sessions enjoying lots of Christmas Craft activities. Using a variety of different media and techniques, they have made their own Christmas cards and designed their own stockings. They also enjoyed a few Christmas games, pulling crackers and playing Pass-the-Parcel.

Working together as a team, they have been working hard on their submission for the Chestnut Christmas Door Decorating competition.



TOPIC: Dinosaurs

Pupils from Maple and Acorn classes visited Dinosaur World in Torquay as part of their topic launch. They worked their way through the different Dinosaur displays, hunting for the correct information to fill out on their worksheets.

They learnt what Dinosaurs lived in the Jurassic, Triassic and Cretaceous Periods, along with interesting facts about each group.

The pupils really enjoyed being Paleontologists for the day, excavating fossils in the sand pits and identifying what Dinosaur they had uncovered!





Football Skills

The Football Team at Chestnut have been busy practicing their ball skills and teamwork. They have worked on passing the ball in a controlled manner and developing their ability to read the pitch and look for the best team player to pass to.

They have worked really hard in their practices, especially since the weather has been particularly bad this half term.



Stop ANIMATION

In Creative Technology lessons Palm Class have had a fantastic time learning how to make their own Stop Animation Videos. Using a variety of toys and lego bricks, they carefully adjusted their models bit by bit to bring their ideas and stories to life with the finished videos.

