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Weekly Newsletter – Edition 13

I do now feel we are on the home-stretch after what has been one of the longest termlets on record. Thank you for working so hard in support of your children, getting them here every day, and ready for learning. We know this is hard, especially in the winter months. I am sure you are all looking forward to the holidays ahead, and I think it is fair to say that with all the extra work that RAAC entails, the staff are as well. I am so proud of everyone associated with Mayflower Primary School, and know that our children are getting the very best we can provide.

The Winter Performance

Yesterday, it was my pleasure to sit with the children in years 4 and 5 as they were treated to a veritable musical extravaganza courtesy of the music and drama departments at Judgemeadow. The talent of these students knows no bounds with soulful singing, delightful drumming, perfect piano playing, great guitars, and a quality quintet. Not only were the students excelling, but it was fantastic to see the way the teachers supported them, allowing every performer to truly shine. This is just what secondary education is all about, and I know that these students have very bright futures ahead.

Festive Dress-Up Day

Very warm thanks for your engagement with our annual festive dress-up day. As always, the children had gone to great lengths, and the sea of colour that greeted me was a joy to behold. This is something that our children thoroughly enjoy and provides a creative punctuation to the week in school.

A Special Visitor

Earlier this week, it was very exciting indeed to welcome a special visitor to school. Some people say there are plenty of pretenders out there, but I am more than happy to confirm that the real Santa came into school to amaze the children with his fun, and generosity. Some of the pictures we took were simply lovely to see, bringing a little bit of sparkle and wonder to the time of year. Given the RAAC status of our school, I had to ask him not to park on the roof, but Mr. Wilkinson managed to find room at the very back of the school for the sleigh and reindeer. Pleasingly, they enjoyed munching on the willow fronds, giving Santa more than enough time to meet the children at both our sites. My thanks to the real Santa for coming to see us, and also to the Friends of Mayflower for organising on behalf of us.

Toys and Cakes

More thanks to the Friends of Mayflower for their work on the toys and cake sale that took place in the main corridor at the Mayflower site. Business was brisk, and for our older children, they really welcomed the opportunity spend some time in the main school building. What fun!!

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Appointments

Of late, office staff have noticed that quite a lot of dental and medical appointments are taking place during the school day. This will have an impact on learning, and the simple act of making the children available for collection at the Judgemoor site is a challenge in itself. Going forward, please can you try to request an appointment in the early evening, so we can more easily manage this in school, and ensure the continuity of your child's education? Thank you.

Friday 22nd December 2023

Just a quick note to confirm that we will be holding an end-of-term whole-school assembly at the Methodist Church on **Friday 22nd December 2023**. This will be the first opportunity that the children have had to come together since the beginning of the current academic year. The children in years 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be bussed over from **2.30 pm**, and our hope is that everyone will be *in situ* from **2.45 pm**. At the end of the assembly, we will dismiss all of the children back to their respective playgrounds. For Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), years 1, and 2, the children will come out of the main entrance from **3.05 pm**, and will be available for collection soon after. For the children in years 3, 4, 5, and 6, they will leave the building from the rear entrance, be escorted across the car park, and our crossing patrol will be in place to support them as they cross Evington Drive. For EYFS parents, collection time will be a little later than normal, and for the parents of children in years 3, 4, 5, and 6, it will be much earlier. I hope you welcome this and that your children will really value the time they spend together as a whole school.

Toilets at the end of the Day

Sadly, there have been a number of instances where children and families have used the larger toilet block on the Key Stage 2 playground at the end of the day. Please keep in mind that these are for staff use, and if children are in there, a safeguarding issue has been created. As a school, we always want to be helpful, so if your child needs to use the toilet, please use the block that is on the right-hand side, as you look at the building from Evington Drive. As always, I appreciate your help, support, and understanding.

Attendance

Our attendance has been affected this week by the Global Strike for Gaza. We support this form of social justice, and thank those parents that informed us they were taking part. I hope you know that we will always encourage our children and community to stand up. If days such as these are called again, please do let us know and share the reason why your child will not be in school. My thanks, as always, for your help in this matter.

Week Beginning Monday 11 th December 2023			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
The Orchard: 94.7%	2AJ: 90.7%	3KW: 96.7%	6CW: 96.7%

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Wow Moments in School



Bridges – Y1



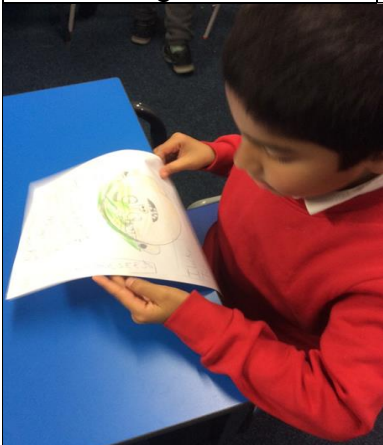
An angel – Y1



Bridges – Y1



Linking Network – Y3



Linking Network – Y3



Evington Park – Y3



Evington Park – Y3



Nightlights – Y4



Nightlights – Y4



Performance – Y5



Science – Y5



Sewing – Y6

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