

Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to our newsletter. Please find our news for this term.

Ms E Davies

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the new academic year, it has been a very busy start to the term. We would like to welcome all the new families who have joined Mayespark in Nursery, Reception and across the school. We hope your child settles in well over the next few weeks. It's been wonderful to observe so many parents talking to their children when they collect them at the end of the school day.

Kind regards, Ms E Davies

Who are we?

Ms Davies – Headteacher



Mrs Jones – Deputy Headteacher Designated Safeguarding leader



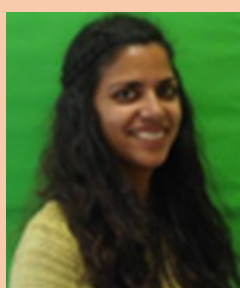
Mrs Ige – Assistant headteacher
Curriculum lead



Mr Radmore – Assistant headteacher,
Assessment and Behaviour lead



Mrs Prince – SENDco



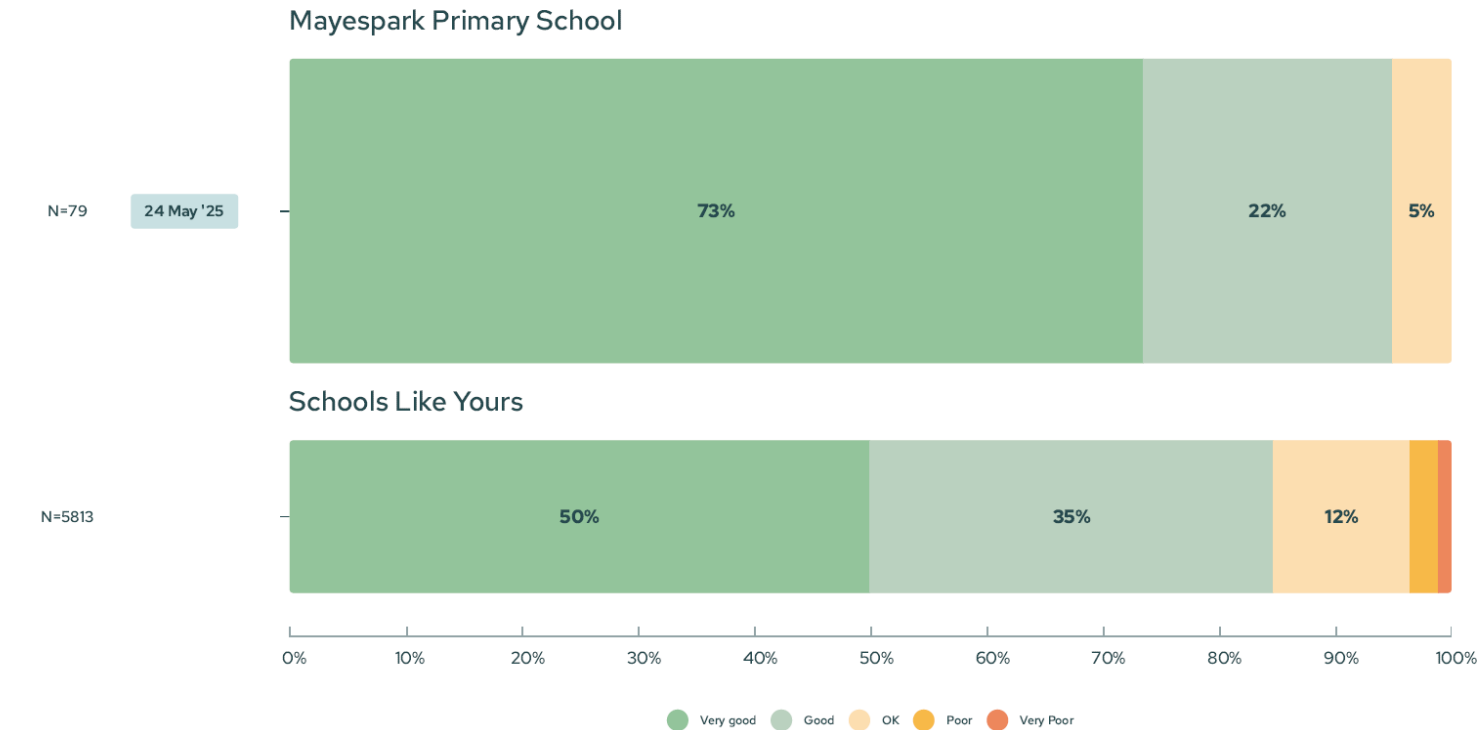
We are here to help. The senior leadership can be found in the playground before and after school wearing hi-vis jackets. If you would like to arrange a meeting with a senior leader to discuss a specific concern please contact the school office to arrange a time.

