

Monthly Reminders

Dinner money must be paid in advance. £2.15 per day or £10.75 per week. The office can bill payments termly if required. Don't forget to pay online using ParentPay. Ask the office for details of how to set up.

If your child is unable to come into school, please contact the school as soon as possible in the morning, before 9am registration. Please keep us informed should absences continue.

In order to keep our records up to date, let us know if there are any changes to your address or telephone numbers for both you and any other contacts. Up to date information is vital should there be an emergency and we need to contact you.

Please can ALL visitors to Mayfield report to reception to sign in and receive a visitors badge.

Remember to visit Mayfield's school website! It has all the latest information. Photos are uploaded regularly into the class galleries, and the weekly blogs show all of the exciting things that the children have been doing.

www.mayfield-special.torbay.sch.uk

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Are you looking for a venue for your child's birthday party? Why not hire out our school hall! Please call the school to book now
01803 328375



We are looking for enthusiastic members for our new fundraising committee to help organise and run activities throughout the year. If you are interested please contact Helen at the school.

helen.mothersdill@mayfield-special.torbay.sch.uk



MAYFIELD NEWS



Spring 1 2019

Welcome

Dear Parents and Friends,

This half term has been very eventful to say the least. Our Ofsted visit has provided us with some positive feedback and confirmed that the school is moving in the right direction. Thank you to everyone who gave their views to the inspectors.

This week the children and young people are enjoying Science Week. It has been a pleasure to see a wide variety of experiences offered to stimulate and improve learning. Have a great half term everyone.

Best wishes, June

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 25th February
First Day of Spring 2 Term

Thursday 28th February
Ten Tors Training

Monday 4th March
Governor Meeting

Thursday 7th March
Ten Tors Training

Thursday 14th March
Ten Tors Training

Thursday 21st March
Ten Tors Training

Thursday 28th March
Ten Tors Training

Monday 1st April
Citizenship Week

Thursday 4th April
Ten Tors Training
Easter Assembly

Friday 5th April
Last Day of Spring 2 Term

Tuesday 23rd April
Inset Day

Wednesday 24th April
First Day of Summer 1 Term



Science at the Zoo

Pupils from Chestnut have been visiting Paignton Zoo as part of their Science topic.

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Wonderful Wizards

Hogwarts' finest wizards were at Mayfield, causing a stir with their potions and flying on their brooms.

[Read more on page 4](#)



Science Week

The Human Body

This year's science week focussed on the human body and the amazing things it can do!

Pupils have worked hard, learning to label parts of the body and where our bones are. They also looked at our senses exploring the importance of each one.

Exercise was also discussed in depth and the pupils took part in lots of activities from bike riding, swimming and yoga. In their yoga sessions the pupils also took the chance to develop their relaxation skills and mindfulness. Following on with healthy minds, we were lucky enough to have a visit from a therapy dog which was a firm favourite.

It really has been a fun packed week full of interesting facts and experiences.

Great work Mayfield!





A Term in Pictures

A picture tells a thousand words...



Playful Penguins at Living Coasts

As part of their topic for this half term, some of our Sensory pupils visited Living Coasts. They have been learning about the Arctic and Antarctic over the last few weeks and this trip was a great way to get up close to some of the animals they have been discussing.



Independence Skills

Pupils from Class 17 visited the library in Paignton. After choosing their own books, they worked on their independence skills taking their choices to the librarians to have their books signed out. They then stopped at the library cafe for refreshments, using their symbol and photo boards to request what drink they wanted.

