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## Curriculum Newsletter – 19<sup>th</sup> Edition

Welcome to the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the weekly curriculum newsletter and I have to say I am more than a little bit excited to bring you some brilliant news. In fact, I was so excited, I just had to share this with the children in my assembly this morning. You might want to be sitting down before you read on. Here goes. I found out last night that our amazing school has been added to the Schools' Rebuilding Scheme, and that our entire site on Evington Drive will be rebuilt, on a carbon-neutral basis. When I pushed the DfE a little harder, they said they would be very interested to learn a little more about the core principles of the Eco-Schools Movement, and this will again allow us to join with our international partners to bring innovation, 21<sup>st</sup>-Century design, and some of the best thinking from around the world. All of this will result in our new building reflecting the needs of our children, our community, and the world-class education we aim to provide. Perhaps most exciting of all, our children will gain a real opportunity to work alongside architects from the DfE as these plans come to fruition. Finally, the timescale for the new build was considerably less than I was expecting, possibly even as short as a couple of years. Just imagine what it will be like walking by the site and seeing this wonderful new creation emerging. My thanks to the DfE and everyone involved in making this happen. After everything our children have been through, this glittering prize is nothing less than what they deserve!!

### The Return of....

Just a very quick note to say how happy I am to be back at school! I have certainly seen all of the children and most of the parents, and feel so happy to be back with all my friends at Mayflower. I did let the children know that I might not be quite as quick as I used to be, and that sometimes I will need a little bit longer to think before answering a question, but I am getting there, and this is largely because of all your help, support, prayers and love. I have never felt more privileged to work in a school than I do at Mayflower. My thanks to everyone, especially Miss McKenley-Ballantyne and Mrs. Chandarana for covering so magnificently while I was away. We are very lucky to have such great staff at our school!!

### Listening Project returns to Mayflower

The Creativity Council will be conducting their listening sessions with the EYFS and KS1 children on Monday afternoon next week. EYFS and Year 1 children will walk through a gallery of photographs from our wonderful stay in Evington Park House and then talk to the Creativity Council about their memories and emotions. Our Year 2s will reminisce about their time both at the Methodist church and at Evington Community Centre before thinking about how it felt to return to Mayflower. If you get the chance to start these conversations with your children over the weekend - please do! They will love to share their thoughts, and, as I mentioned in assembly this morning, there have been no other children in the City of Leicester that have been through so much. By facing up to challenges such as these, we can all grow as people, and although the path we have taken would never be my choice, I also know that even the darkest clouds can have a silver-lining (see paragraph 1, above)!

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## Our huge thanks to Crown Hills

In anticipation of them being our even-nearer neighbours, we wanted to offer a huge note of thanks to colleagues at Crown Hills. The DfE asked us to pass on this deep gratitude as, predictably, our Crown Hills colleagues have been nothing but helpful as they prepared to connect the ERPF site utilities to Crown Hills last weekend.

## Our ERPF Building

Works are progressing really positively - please do pop into Mayflower to see some images from the site, soon to be updated with the latest interior photographs of our, nearly-finished double-storey building. We want you to know that the Reds10 team are working both weekend days to ensure that our building is complete by the end of February to allow staff and children to enter in mid-March. We are hoping that this will happen in the final week of the Spring term and will confirm these dates with you in future newsletters. Exciting times indeed....

## Diary Dates

I know that you have had to endure many diary dates recently, and managing this can be difficult. There was a small error in the previous edition, which I wish to correct, as follows:

- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** will be our final day on two sites. *School will be closed to children on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.*

## Lateness at the Mayflower Site

Just a very quick reminder that lateness can cause real challenges for us. Hopefully the following table of arrival times will help:

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
8.45-8.55	8.35-8.45	8.35-8.45	8.35-8.45

So much learning takes place at the beginning of the day, but children can often feel anxious when they come into school late. Let's all work on this together. Thank you.

## Attendance

Despite all of the winter ailments that are doing the rounds, I have been very pleased with the attendance figures this week. My thanks for making sure your children are in school every day.

Week Beginning Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Willow: 96.2%	1DV: 95.7%	3KW: 99.0%	6CW & 6PA: 99.0%

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