Parent survey results

Thank you to those of you who completed the parent survey. Here are some of the results, compared to schools like ours.

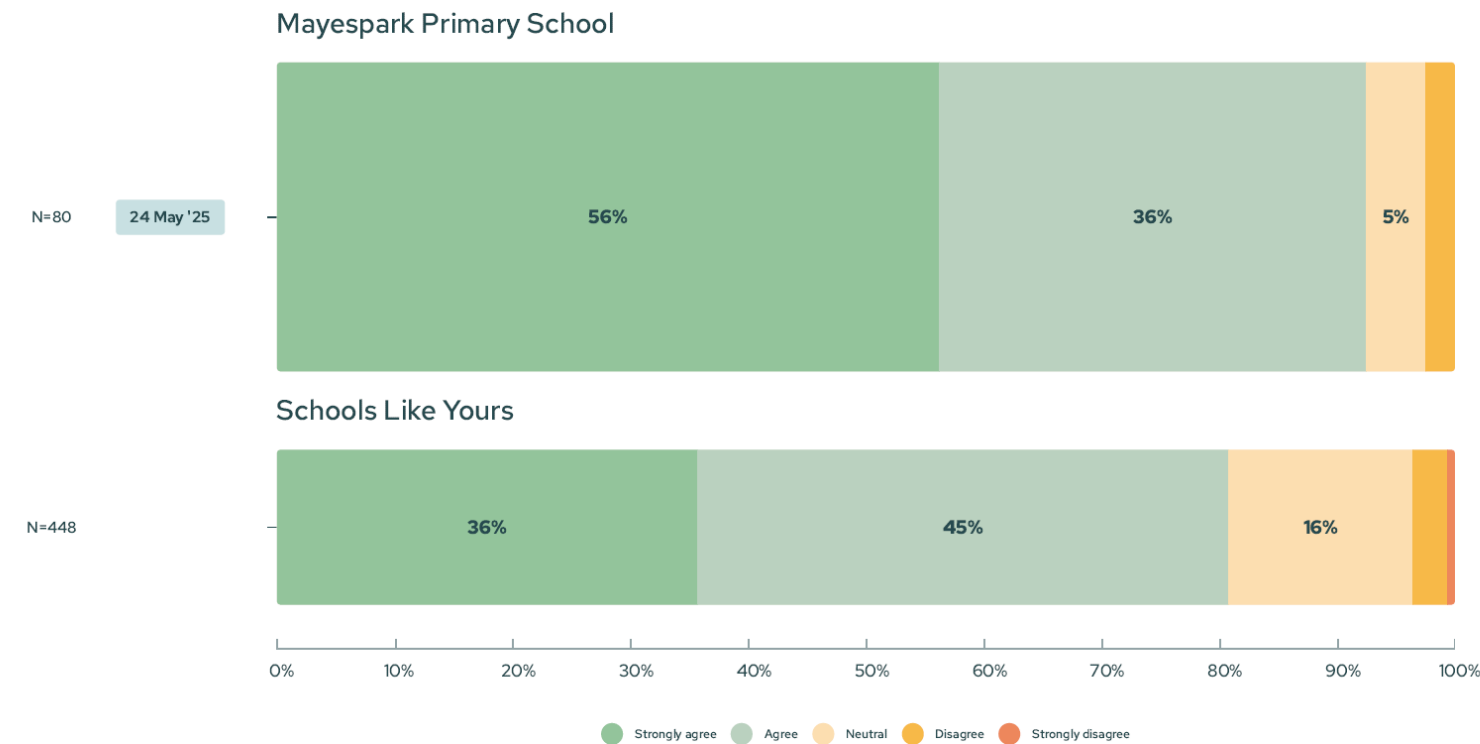
Q: Overall, my child’s experience of the school is...

