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Weekly Newsletter – Edition 7

With another busy week behind us, I am left wondering where all the time has gone! I still find it hard to believe that November, the autumn weather, and long nights are now upon us. Equally, this can be such an enjoyable time in school, full of magic and wonder. So, with this in mind, I have pleasure in presenting the 7th edition of the weekly newsletter, and hope that this will bring joy to your weekend!

Dress Down Day for Gaza

Today has been a very special day in school, and I want to offer my very sincere thanks for the amazing costumes that the children chose for themselves. Colours were very well-represented, and seeing the children express themselves in this way fills me with joy. Moreover, we have also been able to raise a truly stunning £1,539.00, and I know that this amount will continue to increase. Many, many thanks for all of the donations, and please remember that this collection will remain open for all of next week.

Table-Top Sale for Gaza

At school, we are beginning to make preparations for the table-top sale we will be holding on **Friday 10th November 2023**. This will take place in the afternoon, and further details will follow next week. For all children who have been nominated as group leaders, an email and letter was sent out today, and also a copy of the table plan that has been developed in conjunction with their peers. This will help you to understand what your child is planning and how they can be supported at home. For the other children, they will also be included in this, but it will be for the group leader to organise, with the support of their parents. On the day, we will be taking deliveries throughout the morning, and any items can be brought in up until **12.30 pm**. After this, the children will be setting up in their classrooms, with a proposed opening time of **1.30 pm**. For all children in years 3-6, you will then be allowed to bring some money into school on the day of the table-top sale, and walk around all of the classrooms to see what is available. A note about allergies has also been added to the letter, and also the legal requirements that any sale of produce or baking must adhere to. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me any time.

Cooking in Year 5

My very sincere thanks to Mrs. Baptista and Mrs. Issa for starting cooking with the children in Year 5. This year, because we only have limited access to cooking facilities, it has been harder for us to be able to offer this provision, but I am pleased to see that these issues have now been resolved. I was also happy to see all of the children bringing their ingredients into class, and then making an amazing, healthy meal to take home at the end of the lesson. This is something that we have really missed, and it will be very exciting indeed to see how this provision continues to develop across the current school year.





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Senior Staff

I have mentioned in previous newsletters that senior staff will be shared equally across the 2sites. In a normal teaching week, we would expect to see the following distribution:

	Mayflower Primary School Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2	TMS (Judgemeadow) Year 3, 4, 5, and 6	
Monday (am)	Miss McKenley-Ballantyne	Mr. Whitney	
Monday (pm)	Mr. Whitney	Miss McKenley-Ballantyne	
Tuesday (all day)	Mr. Whitney	Miss McKenley-Ballantyne	
Wednesday (all day)	Miss McKenley-Ballantyne	Mr. Whitney	
Thursday (am)	Miss McKenley-Ballantyne	Mr. Whitney	
Thursday (pm)	Mr. Whitney	Miss McKenley-Ballantyne	
Friday (am)	Miss McKenley-Ballantyne	Mr. Whitney	
Friday (pm)	Mr. Whitney	Miss McKenley-Ballantyne	

Beaumanor Hall

As many of you will be aware, it became necessary to cancel the Year 5 trip to Beaumanor next week for the World War II (WW2) Experience. This was a difficult decision to take, but I also feel it was the right thing to do, and thank all parents for their support and understanding. For Year 5, their WW2 experience will now take place at school, and we are also looking at the possibility of other trips that can be taken across the remainder of the year. If we manage to get into our new building in time, this could actually include the Year 5 sleepover! Let's see what we can do. For residentials in the years ahead, we are looking at alternative venues, and I just want to take this opportunity to reassure children and parents alike that this will always be part of the curriculum offer at Mayflower.

Parking

For parents collecting or delivering their children from and to the buses each day, please keep in mind that the restrictions have been changed on Evington Drive. During school hours, there is strictly no-parking at all. Please note the yellow bollards and also the publication of the order that makes these changes. Needless to say, I would not want any of you to get a parking ticket!

Attendance

Some amazing attendance this week, and my thanks to you all for your hard work in this vitally important area. This week's numbers are as follows:

Week Beginning Monday 30 th October 2023				
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2	
Willow: 96.3%	1KM: 94.8%	4CR: 99.7%	6CW: 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:



