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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

At our Leavers' Service, I got chatting to a parent as they attended their last official event after nearly 19 years at Mayville. Their eldest child started in the Nursery in 2004; he was in the same Reception (L1) class as my son. Their daughter has just sat her GCSEs. We talked about school life, the sports days and summer fairs, comparing notes on how many such events we had chalked up! We reflected on how, as parents, these occasions come to punctuate your child's progress through school, becoming milestones along the way. A showreel of images on the screen in St Simon's Church charted this exact journey for our departing Year 11s.

From behind my camera, I once again witnessed the elation, heartbreak and camaraderie of pupils at all three sports days; remembering the despair on my own children's faces at seeing their friends race ahead, whilst they struggled with a hoop, a coit or their own misjudged choice of oversized teddy!

Covering these events reveals something of an order, a reliability – the faces in the photographs change but the rich fabric of life at Mayville endures. Year on year, we continue to provide a fun and balanced education for our pupils, whilst a new generation of parents are welcomed into the family, to cheer on from the sidelines.

Of course, it might all become a bit 'samey' if that was all we did... so, in typical Mayville fashion, we hosted students from a Romanian school on a cultural exchange, staged four performances of *Wind in the Willows*, took a group of senior pupils to Valencia and enjoyed an incredibly successful cricket season. Never a dull moment...



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NEWS IN BRIEF

We are proud to announce the opening of our new Specialist Learning Support & Wellbeing Centre, Wyvern House, in September.

This exciting development will build on our successful CReSTeD registered, dyslexia unit, as the next step in our journey to becoming the lead provider for neurodiverse children (pages 4-5).

The Summer Term always provides opportunities for learning outside of the classroom. Junior pupils had residentials at Fort Purbrook and Corfe Castle (pages 10-13), whilst senior pupils took a trip to Valencia.

In May, we welcomed students from Paradis International College, as part of a cultural exchange. They spent a week with Year 9 pupils, enjoying timetabled and extra-curricular activities, whilst enjoying the local sites and attractions (pages 6-7).

Our annual Summer Fair took place in June, with a marquee providing respite from the blazing sun. The hugely well-supported event raised over £1350 for the Mayville PTA (pages 14-15).

In addition to our annual sports days (pages 20-25), sport at Mayville has shone throughout summer. We won medals and claimed PBs at the ISA Athletics, raced our eco car at Goodwood, launched our new sailing club and recorded great success across our cricket teams (pages 30-31).

We have been filming a new promotional video for the School. It is currently in post-production and we look forward to sharing it with you at the start of next term (page 9).

We are upgrading our minibus fleet over summer with new Euro6 / ULEZ vehicles, ensuring that we meet our commitment to greener travel.

In addition to saying farewell to our departing Year 11s (page 36-37), we bid adieu to retiring members of staff, acknowledging their significant contributions to Mayville (page 38).



A message from

THE HEAD

REBECCA PARKYN

The life of any school is invariably a series of transitions and as we look back on the academic year 22/23, I believe we will view this year as a seminal one in our history. The summer term saw the turning of a new chapter as we enlarged our estate to include another substantial building along St Simon's Road and our vision for a truly inclusive, high-achieving and forward looking school, where pastoral care and academia are intertwined with outstanding mental health support and specialist learning support intervention, drew a step closer. But what does Wyvern House stand for? What it isn't is a separate special needs school. Rather, it's a place of security and support for pupils who need social, emotional and mental health intervention and a place where pupils who need specialist learning support can be seen by one of our staff within a multidisciplinary team of experts. In the past few weeks, it has been such a joy to appoint more staff to this pioneering team and I look forward to working with them all as we seek to change life outcomes for the children we are privileged to have in our care. I have no doubt that schools of the future will need to carry with them their own multidisciplinary team rather than rely on making referrals to external agencies, as used to be the case. This is now an old model, as children were left waiting far too long for assistance which in turn resulted in children falling out of education or being subjected to very long stays in hospital with little prospect of finding their way back into some form of viable schooling when they were well enough. My aim is to ensure that we have the majority of the experts we need under one roof at Mayville and to offer pupils early intervention for their needs to prevent this type of scenario from reoccurring. In so doing, I hope we help to redefine and transform the way in which schools view pastoral support. Unsurprisingly, we have been deluged with requests for admission which just shows how desperately needed this type of provision is in Hampshire.

With so much happening at home, it has also been wonderful to see so many foreign residentials taking place this year. With trips to Sicily, Valencia, Munich as well as the return of our annual ski trip (this year to Aosta), we have managed to get our programme of visits back up and running post pandemic. We hosted the home leg of a cultural exchange with our partner school in Romania and, next term, we will hopefully take a group of pupils on the away leg to visit our friends in their own country. The partnership with Paradis International College in Lasi, Romania grew out of lockdown and as a result of the inception of our Online School, Mr Devoy taught their remote Physics lessons. It will be super to see this partnership flourishing into next academic year. With Mrs Jones about to depart with a group of pupils on a month-long expedition to Cambodia, we can certainly say that Mayville has had an international focus this year!

It was lovely that the whole community could get together on so many occasions this summer and very reassuring to see so many of you. Whether that was at one of our sports days, at the outstanding production of *Wind in the Willows* or at our Leavers' Service it was a chance to enjoy the spectacular events, often in the warm sunshine. News from our alumni community is always so well received by us all so thank you to the former pupils who send in news of their successes and who attend our events every summer. You will be able to read some of the news highlights later in this edition.

On behalf of the Trustees and all the staff, thank you to all our families for the trust in us you have shown this year. It has been such a pleasure to work with your wonderful children and in your service. As I look forward to the forthcoming academic year, I do so with renewed hope that we can make an even bigger difference to more families, not just to educational outcomes but to the future prospects of vulnerable children, as I send a new team into Wyvern House, as Mayville becomes pastorally supersonic!

Wishing you all a very restful summer break.

Introducing our latest development...

WYVERN HOUSE

Headteacher, Rebecca Parkyn, introduces our new Specialist Learning Support and Wellbeing Centre – Wyvern House – opening on 1st September 2023.

I have worked on this project for the last two years and to see it finally coming to fruition is really heartening. In many ways, it's Mayville's response to the astonishing demand for specialist educational and mental health support services we have been experiencing for some while and is, no doubt, one of the many legacies from the pandemic. In the past, we have had to decline admission to pupils who require an entirely bespoke curriculum as well as a separate house in which to work. This is now going to change as the School has recently acquired no 24 St Simon's Road; it is in an ideal location, being adjacent to our Junior School and central to all our school buildings. The purchase of Wyvern House was made possible thanks to a very generous donation by an anonymous benefactor, without which we could not have raised the funds needed for such an ambitious project.

For the last nearly 30 years, Mayville has had a very successful, CReSTeD registered, dyslexia unit. The quality of support afforded by this unit has been unparalleled in the local area and has been a draw to hundreds of families seeking this type of support for their child. Wyvern House will now build on this success and this is the next step in our journey to becoming the lead provider for neurodiverse children.

The Specialist Learning Support and Wellbeing Centre will be open to pupils with a variety of additional needs which prevent them from accessing mainstream education. Wyvern House will be home from home, a relaxed and nurturing environment. The house will be quiet and calm and it is unlikely that we will require a uniform to be worn for those who are educated there every day. A therapy dog will be on site, adding further to the homely feel.

In Wyvern House, in keeping with the wider ethos of Mayville High School itself, we have an 'everyone included' philosophy where we treat everyone as the individual they are and embrace diversity.

By growing a unit specialising in neurodiversity including Autistic Spectrum Conditions, alongside our already established CReSTeD registered Dyslexia Learning Unit, we are acutely aware of the adaptations pupils need to access education. At Wyvern, we can offer a place of escape from the regular school environment with specialist teachers on-hand to deliver the pupil's bespoke education package, as we seek to serve the most challenged young people in our society.

We have an expanding team of specialist teachers, speech and language therapists and will offer further services as we move forward.

Admission to Wyvern House will be by consultation with the SENCo, Headteacher and Registrar. We are happy to consult on placement through EHCPs, where Mayville is a named school on section I of the plan as agreed by the child's LEA. A thorough consideration of a pupil's needs will be undertaken before agreement is reached. For the ASD resource provision, a primary need must be social communication and interaction difficulties (in particular, Autistic Spectrum Conditions / neurodiverse profile) where SEMH is also prevalent. We will consider other comorbid conditions such as dyslexia, dyspraxia and ADHD/ADD and look at each pupil's profile, on a case by case basis.

We are pleased to announce that we have our own mental health counsellor, as part of our Wyvern team, and we will be able to cater for pupils who require social, emotional and specialist mental health support. Our future plans also include opening Wyvern at weekends for the benefit of the local community, so that families can access timely mental health support for their children, as required. We hope to work in association with CAMHS, in this regard.

Each pupil will access an education befitting their individual needs and wishes. We will take into account the thoughts and feelings of the pupil as well as their family. Wyvern House will be a place of respite and care, away from the hustle and bustle of normal school life, where pupils can regulate their emotions and receive a bespoke package of support.



This article was originally written by pupils during a journalism workshop hosted by The Portsmouth News and was published in the paper as part of their 'Young Voices' feature on 3rd July 2023

Meet Roxy. Roxy is a therapy dog and Mayville High School's latest addition and a welcome part indeed. She was added to help those who need to de-stress. Students and Staff are very excited to welcome her to the school as the school has never had a therapy dog before. Mayville held a trial day and everyone enjoyed having a dog around the school. Roxy will have her own room at Wyvern House which is Mayville's Brand new Specialist Learning Support and Wellbeing Centre. However, Roxy will take frequent walks around school to get to know the pupils.

Mayville has a very supportive environment and therefore pupils would have no hesitation to visit Wyvern house to use Roxy's services if needed. Roxy is overqualified with her bronze, silver and gold standard training and cuteness. Her owner, Maz, explained that Roxy became a therapy dog in the hope that, "She could bring lots of joy to people as much as she brings joy to me." Maz, a Mayville staff member, says that Roxy loves being a therapy dog because, "Her tail always wags." – who wouldn't love attention and belly rubs?

Roxy is a part of Mayville High School's recently unveiled expansion that came in the form of

a Specialist Learning and Education building called Wyvern House. The unit is set to open at the start of the next school year for those aged 8-16 years old. Mayville prides itself on its unique and inclusive learning and this addition further cements this core ideal in the school. Struggling students can visit whenever they need help and the final goal is to improve mental health and especially for those on various neurodivergent spectrums (such as Autism and ADHD) who do not fit well into mainstream education due to social and communication difficulties.

Headteacher Rebecca Parkyn and the trustees have been working on the unit for two years and it shows.

"In the past, we have had to decline admission to pupils who require an entirely bespoke curriculum as well as a separate house in which to work. This is now going to change with the recent acquisition of 24 St Simon's Road." Rebecca Parkyn, Headteacher.

The building will contain a mixture of facilities and staff dedicated to helping all students who enter its doors. Firstly, Wyvern House boasts a sensory room and garden for those who get overstimulated by the loud atmosphere of a busy school. Mayville will also hire a new team of staff, consisting of specialist teachers, speech therapists and language therapists who will work alongside existing staff. The building will also provide a base for the many support staff who already aid students who have specific needs. This is all thanks to an anonymous donor who gave the money required to purchase the building.



Welcoming new friends...

A CULTURAL EXCHANGE



In May, we welcomed a group of 15 pupils and two teachers from Paradis International College, an independent school in Lasi, Romania. As a creative arts school with a strong focus on traditional Romanian dance, music, costume and culture, Mayville provided the perfect base for their students to sample a change of environment and learn about our culture and history.

They were in the UK for a week, spending three days in school with us and two days exploring the sites and attractions of Portsmouth and London. Each exchange student was paired with a Year 9 (U4) 'pupil-pal', who introduced them to life at Mayville and helped them navigate their way through timetabled lessons and a wealth of extracurricular activities.

On the Friday, the wonderful green uniforms were replaced with red, white and blue, as our visitors joined in the Coronation celebrations.

Mr Worrall, who organised the week, praised the exchange as a huge success, with both sets of pupils gaining valuable experiences and making new friends. The visiting teachers, Loredana and Alin, commented on how welcome they had been made to feel by everyone at Mayville.

Discussions to develop this cultural exchange program are already underway, with plans being made to take a group of Mayville pupils on a return visit to Romania next year – watch this space!



Celebrating...

THE KING'S CORONATION



Ahead of the extended bank holiday weekend of festivities in early May, our Nursery, Pre-Prep and Junior pupils attended a special Mayville coronation ceremony, in honour of King Charles III and Queen Consort, Camilla.

The special assembly gave our younger pupils the opportunity to learn more about this historic event and pay their tribute to the new monarch.

Throughout the day, the whole school enjoyed taking part in a red, white & blue themed mufti day.



A look behind the scenes...

OUR NEW SCHOOL VIDEO



During the second half of the Summer Term, we have been working with our friends at Millstream Productions, on shooting a new promotional video for the School.

Scripted by the English Department's Mr O'Neil and art-directed by our Marketing and Development Director, Mr Hardcastle; the project aims to tell the story of how we do what we do and connect the whole journey of a Mayville education, from Reception through to Year 11.

Producers Louis & Katie have been on location with cinematographer, Lauren, filming around all of our school sites. The project is currently in post-production and should be ready for the start of the new academic year.

We have had a lot of fun working on this project and cannot wait to share it with you!

Junior residential...

GETTING AWAY



FORT PURBROOK

30 Year 4 (L3) pupils took a trip to Peter Ashley Activity Centre at Fort Purbrook on Portsdown Hill. Just a short journey from home, the centre offers a wealth of fun activities to promote team spirit and learn new skills.

Over two jam-packed days, pupils tackled the assault course, navigated the blindfold string trail and tried orienteering and bouldering. They bonded over problem-solving and initiative tasks and learned archery and bushcraft skills.





Junior residential...

GETTING AWAY

CORFE CASTLE

In early July, Year 5 (M3) spent two days at *Land & Wave* in Corfe Castle. As the name might suggest, pupils enjoyed a range of activities in the countryside, by the coast and in the sea! Archery, fire-making, body-boarding and team-building challenges were all on the weekend's agenda.

Camping overnight in bell tents, pupils gathered for songs around the fire, as the setting sun painted the Dorset sky orange. It was a fantastic couple of days of fun in the beautiful British outdoors.





MAYVILLE'S ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR





Article written by James Watson, published in issue 6 of *Mayville Post*, our pupil voice newspaper.

It's that time of year again! On Saturday 24th June, we all went down to Cockleshell Playing Fields and had fun shopping, participating in contests and getting school uniform cheap.

We had entertainment from the Creative Arts Department, fun with Jarbola, Lucky Dips and Raffles and enjoyed sponging the teacher!

The weather was hot and there was so much to do... Bouncy Castle, GO Karts, Obstacle Course, Animal Encounters and Roxy the Therapy Dog was guarding the Guess the Weight of the Cake stall!

We appreciate the support of the Mayville family. The day raised over £1350 for the PTA.



Our summer production...