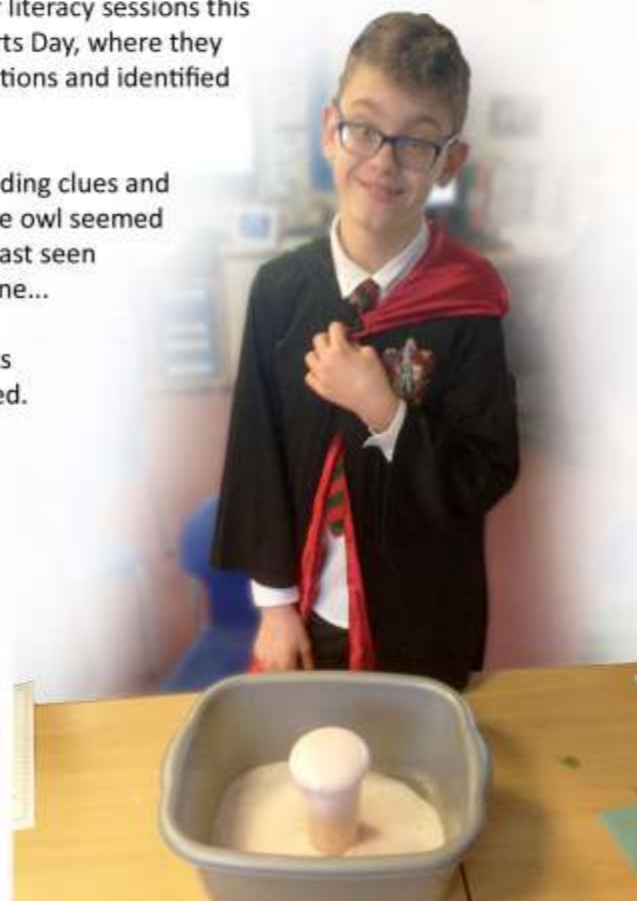


Wizards Whiz Through Mayfield

Classes 12 and 16 have been studying Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone as part of their literacy sessions this term. They had a fun filled Hogwarts Day, where they played Quidditch outside, made potions and identified fantastic beasts hidden in gloop!

They also did a scavenger hunt, reading clues and finding various Hogwarts items - the owl seemed to have flown off though! He was last seen delivering an important letter to June...

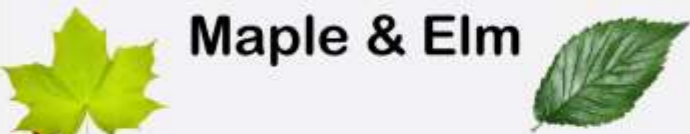
The day was ended with a Hogwarts Party which the pupils really enjoyed.



CHESTNUT NEWS



Maple & Elm



Pupils from Maple and Elm have been enjoying weekly visits to Paignton Zoo as part of their Science Topic. They have been focussing on animals and humans and how they survive. They discussed things like how the animals change and grow and recorded their findings.



Insulation Experiments

Oak class have been investigating how best to insulate things. For their experiment they wrapped cups of coffee in bubble wrap, neoprene and aluminium foil. They discovered that bubble wrap was the best thing to keep their cup of coffee warmer for longer. Great investigating skills Oak!

Elm Dinosaur Swamp



Elm Class made a brilliant dinosaur swamp! They gathered leaves, rocks, twigs and sand to create their very own prehistoric world. They thoroughly enjoyed creating the landscape together and finished off their creation with some model dinosaurs. Great work!



SIXTH FORM NEWS



Internet Safety

This half term here at the College, we have been focussing on how we protect ourselves online. We were visited by Lisa Veitch who is our liaison PSO, who talked to the students about risk and how to protect themselves when using social media. Students have created their digital footprints and they look great around the college.



The transition process for our Year 14 students has started, with 6 students joining groups at South Devon College. This is always a tricky time for our Year 14's, but to quote one student on a visit to South Devon College, he said 'I actually like it here, we are heading for a bright future.'

We also had the pleasure of welcoming Ofsted, and we are very happy with the fair and positive feedback they gave. The students really showed the inspectors how inspirational they are. We are very proud of each and every one of them.

Next half term we are looking forward to a Jobs Fair in Exeter for our Employability Pathway students, accessing No Limits Cafe for some more work experience and transition starts at Dawlish Garden Trust for those that have highlighted it for their next steps.

The focus for next half term will be Happy and Healthy and we will be having a sugar free week to raise money for Cancer Research.

Rachel Hawthorne
Head of College