

Out of School Club Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Mayville Out of School Club newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed our first couple of instalments and that you found them packed with useful and interesting information.

Since our last newsletter, the children in our out of school clubs have continued to participate in a variety of exciting activities and projects. We hope that all of these fun and stimulating experiences help the children to enjoy their additional time at Mayville.

The 'Owl Club'

After-Care for our younger children has seen a few enforced changes to our usual routine since the last time I wrote to you.

Many of you may have noted the relocation of our initial outdoor play-time into the main playground. This has been necessary due to Early Years requirements which state that the children in our 'Kestrels' year group must have designated outdoor play-space until their session finishes at 4pm.

As always we have attempted to make the most of the situation and, despite the changes, all the Pre-Prep after-care children seem to love the extra space and additional playground toys that they have been able to use.



Pre-Prep After-Care enjoy their new outdoor surroundings and the variety of toys at their disposal.

All other aspects of 'Owl Club' life remain the same, with the usual variety of arts and craft and free-play, keeping the children busy.

Since last time, the children have been following a pirate theme, creating pirate faces using a variety of materials.

They have also worked hard to discuss and write down, what they would do if they had 3 wishes. This brought about some interesting ideas including the usual kittens, bunnys and dogs, along with some more unusual wishes such as a submarine and the ability to breathe fire!

We hope in future that cooking activities will become a more prominent part of our plans for after-care and we kicked this off with a great 'Gingerbread man' decorating activity.

A beautifully baked and brightly decorated gingerbread man.



Junior After-Care

The Junior children of after-care have been producing art-work around the theme of St. George's day. Many of them came over decidedly patriotic as they created England flags using rolled up tissue paper, coloured in various pictures of St. George himself, and made hand-printed dragons.

From time to time, various members of the teaching staff will look to Junior after-care for assistance in producing art displays for other areas of the school. Miss Mills has recently asked if we could produce some national flags and football strips for her 'World Cup' library activities.

Currently in the process of being made, the results of our efforts will soon be on display in the junior library for all to see. All this, and we still find time for homework!!

Holiday Club

Easter holiday club was again a very busy and exciting time for us all.

As seems to be the custom of late, the weather did it's best to spoil our plans and dampen our spirits. However, we were still able to cram a lot into the 3 weeks. A trip to ArtyPotz for some creative fun was followed by a fantastic day out to the 'New Forest Wildlife Park' near Southampton.

The children loved seeing a variety of animals including otters, owls, kangaroos, deer and wild boar. As you can see from the picture below, the animals loved seeing (and chewing) the children too!!

As you can also see, our brightly coloured reflective bibs come in extremely useful when keeping safe on outings, and when trying to attract wild animals! We have found these to be a fantastic safety aid for all the children



Piper shows no fear in the face of a hungry deer!!

Once we had escaped from here, we went on to visit a number of other local attractions including Fort Nelson, the Hovercraft Museum in Lee-on-Solent and the Royal Victoria Country Park.

As well as a variety of outings, we also encouraged the children to learn new skills. This came in the form of a 'Circus Skills' session. The children were encouraged to learn a variety of skills including juggling, balancing and plate spinning, before demonstrating their talents in front of the group.

Details of our May Half-Term activities will appear in our next newsletter, by which time our summer holiday club will be nearly upon us.

With the arrival of summer comes, we hope, the

arrival of sunnier weather. We do all we can to keep the children safe from the sun but do ask parents to ensure that children attend holiday club with sun cream already applied and hats as necessary.



Evie Putnam demonstrates her, 'balancing on one leg whilst travelling and spinning a plate' skills!

Outings

I am often asked by parents for more details about the places we visit during holiday club so that family visits can be arranged. If there are any places you would like to know more about, please do not hesitate to ask.

Questionnaire

Questionnaires have been given out to some parents. Thank you for your feedback to date. When all information has been gathered, I will report back and address any ideas and concerns.

Of course, if there is anything you would like to discuss, but would prefer to speak to me directly, please feel free to do so.

Signing in and out.

In all our clubs we are required to run a signing in/out policy. Please ensure that, when you collect your children, you inform a member of staff so that you can sign for the release of your child and staff know that each child has been safely collected by a designated adult.

And finally.....

A lovely shot of Holiday Club life. Out and About, relaxing and enjoying the view.



Many Thanks

Mr. Meli