

# MAYVILLE NEWS

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## Headteacher's comment

The 1<sup>st</sup> March and it is 5pm and the sun has shone all day – the shape of things to come? Bright sunny days have not been the norm of late and whilst most teachers are quite happy to watch the rain (& snow) fall from the comfort of their warm classrooms our PE staff have maintained as full a programme as possible. Replacing cancelled pitches with indoor activities and only rarely having to resort to that old fallback – how to score at cricket! My thanks go to them for their flexibility and ingenuity in providing lessons in this subject in difficult circumstances.

At the beginning of next term we select Heads of School from LV as our UV pupils concentrate on their GCSE. I would like to thank the current Heads of school, Hannah Palmer and Edward House for their contribution to school life.

Hannah is also a stalwart of the group visiting Kenya this summer and has been making teas for parents' evenings for over a year. This is part of the group's fundraising drive. If you know of anyone who might like to sponsor this group please contact myself or Miss Lewis (Senior School) for details of the visit and how it might benefit a potential sponsor.

Finally, could I remind you that parents' evenings are conversations between parents and teachers. Whilst I appreciate that childcare is not always easy there is no facility for looking after pupils.

## Skiing

The last week of January saw both Juniors and Seniors in Austria on ski trips – the former returning to Hochkar and the latter very slightly closer to home in Mayrhofen in the Tirol. The Channel crossing was via the ferry rather than the tunnel and, thankfully, both crossings were calm and gentle.

Snow conditions this season were excellent again and the weather was unusually kind, being sunny for more than half the holiday! The

worst day for the Juniors was, predictably, Race Day with a veritable blizzard blowing but there were still some very fast times and few fallers.



In the Seniors Tom Benfield was the fastest on race day but medals were awarded in each of the ski groups for the top three. As always the progress made by all our pupils on snow was one of the most pleasing aspects of these adventures. The focus and determination of the pupils means they make the most of their six days on the snow. Away from the snow there was swimming, skating, bowling, and sleigh rides. Thank you to Mr. King and Mrs. Hindson for organising the trips and to all the staff who accompanied them.

## Book Week

Book week was a very powerful experience this year and with the focus on writing poetry staff felt that the sessions with local poet Elaine Crinnion have lead to some strong writing already.



Rap formed the basis of some of the sessions and poetry slams gave a competitive edge. The librarians came to visit and staff and some parents read favourite stories.

The week was rounded off by the entire Pre-Prep & Junior School (including a potential pupil visiting for the day!) dressing as their favourite book character. Mr. Castle had the unenviable task of picking the winners.



The Book Fair, staffed by willing parents, was a great success providing a sum of money for charity and school with £1042 to spend on books for our own libraries. The sponsored read has added a further £1295 to spend on Usborne books. A very big thank you to all who contributed to these sums.

Thank you to Mrs Oster for all her work. She was ably supported by Mr. Holmes and Miss Lewis.

### **Portsmouth Music Festival**

All our choirs will be competing on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> at Park Community School in the Portsmouth Music Festival. Good luck to them and results will appear in the next newsletter.

### **Uniform**

A recent visiting head from a similar type of school was very complimentary about how Mayville pupils wore uniform. Thank you to parents for assisting with this and to the majority of pupils for complying. Top buttons and ties remain an issue – interestingly with the youngest and oldest being the worst offenders! Your nagging and sending from home/the car in the correct order of dress is necessary and much appreciated.

### **Sport**

Mrs. Hindson writes of the recent county finals in the Centre Parcs Schools' Badminton championships. The team of Natasha Burgess, Georgina Smith, Fabrizia Rowe and Georgia Trayte travelled to Winchester. After a nervous start the girls raised their game. As their confidence grew they became more aggressive in their attacking shots although they eventually finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done. This team will be able to enter again next year and three of them the year after!

Our Junior netballers are reaching the end of their season and remain unbeaten – fingers

crossed for the final challenging games and tournaments.