SchoolSurveys



Q: Teachers push my child to do their best at school

SchoolSurveys



Some positive comments: “Great school” “I am happy with everything” “Lovely school”

We also had requests for more security cameras and better food for school dinners. We will work on these suggestions.

Thank you

Governors



L-R David Atkins, Shahir Ahmed, Tarik Miah, Daisy Miah, Robert Drew OBE, Nazneen Choudhury, Rebecca Pope and Sajeda Assenjee

Message from our chair of governors

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It is great to see the school community come together again with fresh energy and ready to take on another academic year.

On behalf of the governing board I would like to take a moment to say a huge thank you to all the pupils, staff, and families for your dedication and hard work last year. It was wonderful to see the many achievements across the school – from creative performances to excellent progress in the classroom.

We are especially proud to share that the recent SATs results were strong, reflecting the commitment and resilience of both pupils and staff. These results are a testament to the high-quality teaching and learning happening every day at our school. Year on year our results are getting stronger. Well done to everyone involved!

As governors, we'll continue working closely with the leadership team to support the school's ongoing development and ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive – both academically and personally.

We are currently looking for someone with legal/HR experience to join our governing board. If you or someone you know has this experience and is interested in the position, please leave your / their details outlining your / their experience in the school office.

Best wishes

Daisy Miah

Chair of Governors

Our school values

Coming to school at Mayespark matters. Not only do we want to provide the best education for the children so they can achieve their full potential, we also want them to become good citizens for the future.

Our school values are:

Excellence

Resilience

Integrity

Creativity

Kindness

Parent Support Advisor

Mrs Oshnaike is our parent support advisor. Her role is to help parents who may be experiencing challenging times. Mrs Oshnaike will be able to sign post parents to the relevant external agencies who can help and support families. If you would like to meet with her to discuss support, please contact the school office.



Health and Wellbeing

Autumn is a wonderful time of year to take a walk with your family in the local park or countryside to observe the changes in the seasons. As the leaves change colour and fall, children love to collect conkers and leaves. We would encourage families to take time to appreciate the beauty around us. Goodmayes Park is a lovely place for a stroll. If you are able to travel further afield consider Valentines Park in Ilford, Hainault Country Park, Fairlop Waters or even a trip into central London to visit the Royal parks.

Parking

Many thanks to parents and carers who are being considerate to our neighbours by not parking across their driveways.

We would like to remind you that stopping on zigzag lines outside of schools is not acceptable. The purpose of zigzag lines outside of schools are to keep children safe. To ensure children, parents and drivers can see clearly to avoid unnecessary accidents.



Last week the senior leadership team were outside the school gates discouraging drivers from parking and stopping in dangerous places. We were appalled by some of the parking and driving we saw. The school staff should not have to be in this position.

One of our school values is 'Integrity'. We are striving to teach the children that they should **do the right thing, even when no-one is watching**. We appeal to parents and carers to share these views and model this important value to the next generation.