WIND IN THE WILLOWS



In the penultimate week of term, our Junior School staged four performances of the musical treat *Wind in the Willows*. Running through a final full dress rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon for fellow pupils in the Nursery and Pre-Prep, the show then opened for family and friends to join us in Linda Owens Hall for three spectacular performances.

Toad, Ratty, Mole, Badger and friends took audiences on an incredible adventure from river bank, through the Wild Wood to Toad Hall, via boat, caravan and a rather reckless motor car!

Under the guidance of our Creative Arts team, pupils put in an enormous amount of hard work, which was evidenced by some truly wonderful individual and ensemble performances. Bravo!









NURSERY & PRE-PREP SPORTS DAY



Our sports fields at Cockleshell welcomed a large crowd of parents and families to support Mayville's youngest athletes, as they tested themselves in the obstacle race, sprint, throwing event and, of course, our customary teddy bears race.



Aided by our senior helpers, pupils competed for the much coveted 1st, 2nd & 3rd place stickers but, more importantly, cheered one another across the line, showing true sporting spirit.



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



HMS Temeraire was host to our junior sports day. Pupils fought it out on the track and field, with parents cheering on from the sidelines.

The inter-house competition was fiercely contested, with Austen claiming top spot on the podium, Cavell taking 2nd place and Nelson coming in 3rd. Well done to Sienna, Madison and Sam, who were crowned the top performing athletes on the day.





SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



In the afternoon, our Senior School took over, competing on the field in javelin, shot, discus, long & high jump. On the track, sprints were competed over 100, 200 & 300 metres. Middle distance races were run over 800 & 1500m and the day was brought to a gripping finale with the 4 x 100m relays. A combination of milder weather, excellent support and pure determination saw a number of school records being rewritten.



The inter-house competition saw Cavell crowned champions, with Austen finishing 2nd and Nelson in 3rd place.





A love of **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**



EASTER READING CHALLENGE

A record 85 junior pupils successfully completed our Easter Reading Challenge, to earn their gold book badges. We celebrated their achievement with a bumper tea party!



GOLD & PLATINUM READING AWARDS

Congratulations to Evelyn, Riona, Savannah & Skye on achieving their Gold Reading Awards. The Summer Term also saw Ellie become only the second ever pupil at Mayville to gain the Platinum Reading Award. She had to read 20 books from the Carnegie longlist and write a mini review on each. Well done, Ellie!



AXEL SCHEFFLER DRAW-ALONG

In May, pupils from Years R-3 (L1, U1, L2 and U2) took part in a virtual draw-along with world famous illustrator Axel Scheffler, in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the book *A Squash and a Squeeze*.

Pupils learned to draw some of Julia Donaldson's most famous characters with a step-by-step tutorial and were then treated to a pre-recorded sing-along by Julia Donaldson herself. We definitely have some budding illustrators in the making!

In pursuit of

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

Senior geography pupils have been exploring the local environment, to support their studies.

Year 8 (L4) went out to look at the Southsea Coastal Scheme work to tie in with their learning about coasts. They learnt how to measure a beach profile and how to draw one, how to draw field sketches and complete a bi-polar survey on coastal management effectiveness. We had lunch on the beach and topped it all off with an ice cream. Whilst on the trip, pupils were thrilled to meet Portsmouth FC players Tom Lowery and Ryley Towler!



IF YOU WERE AN ENGINEER...

Huge congratulations to our KS3 MAG pupils who won the Leaders Award *If You Were An Engineer What Would You Do?* competition. This flagship programme encourages children of all ages to embrace their inner engineer and tackle real-world problems through innovative annotated illustrations and persuasive letters of purpose. Demonstrating remarkable creativity and problem-solving skills, our pupils impressed the esteemed panel of engineer judges – well done George, Max, Kaitlyn-Marie & Katharine!

As part of their GCSE studies, Year 10 (L5) pupils went to Lee-on-the-Solent to measure whether the groynes were effective at Hill Head beach. They also visited two locations in Southsea, to investigate housing inequalities within the area.