### **Vouchers**

We are currently collecting tokens from Tesco and for Sainsbury's Active Kids promotion and the Nestlé box tops for books scheme.

Waitrose has chosen the Victoryland Theatre Company as a recipient for support through their green token scheme. Purchases made at Waitrose enable you to place a token in one of three 'pots', one of which is for Victoryland. A number of our pupils attend this group, which is run by Mrs. Hepburn, and details can be found at [www.victoryland.co.uk](http://www.victoryland.co.uk)

### **Posterior posterity**

If you are looking to leave your mark at Mayville you can 'buy' a seat in the Linda Owens Hall for £100 (payable in instalments if you wish). A plaque with your name will be placed on a seat to mark your time at school. Contact Miss Wareham for further details.

### **Out of the classroom**

This term has seen saw numerous experiences and activities for Mayville's pupils beyond the classroom: The UV pupils attended the Poetry Live at event at the Guildhall as part of their GCSE English studies and the drama students watched Journey's End at the King's Theatre. KS3 pupils held a languages competition on the Friday of ski week. There were performances of Cinderella & Red Riding Hood in Spanish & French as well as songs and dances. Well done to all those who took part and thanks to Mdme Higgins and Mdme Leroy for organising the event.

Continuing on the languages theme our Spanish GCSE students attended a presentation in London and UIV ordered lunch in Spanish down at La Tasca as part of their language course.



The Lord Mayor made another visit to school to speak with UIV on her role as the city's 'first citizen'.

UIII visited Marwell Zoo whilst UII have been following up their history studies at Fishbourne and Porchester. LII have been out to the park to study forces as part of their science work and LIII paid a visit to the planetarium in Chichester to round off their work in class on the solar system.

Road Safety staff from the City Council and the local police have been in to talk to Seniors about their safety as pedestrians, passengers and cyclists.

On this last point I have received information regarding cycling & cycle safety:

#### Free bike checks at Cycle Sundays

Free bike checks, training, guided rides and bike maintenance. Every Sunday in Victoria Park from 11-2.

#### Adult cycle training

Every Friday from 1-4pm at the Stacey Centre, Walsall Road, Baffins.

To get involved please call Healthy Pompey team on 023 9284 1560 or email

[travel@healthypompey.com](mailto:travel@healthypompey.com)

#### Bike recycling

The cost involved with maintaining a bike can be quite daunting, so we can help for FREE! Sessions available Southsea Fire Station (10am-2pm alternate Saturdays from 20 February - you can even pick up a free rescued bike here and work on it to take home.

Check [www.healthypompey.com](http://www.healthypompey.com) for more details.

### **Chicken Pox**

This has been a visitor to school this term although it seems to be on the wane recently. A couple of parents spoke of how helpful they found a new cream called Vira Sooth. As always please check the use of medicines for your individual child.

### **Friends of Mayville**

The recent quiz was a competitive affair with many quizzers keen to eat as much of Mr. Fletcher's Roman Chicken as possible in between answering the challenging questions set by the quizmaster – where did that lyrics round come from? Congratulations to the winners, well done to what has been the perennially last place team and who this year were usurped by a team in stripes! The evening raised the grand sum of £250 for the PTA funds.

A particular thank you to Mr & Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Williams for the decorations, Mrs Sharpe for the auction, Miss Wareham for the admin and Mrs. Rickards & Mrs. Harden-Davies for being honorary barmaids. If you have never experienced this event look out for the 435<sup>th</sup> running next year.

The Friends of Mayville recently agreed to fund the purchase of two more competition standard table-tennis tables. This will provide our PE staff with four tables and in the words of Mr. Elvy, 'will transform the sport in the school'.

Mothers' Day flowers will be on sale on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March between 10am & 4pm in the Garden by the Junior School.

If you are available please come and join us for tea & cake on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2-3pm in the Ecclesiastical Hall.

### **Charity**

We had been collecting loose change at lunchtimes in aid of the Haiti earthquake appeal. This raised £147.60. We added another £260.59 from eating all the cakes bought at the sale organised by Mrs. Whitmore. Thank you to all who contributed to the total of £408.19.

