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Curriculum Newsletter – 16th Edition

Good evening to you all, Friday has arrived, and this must mean it is time to publish our exciting curriculum newsletter once again! With the passing of another full week, I feel this brings us a step closer to the new building. I have never been eager to count days, but as we have all been apart for such a long time, it is fair to say that **Wednesday 28th February 2024** cannot come soon enough! It is certainly interesting to note that the staff are now beginning to prepare the children for this move, involving the new procedures that will be in place to access all areas. Please be advised that we will be sharing them with you, as well, especially in terms of drop-off, collection, parking, and the new Park and Stride system that is open to you all. Please look out for further details in the very near future.

Loving Laughing Semi Final

Excitement was at fever-pitch in Year 6 on Tuesday with our children performing at the Y Theatre in the semi-final of Loving Laughing, which is part of the Leicester Comedy Festival. They did so well, and I am simply in awe of their confidence and creativity. Getting up on the stage is very difficult to do, and making people laugh at the same time is even harder. Very well done to you all. As yet, we do not know whether or not we will be going through to the final, so fingers crossed that we have managed to do enough, impress all of the judges, and that we will be able to defend our title of being the funniest school in Leicester (which we have won 5-times in the last 6-years)!!

Frozen Pipes!!

I just wanted to apologise once again for having to close the TMS building on **Thursday 18th January 2024**. The pipes had frozen overnight as a Trace Heating System had not been installed when the building was first introduced to the Judgemeanow site. Some of our parents have asked the question whether or not this required system will be in place at our new building. Please be assured that it is, therefore the water pipes will not be able to freeze when we move into our new space, hopefully in February. A small bit of good news, and hopefully you are all now reassured that this will be a one-off.

Catering

I know that you all share my disappointment with the food service that has been provided since the RAAC crisis first broke in April 2023. Sandwiches are not really enough for our children, and they have all missed the opportunity of having a healthy hot meal each day of the week. Pleasingly, there may be some good news, with the establishment of a fully functional kitchen facility in our new building. This makes me feel confident that the hot-meal offer will again be in place, and I also feel the time is now right to review the current contract we have with our catering provider. Given our proximity to Crown Hills, there might be an opportunity for us to deepen our link with them still further. Watch this space....

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New Computers

As many of you will be aware, we have an IT Suite at Mayflower, with 32-standalone computers that the children can use to develop their knowledge, skills, and understanding of the computing curriculum. This will not be available at the new building so instead, we have been able to broker a mobile solution, where state-of-the-art machines can be brought directly into the classroom. This mobile suite, although very expensive, provides excellent value, and will help to ensure that this aspect of the curriculum can be effectively taught across the school. My thanks to the DfE for supporting us with this purchase.

Nursery and Reception Intake for 2024-2025

Just a quick reminder that places in Nursery and Reception Year have to be applied for. If you are concerned that you might have missed the deadline, just contact us at school, and we will be more than happy to help. Places at Mayflower are highly sought after, and knowing how the system works can be very beneficial indeed. If you do not get a place, we will support you through the appeals process, hopefully ensuring our Mayflower Family remains intact.

PE in the Methodist Hall

This week, it has been great to see the children from Nursery and Reception using the Methodist Hall for their PE lessons. One of the drawbacks of the Mayflower building is that both of the halls have been closed due to the presence of RAAC, and this has prevented us from doing as much indoor PE as we would like. The outdoors has certainly been used, but a warm indoor space will really add to the provision we can offer. To see the look of joy and wonder on the children's faces as they entered the hall for their first lesson was wonderful, and I know just how much they are looking forward to this weekly offer. Luckily, we have a purpose-built hall in the new building that is bigger than the main hall at Mayflower. This will be used for PE and we can also return to our curriculum assemblies and school performances, which is excellent news indeed!!

And Finally....

It is with some sadness that I need to share some personal news with you. Last month, I found out that I was not very well and need to have an important operation. This will take place on **Wednesday 24th January 2024**. If the operation goes well, I am hoping to be back in school as soon as possible, but there is the possibility of complications both during surgery and afterwards. If this is the case, my recovery may take a little longer. As we are uncertain about the future, Miss Mckenley-Ballantyne will be stepping into my role, and Mrs. Chandarana will become our Deputy Head Teacher. One of the many things that makes me super-proud to work at Mayflower is the way we all come together when needs be. How lucky are we to have such well-qualified and excellent staff who will be able to lead our school at this time. I know you will all give them your full support, and very best wishes. I also hope you are totally reassured that our school is in very safe hands indeed. I'll be back sooner than you think, for sure....

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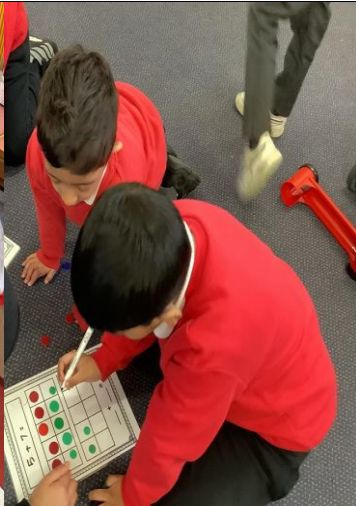


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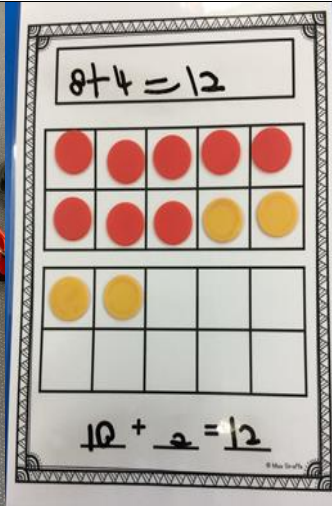
Wow Moments in School



Making 10 – Y1



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Addition – Y1



Wheels & Axles – Y2



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Home Learning – Y3



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Presentations – Y4



Sketching – Y4



Sawing – Y5



Basketball – Y5



Loving Laughing – Y6

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