Dates for your diary

30th Sept – School council elections

6-17th Oct – Food collection week for the homeless shelter

7th Oct – Yr 2 – Great Fire of London workshop in school

15th Oct – Yr 5 – Anglo-saxon workshops in school

16th Oct – Yr 3 - Stone Age workshops in school

20th Oct – Parents' evening 4-6pm

21st Oct – Parents' evening 4-6pm

24th Oct – Flu vaccines

27th Oct – 31st Oct – half term

Places of Worship

There are many faith groups represented at Mayespark. Across the school each year group focuses on a specific faith; looking at their customs and beliefs. As part of the children's learning they have the opportunity to visit the place of worship to help them in their understanding and respect for the beliefs of their peers. The visits to local religious buildings in our local community are as follows:

Year 2 – Visit to a Church

Year 3 – Visit to a Hindu temple

Year 4 – Visit to a Jewish synagogue

Year 5 – Visit to an Islamic Mosque

Year 6 - Visit to a Sikh Gurdwara



Collection and drop offs

Mornings

The main gates to the school open at 8.30am. Families are welcome to wait in the playground. Members of the senior leadership team will be present but **children from Nursery to year 4 should be accompanied by an adult** and not left in the playground. Only children in years 5&6 can be in the playground unaccompanied.

The doors to the school building open at **8.40am and close at 8.45am**. Families arriving after this time will be asked to take their children round to the school office.

Afternoons

At the end of the day we like to wait of children to come onto the playground before the gates are opened. Please be aware that **lessons finish at 3.15pm**. It may take some classes a few minutes to get down to the playground therefore the main gates will open a few minutes after 3.15pm. The classes are not late, rather they have maximized the children's learning time.

Children who have not been collected by 3.25pm will be taken round to the school office.

Older siblings who attend Mayespark will not be allowed to collect their younger siblings.

Safeguarding procedures

The school strive to keep children safe. Doors to the school building and gates will be shut promptly to secure the site. If there are changes to who will be collecting your child please notify the school office as soon as possible. Teachers will seek clarification from a parent if the person requesting to collect a child is unknown.

Notes from the office

School Uniform

Preloved uniform is available from the main school office. Please let the office know what your child needs. Lost property can be found at the beginning and end of the school day and is stored in a yellow box by the office. Please ensure your child's name is written on their uniform.

After school clubs

If you would like your child to attend an after school club please check with the school office to see if there are any places left.

Medical appointments

Non-emergency appointments should be taken out of school hours. Please send evidence of the emergency appointment to the school office.

Pupil absence

Parents are responsible for calling the school office on a daily basis to report their child's absence

School council

At the beginning of every academic year new children are elected to become the school council representatives. Children from KS2 classes start their campaigns to win the votes of children across the school. Posters, persuasive speeches and even homemade cakes, are used to win the most votes. Once elected the children have the opportunity to express the views of their classmates, be part of important decision making within the school and help to organise whole school events.

Food collection

Every year, around Harvest time, Mayespark supports a local homeless shelter in Ilford by collecting food donations. The new school council have the privilege of visiting the centre to learn more about the amazing work the Welcome Centre does to support those in need. We ask that each child donates one or two items. Mrs Kaur will be leading the school council in organising this annual charitable event.



Redbridge Mental Health team are continuing their support with the School this year by running whole class workshops for children, supporting families on an individual basis as well as running workshops for parents. Our next workshop for parents will take place on 1st October at 9am. The focus of the session will be around promoting positive behaviour, an area that many parents have shared they would value support with. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Get involved

At Mayespark we like to encourage parents and carers to get involved in the life of the school. There are many ways in which to do this...

- Every Friday you are welcome to join in with the '**Read with me**' session straight after drop off in your child's classroom. Mrs Amey, English Leader and year 2 teacher can give you more details if needed.
- Friends of Mayespark would love to have more volunteers to help run and organise whole school events for the children. Please see Mrs Shamim in Nursery for more details.
- Parents can sign up volunteer in the school – listening to children reading, making resources, helping on school trips, helping in the office etc. Please email the office for more information.
- Come along to the various workshops and coffee mornings that will be hosted throughout the year at school. See this newsletter for details.



We are very pleased to announce that the parent and toddler group will be starting again.

The sessions will take place on a Tuesday morning in the community room 9-10.30am. This is a lovely opportunity for parents with young children to come along and get to know others; sharing tips and helping each other.

The first session will be Tuesday 30th September.