Learning to learn...

NURSERY & PRE-PREP



KINGS & QUEENS

Nursery pupils enjoyed celebrating the Coronation and made crowns and flags to wear in our Mayville Coronation ceremony.

Pupils in Year 2 (L2) started their history topic work 'Marvellous Monarchs'. They created a giant timeline, upon which they ordered famous kings and queens over the years. This led to an interesting discussion on the power wielded by monarchs and how historical figureheads differ from now.

LEARNING ABOUT PETS

During a recent trip to Marwell, pupils in Year R (L1) discussed the differences between wild animals and pets. This informed group work in the classroom, with stories being shared by pupils about their own pets, analysing images and comparing them to other animals.

As a follow-on to this, we took a visit to Pets At Home, to learn more about the different items needed to properly care for pets.

Younger pupils in Kestrels class also visited Pets At Home, to see the fish, hamsters, guinea pigs and rabbits. They saw animals and their owners waiting to see the vet. Back in the classroom, pupils have enjoyed role playing in their very own pet shop.





SHINE TENNIS ENRICHMENT

Pre-Prep pupils have been enjoying the sunny weather on their visits to Southsea Tennis Centre. As part of our *Shine* enrichment programme, they have been working on getting the ball over the net and learning an new skills, such as serving and hitting volleys.

SPORTING SUCCESS



ISA ATHLETICS

In June, we took a team of 32 senior pupils to the ISA Athletics Competition, held at the Thames Valley Athletics Stadium. Despite the incredibly high standard in both track and field events, we returned with two medals – Albert in Year 10 (L5) claimed bronze in both the 100m (11.6 seconds) and 200m (24.72 seconds).

Across the team, we achieved: 2 x 4th place, 2 x 5th place, 4 x 6th place, 5 x 7th place; along with a number of personal bests. Well done everyone!

Following his success in the regional heats, Albert was invited to compete in the Nationals at Birmingham, as part of the 4 x 100m relay team. He made the podium again, claiming another bronze medal.





AFTER-SCHOOL SAILING CLUB

This term, we launched our new after-school sailing club, hosted at *Andrew Simpson Centres* on the Eastern Road. Pupils have been enjoying good weather and fair winds, whilst developing their skills and confidence on the water.



MAYVILLE'S ECO CAR AT GOODWOOD

In another of our after-school clubs, senior pupils have the chance to work on the maintenance and development of our very own eco car.

In April, we took the car to Goodwood circuit, where we tested it against the competition!



CRICKET SUCCESS

Across the age groups, we have enjoyed an incredibly successful season in cricket. Sam (pictured above) hit six sixes for our U11 side, playing against Alton, to win the match 250 to 217.

Our U15 side won an exciting match against Bedales with one ball to spare: 100-4 (16 overs) against our 101-4 (15.5 overs). Economical bowling from Joe and Alfie, alongside captain, James, kept Bedales' scoring respectable. A couple of key batting partnerships saw Mayville dispatch balls all over the field, before a final over scramble for runs!

Chasing a score of 124 against PGS, our U13 boys needed one run from the final ball to win the match. At the crease was captain, Louie, who calmly smashed a boundary, to claim the honours.



CREATIVE ARTS

DANCE LIVE! FINALS

Following their success in the heats, our Junior Dance Live! Team performed in the finals in late April. Unfortunately, there was no trophy but we couldn't be more proud of the whole team's dedication and work ethic – they performed beautifully and told a touching story with maturity and consideration.



COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES

Traditionally, we have always taken groups of pupils to sing and perform to the residents at St Vincent's, a local care home. It was a real pleasure to be able to do this, once again, after a long Covid-19 hiatus. Such performances provide a great opportunity for our singers and musicians to connect with the local community and give something back. Sam, Eve, Mariam, Elizabeth, Hannah & Poppy played a variety of pieces on guitar, piano, trumpet and violin.

