



Mayflower Primary School



Evington Drive, Leicester. LE5 5PH

www.mayflower.leicester.sch.uk
office@mayflower.leicester.sch.uk



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Weekly Newsletter – Edition 5

As amazing as it may sound, we have now reached the end of the first half of the autumn term, and I just want to thank you all for the wonderful support you have provided to the children at what remains a very difficult time. Equally, many of you have commented on just how exciting the new building is, and are looking forward to the time when the children can all come back together again. The staff share this excitement, and we need to keep in mind just how much commitment they have shown. Working across 2-sites is incredibly hard, and we could not have done this without the heroic efforts of every member of the Mayflower Staff Team. They really deserve the rest that is now on the horizon (half-term), and I know that you will wish to join with me in thanking them for being so awesome!

Parents' Evening

Many thanks for the wonderful attendance at our recent parents' evenings across both sites. All of the teachers were thrilled to meet with you, celebrate success, and agree priorities for the future. Teachers in years 3-6 especially valued this opportunity because they do not have an opportunity to meet parents at all. Please be assured this will change when we move into the new school, and is something else we can look forward to. Finally, if you missed an appointment or were not able to attend, please let us know and we will be delighted to make an alternative arrangement for you.

The New Mayflower Primary School

At the beginning of this newsletter, I was very excited to look ahead to the opening of the new school building. Although no dates have been agreed, we **might** be able to move in at the beginning of the spring term 2024 (08.01.24). **If** this can be achieved, school will remain in session until **Friday 22nd December 2023**, and then go into recess. Over the Christmas holidays, all of the furniture, furnishings and equipment (FFE) will be moved from the Mayflower and Judgemeanow sites, but a possible problem is that staff will not be in to set up their classrooms for the beginning of the new term. **If this happens**, it might be a requirement to delay the children coming back into school for a day or two. Please be assured that this decision has not been taken, but making you aware now, might help in the future if we do have to introduce this small delay to the return to school. As always, I thank you for your understanding, and I promise it will be worth it in the long run!

Half-Term Week

Just a quick reminder that school will close today for the half-term holidays and we hope the week away will give you all an opportunity to rest, recuperate, and begin to get excited about the second half of the autumn term ahead. Please be advised that we will reopen, as usual, on **Monday 23rd October 2023**, and all of the staff shall look forward to seeing your children then. If you need to contact us, my email remains open at all times.

Head Teacher: *Mr L Whitney*
Chair of Governors: *Mr K Bhogaita*

Chair of FOM: *Mrs. R. Debar*
Treasurer: *Mrs. J. Letten-Miller*





Mayflower Primary School



Evington Drive, Leicester. LE5 5PH

www.mayflower.leicester.sch.uk
office@mayflower.leicester.sch.uk



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

World Mental Health Day (WMHD) - Tuesday 10th October 2023

My thanks for the wonderful efforts you all went to on World Mental Health Day. Our school was literally a sea of yellow, and this really helped to raise awareness around how we can develop a positive attitude towards good mental health. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Ashcroft and Mrs. Sidat who led an assembly and really supported the children in their awareness. Implicit to this were strategies that are actively taught across our school to help the children manage their own mental health. As always, they amazed us with their knowledge and compassion, and I was very proud to see our school leading once again in this critical aspect of social justice.

Eon

Our friends at Eon have been in touch and made available some very high quality branded sportswear. There are no strings attached, and we will be considering how this can be distributed to smaller groups of children (sadly there isn't enough for everyone). My thanks to the team at Eon for thinking of our children, and bringing them wider opportunities beyond the classroom.

Young Consultants

As the first half of the autumn term comes to a close, I wanted to send my thanks to the Young Consultants across school for the brilliant work they undertake each and every day. For the current group of Young Consultants, this will mark the end of their tenure, and new consultants have now been chosen. The new team will be revealed at a special assembly which will take place on **Friday 27th October 2023**, where they will be presented with their badges, and also some very fetching pointy-fox-ears*. I am really looking forward to working with them across the remainder of the year, and know that they will have a strong involvement when our new building opens in January!

Attendance

We all know just how important good attendance is at school and my thanks to you all for making sure your children arrive safely each day. Overall, I have been very pleased with attendance this term, and note that our school remains above national in all areas of our work. This is great to see and is a real testament to your excellent work.

Week Beginning Monday 9 th October 2023			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
The Orchard: 94.0%	2AP: 94.3%	4MY: 97.7%	6PA: 99.0%

*The Young Consultants will be presented with badges only, and not some very fetching pointy-fox-ears. If anyone would like some, just let me know. We all aspire to be Filbert, for sure....

Head Teacher: *Mr L Whitney*
Chair of Governors: *Mr K Bhogaita*

Chair of FOM: *Mrs. R. Debar*
Treasurer: *Mrs. J. Letten-Miller*





Mayflower Primary School



Evington Drive, Leicester. LE5 5PH
www.mayflower.leicester.sch.uk
office@mayflower.leicester.sch.uk



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Wow Moments in School

Here is a small selection of some of the amazing things that have been happening in school this week:

			
WMHD – Reception	WMHD –Y1	Allotment visit – Y2	Romans – Y4
			
Romans – Y4	Romans – Y4	WMHD – Y4	Creative writing – Y6
			
Shelter designs – Y5	Home Learning – Y6	Home Learning – Y6	Home Learning – Y6

Head Teacher: Mr L Whitney
Chair of Governors: Mr K Bhogaita

Chair of FOM: Mrs. R. Debar
Treasurer: Mrs. J. Letten-Miller

