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Weekly Newsletter – Edition 6

Well, what a week it has been in school, especially for the children in Year 6, the vast majority of whom have been attending their annual residential at Beaumanor. I hope that you enjoyed keeping in touch with their many achievements, the fun we had, the mud that accumulated, all of the learning, and also special achievements across the whole group. There are few more powerful ways to educate children than through residential provision, and my thanks to everyone involved, most notably the children and parents, as well as Miss Atkins, Mrs. Khan and Miss Patel. We really could not have done this without you!!

Gaza

At Mayflower, we have long taught our children about the importance of social justice. They know that when terrible things are happening, they have the skills and confidence to stand up and make a real difference. With this in mind, I was honoured to work with years 3, 4, 5, and 6 where we began to put together our school's response to what is happening in Gaza. As always, I was so moved by the way they engaged with this, and the number of ideas that were offered was overwhelming. This coming Monday, I will be talking to the children some more, and we will decide how our sisters and brothers in Gaza can be helped, as they continue to live in unbearable and terrifying conditions at this time. As parents, I know that you will also have opinions and contacts in these areas. If you have specific ideas as to how we can help, please feel free to contact me any time. Next week, look out for further details as we confirm what we will be doing. Part of this will involve us writing to Jon Ashworth, so we can be reassured that the Government and HM Opposition are putting the people of Gaza at the very heart of their decision-making processes, fighting for peace, and offering long-term aid to those in need. My thanks in advance for your engagement with this very important body of work.

Arabic Lessons in Year 5

My thanks to the Madani Federation for the support they are providing around the teaching of Arabic at school. This is such an important link that has been built up, and not only will this help our children in terms of language acquisition, it will also strengthen still further the secondary transition process. From the children's perspective, how exciting to teach an additional language at school that they are already familiar with. Needless to say, I am looking forward to the continuation of these lessons in the weeks and months to come.

Forest School

I am also very pleased to see the return of Forest School, and my thanks to Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Smart for leading in this area. The scope of these sessions is vast, but the fundamental premise is that the quality of learning in the natural environment will always surpass what can be achieved in the classroom. When this can be allied to real learning, and also enhanced environmental awareness, I know that the children will derive huge benefit as a result.

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Sporting Provision

At Mayflower, we have always had such a strong sporting tradition, and my thanks to Mrs. Bham and Miss Bahudur as this continues again this year. Our partnership with Inspire has also created many opportunities for the children to attend competitions against other schools locally. Primary education is all about breadth, and giving children real opportunities to experience the full range of activities that can be available to them. Please look out for further provision in the very near future.

Parents' Evening

My thanks to the staff for the parents' evenings that were offered during the final week of termlet 1. Attendance was very strong indeed, and all of the feedback I received was very positive. If, for whatever reason, you missed your appointment or simply did not have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact us at school and we will assure that a time is given. From staff's perspective, they love nothing more than celebrating success, but they will also identify core areas for development, and how the school will support your child to reach the challenge targets that have been set for them.

Our New Building

Again, my thanks to the many parents who have been following the construction of our new building so closely. I have to agree that progress has been swift but, as yet, we still do not have a firm idea of when we will be able to take up residence. I hope you know that when information comes my way that I am able to share, I will do so without delay. I know that you very much share my aspiration to re-unite all of our children, and nothing will make me happier than seeing our school operate from a single site, once again.

Website

Just a quick note to confirm that we are currently looking at the ways in which the school website can be updated, especially with curriculum-related content. Many of you have given really positive feedback about being able to receive weekly newsletter, and rest assured, this will continue, with an online archive being created of previously published newsletters.

Attendance

Yet another positive week of attendance, despite all of the additional challenges we face at being based across 2-sites. This week's numbers are as follows:

| Week Beginning Monday 23 rd October 2023 | | | |
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| Early Years | Key Stage 1 | Lower Key Stage 2 | Upper Key Stage 2 |
| Chestnut: 97.5% | 1KM: 97.8% | 4CR: 96.8% | 6RK: 100% |

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Wow Moments in School

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

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|  <p>Evington Park (F1)</p> |  <p>Autumn – Y1</p> |  <p>History – Y3</p> |  <p>Home Learning – Y3</p> |
|  <p>Home Learning – Y3</p> |  <p>Science – Y4</p> |  <p>Science – Y4</p> |  <p>Writing – Y5</p> |
|  <p>Beaumanor – Y6</p> |  <p>Beaumanor – Y6</p> |  <p>Beaumanor – Y6</p> | |

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