In the last week of term, a group of Year 11 (R) pupils took part in a performance of *Songs from the Shows* with other local schools and the Royal Marines Band at Portsmouth Guildhall. We rehearsed during the day and gave a performance in the evening, singing songs from *The Greatest Showman*, *Frozen*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *School of Rock*, *Mary Poppins* and *Dear Evan Hansen*.

HARRY THE PIANO MAN

In late June, we took a group of pupils to Portsmouth Grammar School for an afternoon with *Harry the Piano Man*. It was a workshop exploring improvisation. There was a chance for pupils to join in and Diamond volunteered!



MAX – THE KING AND I

A group of Mayville staff and pupils took a trip to the theatre, to watch Max, starring in the UK and Ireland tour of *The King and I*. The verdict from Miss Doughty? "Max was absolutely amazing!"





CHICHESTER COLLEGE

In June, students from Chichester College's Level 3 Dance Course brought their touring show to us, performing to a Senior School audience before running enrichment workshops with 18 of our own dancers. We enjoy strong connections with our local colleges and it's always inspiring for pupils to see a glimpse of future pathways beyond their time at Mayville.



PERFORMANCE NEWS



TARA YASMIN

Following five star reviews and a sell-out season at Chichester Festival Theatre, former Mayville pupil, Tara, returned to the cast of *Crazy For You*, to make her West End debut. She will be performing at the Gillian Lynne Theatre on Drury Lane for the rest of 2023.

VICTORIOUS FESTIVAL

Hot on the heels of their gig at The Edge of the Wedge in May, past pupil, Harrison Rhys and current pupil, Eva, will both be performing sets at Victorious Festival on Southsea Common (25th-27th August).

Harrison will be performing on the Showcase Stage on Friday, whilst you can catch Eva on the same stage on Saturday.

Another former pupil, Alice Milburn, is performing with *Southsea Jazz* at The People's Lounge on the Friday. Mayville's own Mr Holmes has also been known to take on compère duties on the World Music Stage!

If you're not headed to Victorious, Harrison & Eva are both performing at the Queens Hotel's *Sunday Sessions* on 13th August.

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP



COUNCIL OF PORTSMOUTH STUDENTS (CoPS)

Our Council of Portsmouth Students delegates attended the third and final summit of the year at the Guildhall's Changemaker Studios. Representing Mayville as one of ten local schools involved in the CoPS programme, pupils took part in skills workshops on Teamwork and Marketing & Promotion. This provided them with the opportunity to work in groups with pupils from other schools, meet new people and make friends, whilst developing their communication and decision-making skills.

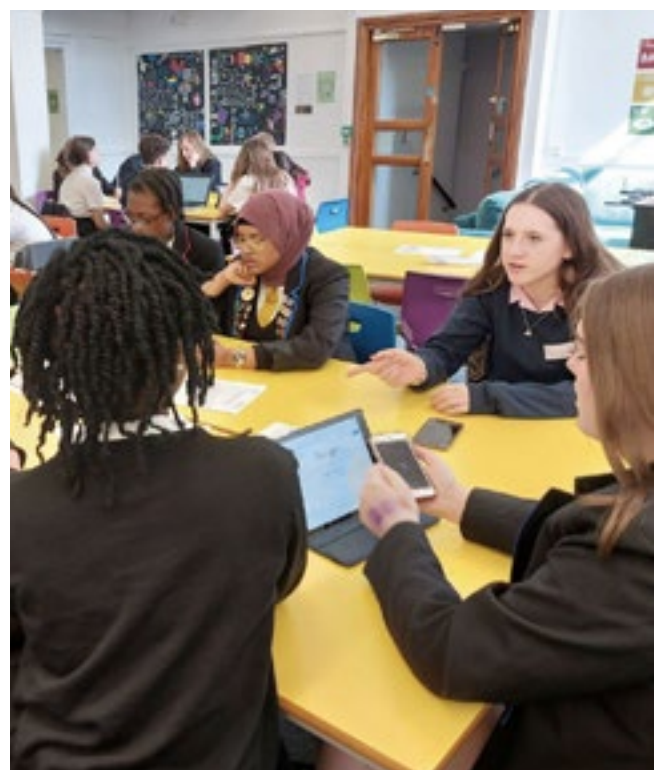
Pupils then took part in a round of meetings with their own Action Groups, in advance of the last event of the year, The Student Voice Celebration (SVC) Day 2023, at the end of June.

