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Curriculum Newsletter – 22nd Edition

Welcome to the 22nd edition of the weekly curriculum newsletter, and what an amazing week it has been once again at Mayflower. The children have been working hard, which is something you would expect, but they have also been getting excited about the imminent move. This was made all the more real today as all of our packing crates have arrived at Mayflower and also the TMS building. When the children can see a physical manifestation of the move ahead, they will be reassured that it will be happening on the date that we have given. Connected to this is the fact that although we are looking forward to the move, we also express our sincere gratitude to the staff at Judgemeanow for all they have done for us since we moved here in April 2023. They could not have made us feel more welcome and we will always be grateful to the people that came to us in our hour of need.

World Book Day 2024

Very sincere thanks to you all for the super-strenuous efforts you went to on World Book Day! The costumers were brilliant, and I never cease to be amazed at your creativity. The day got off to a good start with me sharing a story from the Panchatantra with all of the children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. This story about a lion who liked to make people feel scared of him. Rabbit taught him a very important lesson about being kind, caring for people, and what good leaders should do. Staff then shared a rendition of The Gruffalo, with Miss McKenley-Ballantyne as the eponymous character, Mrs. Barnes as the owl, Mrs. Jethwa as the snake, Mrs. Issa and Miss Kara as narrators, and I was the fox, of course! The children really enjoyed this, and my thanks to the staff involved for stepping forward in this way. The rest of the day was spent on normal curriculum activities, but also with a liberal smattering of reading, books, and enjoyment. Themed days have been harder when we have been living apart and I am looking forward to an increase in these when we move into our new building. All of the staff are determined to ensure that the weeks ahead are so much better than the weeks behind! Finally, very warm thanks for all the money that has been raised, all of which will be used to buy new books for each of our classrooms.

Parent Groups

Some good news that I know you will welcome. The Parent Groups that were such a feature of provision at Mayflower will be coming back as soon as we move into our new premises! They will take place in all classes and year groups, commencing the week beginning **Monday 15th April 2024**. Early next week, I will publish the days that they will be held, allowing you to come into school, meet with the teachers and work alongside your child. In previous years, Parent Groups have provided good insight about the type of learning experiences that we create for the children, but you will also be able to engage with your child's class teacher about their learning and any other related matters. We have really missed not having these times to meet with you, and, keep in mind, that there will also be an opportunity for you to see us at the beginning and end of each school day!! What an exciting prospect to look forward to....

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Bus Collection

Despite there only being 9-more days of buses, we must always remain mindful of the Risk assessment that has been put in place. While I recognise that this has been a huge challenge all round, I am so pleased there have been no specific incidents involving our children. As we move into this final phase, I just want to remind you of the absolute importance of collecting your children on time. The buses start to come in from **15.45** and we are usually clear by **15.50**. Often staff are waiting with children until **16.15**, and the latest ever has been **17.40**. Staff are always tired at this time. They engage with the bus provision, despite this sitting well outside of their Job Descriptions, and we could not have done what we have done without their wonderful support. Connected to this is the efficient clearing of the playground once the buses have arrived. Some parents are chatting on the playground long after their children have arrived, and the supervisory requirement is somewhat blurred. After a long day at school, there will be nothing more your child could want than to get home, and be well-rested for whatever they will do next.

Smart Watches

Once again, it has been noted that a small number of children are bringing smart watches into school. This remains problematic because they can take photographs and even capture moving images. If these involve other children, our safeguarding procedures will have been broken, and this is something we cannot allow. If your child has a Smart Watch, please can you ensure that it remains at home? Thank you.

Governance

A vacancy has arisen on our Governing Body for what is known as a co-opted governor. A co-opted governor can join the board on the basis of the wider professional expertise that they possess. We are particularly interested to hear from people who have direct experience of working in the fields of HR, advertising, media, or law. Governance is a wonderful opportunity to put something back into the community, and we rely heavily on their expertise to support the strategic direction of the school, usually over a 1-3 year period. If you feel you might be interested, please feel free to contact me at school, anytime. Thank you.

Attendance

This week, I have been very pleased with the attendance figures in school, and am delighted to be able to report them back to you. Despite the very high standards we set for ourselves, somehow we always manage to reach them! Thank you for your help and support in this respect.

Week Beginning Monday 4 th March 2024			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
The Orchard: 93.2%	2AP: 96.0%	4MY: 97.4%	6RK and 6PA: 98.1%

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Wow Moments in School



PE – Nursery



WBD – Nursery



Illustrators – Y1



Time – Y2



Bee-Bots – Y2



WBD – Y4



Mothers' Day – Y4



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WBD – Y5



Forest School – Y5



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WBD – Y6

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