Mrs. Martinez is running a marathon in Brighton on April 18<sup>th</sup> in aid of Cancer Research. If you wish to sponsor her at £1 a time she would be very grateful and you can add the name of someone who has been affected by cancer to the shirt she will wear on the run. If you wish to contribute please send the £1 & the name into school in a marked envelope. The shirt will be available to write on on mufti day, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Money from this day will go towards the work of LEPR (Junior School) and Cancer Research.

### **Chernobyl Children Life Line**

This charity, which has connections to school, aims to bring children from Belarus affected by the Chernobyl disaster to the UK for respite care. One month with a UK family can boost their immune system for up to two years. If you would like to help please speak to Shelagh Wedesman of the Havant & Waterlooville Link on 02392 611870 or Sandra Triston on 02392 461050. ([www.ccll.org.uk](http://www.ccll.org.uk))

### **Lunches**

This is a reminder from the kitchen. Pupils who wish to order hot lunches who have not ordered

for the term can only order on the Monday of the week they wish to have school lunch(es). Please note that pupils who order specials in the morning must have the money to pay for their order when they collect it. The kitchen is not able to extend credit!

### **Holiday Club**

Forms for the Easter holiday clubs accompany this newsletter. If you would like to catch up on the Christmas activities there is a newsletter on [www.mayvilleparents.com](http://www.mayvilleparents.com)

### **High energy drinks**

You may remember reading in a previous edition of concerns over high energy drinks such as Red Bull. A report of this research has appeared in a newsletter from the Insulin Dependent Diabetes Trust noting that just one hour after one can of Red Bull the cardiovascular system was abnormal and like that of a sufferer of cardiovascular disease!

### **Reading**

Although on a flyer trying to elicit a book order the following top three tips are none-the-less valuable advice for parents of young readers; 1. Read aloud every day to your child & encourage them to read to you. 2. Have all sorts of books in your home – give them as gifts so your children build up their own ‘library’. 3. Make sure your children see you reading for pleasure.

### **Fake ID**

The text of a letter from Hampshire Police concerning their response to the use of fake IDs has been placed on the parent website at [www.mayvilleparents.com](http://www.mayvilleparents.com)

### **Film making**

A small group of boys from UIII, Remove & LIV have been working on animated films. Two of these films are available to view at [www.mayvilleparents.com](http://www.mayvilleparents.com) & it is hoped to place more films online in the near future.

### **Forthcoming events**

**9<sup>th</sup> March** LII parent’s evening 7pm

**11<sup>th</sup> March** Junior Après-ski evening 6.30pm

**15<sup>th</sup> March** return date for UIV GCSE options information.

**18<sup>th</sup> March** Pre-Prep/Junior parents’ evening 4-6.30pm

**18<sup>th</sup> March** second-hand uniform sale 3.30-5pm

**19<sup>th</sup> March** Tea & cake 2pm EH

### Golden Lion Tamrin

Golden Lion Tamarin have I ever cared for you?  
Let me think about that...  
No I didn’t even know you existed.  
Oh I wish I could save you because when I am older you may no longer be around.  
Why do people want your fur?  
And why don’t people respect you?

Golden Lion Tamarin have I ever cared for you?  
Let me think about that...No I haven’t.  
Oh what am I doing to you?  
I wish I could help but I’m just too small to do it on my own.

*Emily Harrison - LIIG*

### Extract from LI’s group poem

My mummy sent me here  
I felt a bit scared  
Because I had a new teacher.  
The noise hurt my ears in the dinner hall and at break.  
I put my hand over my ears,  
The noise made me sad,  
I wanted my mummy.  
But I thought Mrs. Greed was good  
Because she was nice to me.  
It was quiet in the classroom...

I like PE in the hall,  
With benches and trampettes for jumping.  
It’s big big in the hall-we’re not squashed-and there’s ‘nother bigger hall...

And I love I love to eat school spaghetti.