FINAL STRAW FOUNDATION

In June, a group of Year 8 (L4) pupils attended the Final Straw Foundation Annual Conference, hosted at the Ben Ainslie Racing building in Old Portsmouth. Founded by Mayville parent, Bianca Carr, the charity works with local communities and businesses to highlight the impact of plastic pollution on our environment.

Pupils attended a range of workshops and talks from guest speakers throughout the day and left feeling inspired to establish more eco-friendly initiatives at school.

You can find out more at finalstrawfoundation.org





ANTI BULLYING AMBASSADORS

During the filming for our new school video, we had a chance to get all of our anti-bullying and kindness ambassadors together for a photoshoot.

Spanning the whole school, these pupils take on the very special role of looking after their peers and being kindness advocates. We are incredibly proud of their commitment to making Mayville a happy and inclusive place where everybody feels listened-to and supported.



CLASS OF TWENTY THREE

With the end of the academic year, it is time to bid a very fond farewell to our departing Year 11 (U5) pupils, as they embark on their journey, beyond Mayville, into further education and young adult life.

As the GCSE schedule intensifies, pupils come off timetable, to focus on their forthcoming examinations. The last day of lessons is always marked, as a rite of passage, with the traditional garden party and signing of shirts.





We then gathered together, one last time at St Simon's Church, for our Leavers' Service. With parents joining us for the distribution of certificates and awards, it is always a great occasion to reflect and look back over some Mayville memories.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 24th August, for GCSE results day.

A VERY FOND FAREWELL



We also said very fond farewells to six colleagues retiring this summer, two of whom were deputy heads.

Mrs Rickards retired, having given 33 years of loyal and faithful service. She retired in what was her 100th term at Mayville. She was the only Designated Safeguarding Lead Mayville has ever had and brought in safeguarding from its inception; and was therefore responsible for the safeguarding culture we have today. During her tenure she served as Head of Mathematics for 25 years.

Mr Morriss retired after 19 years of service. He has been a brilliant academic strategist over the past eight years, since he took up the post of Director of Studies in September 2015. He oversaw the academic strategy for the 2017 and 2020 inspections with remarkable success.

During the pandemic, he effectively took over the running of the school and was responsible for the allocation of GCSE results for two consecutive years.

Their impact on Mayville throughout their tenure has been truly remarkable and the school will be forever indebted.

Four very long standing colleagues also retired this summer; Mrs Prismall – Head of Early Years, Mrs Jones – Head of Science, Mrs Cooke – Teacher of RE and Mr Stanton – Teacher of History. Collectively, our six retirees gave 110 years of service to the school. It is an unparalleled achievement and Mayville would, quite simply, be nowhere without them. We wish them all an immensely happy, healthy and much deserved retirement.

SUMMER SPORTS ACADEMY

STOP PRESS! In the first week of the summer holidays, we hosted our busiest ever Sports Academy – 50 pupils over five days and nine different activities!

Pupils trained with Pompey in the Community, tried their skills at Ninja Warrior and played zorb football.

On Wednesday, our much anticipated trip to a Premier League football stadium took place, as we visited Chelsea Football Club.

The PE department would like to thank all who took part for making Sports Academy the success it is. We look forward to presenting our next Sports Academy in October half term.





And, that's a wrap...
have a great summer!



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