



Parent Newsletter

Spring Term 12 – Wednesday 30th March 2022

We have got to the end of another term albeit still affected by Covid. Well done to everyone for making it through! Thanks especially to all of the staff who have once again risen to the challenge.

This week all the classes have been carrying out science investigations – planting seeds in different conditions, making levers, looking at how rivers change over time, investigating the distance balls can be thrown, making bubbles and investigating what happens when red cabbage is placed into different solutions. The children are presenting the results of these investigations in different ways.

We wish everyone a safe and pleasant holiday with time to rest and recuperate and we will see you all again on Tuesday 19th April.

Mrs Ayliffe and Mrs Stepney

Music News

Choir: Mayfield Choir sang with Milton Road Choir on the big stage at West Road Concert Hall last week to a full house as part of Chesterton Community College's annual music concert. They were great ambassadors for the school and we are very proud. Those who left at the interval can find an example of the second half on Chesterton's twitter feed here https://twitter.com/ccc_musicdept/status/1507770123855224833 (Volume UP)


Orchestra: Thank you so much for coming to our Spring Mini-Performance in the sunshine of the playground. We raised over £50 for War Child! Do you have a child who is GI+ on an instrument? Please encourage them to think about joining Orchestra. We'd love new members and rehearse on Thursdays 8.15-9.00. Anne Taylor will be back in the Summer Term and delighted to listen to your children if they are keen. Please contact her on annetaylor@music@gmail.com

Ode to Joy: Beethoven's Ode to Joy has become an anthem of peace and humanity across the world, so we thought we would have a go in our final rehearsal last week. Mayfield Orchestra sight-read it and here is a clip of their second run-through. Many thanks to Sam Hayes for carrying the conductor's baton this term. https://drive.google.com/file/d/IXdYfM_Vay_jqGC28LhnVx0qW3wtBdMX9/view

Library Etiquette

The school library is open for children accompanied by a grown up after school Tuesday and Thursday 3.30-4.30pm. We would like to remind parents:

- They shouldn't be in the library before 3.30pm
- The library is a space for quiet reading and playing games
- The props on top of the shelves are for inspiration, not for getting down and playing with.
- Children should not be in the corridors unsupervised, they should be with their adult at all times, and movement through the corridors should be quiet.
- Access is available through the library door, next to the Year 2 classrooms. This door is locked at 4.35 so please make sure you have left by this time. Classrooms are not accessible as staff are still working and may be in meetings.
- A toilet is available for use in the corridor outside the library. Please make sure it is left as you would like to find it!

<p>Give us a Glue (Stick!)</p> 	<p>Children at Mayfield use glue sticks every day for tasks like sticking schoolwork into books and creating special projects or artwork. Classes always need more and often teacher must purchase extra supplies from their very limited class budgets. It would be a great help if families could please add a glue stick or two (Pritt stick or any other brand) to your regular shop and give to your child's class teacher for use in class. Your donation would mean teachers being able to use their extra budget and PTA donations on more interesting resources to enhance the children's learning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mayfield PTA</p>
<p>Spring Bunny Hunt and Sunflower Competition</p>	<p>On Friday 1st April (the last day of term) the PTA will hold a Spring Bunny Hunt for the school. Find the bunnies and win a prize! Donations from £2 per child will be gratefully received via parent pay www.ParentPay.com This event will also include the gift of sunflower seeds for each child to plant at home. The tallest sunflower to grow by the 1st July will receive a £10 Amazon voucher. Email measurements and a photo to the school office, and the winner will be announced on Tuesday 5th July. We look forward to running this fun event for all children.</p>
<p>Art Workshop</p>	<p>Children in Years 1- 6 are welcome to join an art day full of creativity. Get inspired by the artist Pablo Picasso and experiment with cubist painting. Monday 4th April 9.30-2.30. £26 – 5% discount for siblings. Contact mayfield.art.club@gmail.com to book a place.</p>
<p>Cambridge Holiday Orchestra</p>	<p>Exciting and fun opportunity for children to make music and sing together during the Easter Holidays with Cambridgeshire Holiday Orchestra from the 4th-7th April. Ensembles and groups for children that do already play an instrument and also for those who don't. No previous musical experience required. Workshops for the whole family in the afternoon. For more information and booking forms see https://holidayorchestra.co.uk/wordpress_f/</p>

Dates for the Diary	
Friday 1st April	Spring Bunny Hunt
Friday 1st April	Last day of term
Tuesday 19th April	First day of Summer Term – children back to school.

Thank you to all those who have registered, please keep sharing the scheme.



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