



Greetings to all our new parents and children - welcome to the Mayespark Community! I am sure you will enjoy your time at our school and I look forward to seeing you.

Welcome back to all our parents and children. I hope you have all had a relaxing break.

As you may have already seen we have had lots of work done on the Early Years Learning garden, see page 8 for the comments and photos from the Leader of the Council Jas Athwal. I would like to thank all the staff involved in the tender and design process and to Tracy Lynes for overseeing the project installation over the Summer.

We have also welcomed new staff to the school. All the teachers and support staff have had two days of training to make sure we are all up to speed and ready to get the children learning!

Please remember to read with your child at home when they get their new books, and sign the reading records so their teacher knows they have read. This is one of the most important things we can do to help the children to develop their reading habits and skills.

Look out for the Big Pictures which will be sent out soon – they will let you know what your child is going to be learning about this term. We have made some changes to our curriculum this year to ensure that the children are able to link concepts and themes across subjects and deepen their learning.

Thank you for all the very positive feedback you gave us on the parent survey in July. The winner of the shopping voucher will be announced soon!

Ms Davies
Headteacher



SATs Results

We are so pleased to announce that our Yr 6 SATs results for reading, writing and maths combined improved last year. A massive well done to last year's Year 6 pupils and of course to our staff.



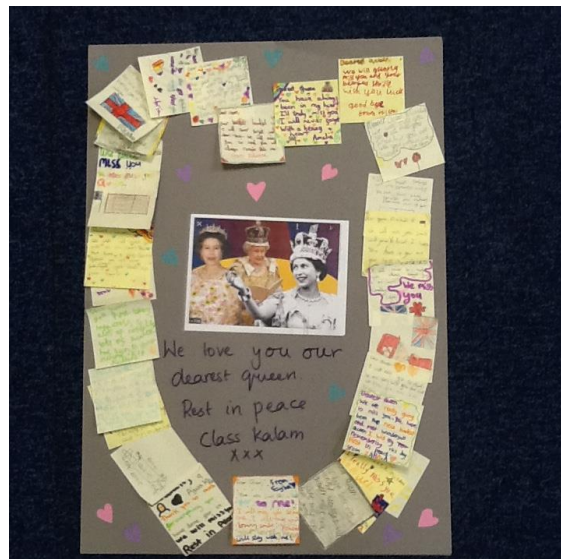
Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022



In memory of Queen Elizabeth II the children have made hearts with messages, talked about their memories of the Queen and learned about her life and work.

The children have learned about the Queen and King Charles III in assemblies and last Friday we held a minute's silence to allow the children and staff to reflect.





LEARNING



Our curriculum has been restructured to ensure that our children are able to link concepts and themes across subjects, deepening their learning. Please look out for our half termly Big Pictures, These will be emailed out to parents of children in ARCH and Yrs 1-6. They give details of what children will be learning each half term. They also give suggestions of how parents and carers can support learning at home.

There is a lot of information about our curriculum and how to support learning at home, on our website, please check this out! [Support for Parents - Mayespark Primary School](#)



Children will be set homework via Google Classroom. Every child has their own username and password for this. Homework will be set on Friday and must be completed by Wednesday. If you experience any difficulties, please see your child's teacher. Homework will commence week beginning 19th September.

Our homework policy is available to view via the following link: [Homework - Mayespark Primary School](#)

How children spend their time at home can make a huge impact on their learning. As a school we have invested in a number of online learning platforms which children can access at home. Please use these! You can find out more via our website: [Support for Parents - Mayespark Primary School](#)

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Please look out for your '**Parent Pack**'. Over the next few days we shall be emailing a pack containing lots of information about what your child will be learning this term / year and how you can support them at home. This will include a video from your child's year group teachers.

We hope you will find this useful – please feel free to send us feedback about your pack so that we can gauge how useful it's been!



WHO'S WHO?

Mayespark is a large primary school and sometimes it can be difficult to know who everyone is! We have many different teams of staff and we all work together to ensure our children achieve their best!

Our year group leaders are all very experienced teachers who oversee the classes in their year group. If you have any concerns, in the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher or year group leader, they will be happy to help.

Miss Nour EYFS Leader



Mrs Nangia Yr 4 Leader



Mrs Kaur Yr 1 Leader



Mrs Assenjee Yr 5 Leader



Mrs Amey Yr 2 Leader



Mrs Ashfield-Murphy Yr 6 Leader



Ms Juffs Yr 3 Leader



Mrs Kantharia SENCo / Arch Leader



Our senior leaders are all very committed to ensuring every child at Mayespark is safe and has access to a broad and balanced curriculum. At least one member of our Senior Leadership Team is present on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. We are all very approachable so please feel free to say hello!

Ms Davies Headteacher



Mrs Jones Deputy Headteacher



Mr Radmore Assistant Headteacher



Mr Muquith Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Ige Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Prince Strategic Leader of Learning





DIARY DATES

At Mayespark, it is important to us that parents and carers can easily access key information, including important dates. You are able to access term dates for this school year, via our website. [Term Dates - Mayespark Primary School](#)

Below are dates for the coming months, please note that calendar dates are often added and can be amended. We therefore ask that all parents download MySchoolApp, where our most recent school calendar can be accessed throughout the year.



September 2022	
19 th	After school clubs to resume
23 rd	Non- uniform day (to raise money for Pakistan)
29 th	Year 2 visit to Hyde Hall



October 2022	
3 rd & 4 th	School Council campaigning to take place
5 th	School Council election
7 th	School Council 2022 to be announced
17 th	Year 6 children leave for France residential
19 th	Parents' Evening
20 th	Parents' Evening
21 st	INSET DAY – school closed for children
21 st	Year 6 children return from France residential
24 th	Half term holiday begins
31 st	Children return to school



November 2022	
2 nd	School Council to visit City Hall
9 th	Book Fair in the downstairs hall
10 th	Book Fair in the downstairs hall
11 th	Book Fair in the downstairs hall



READING

At Mayespark we have very clear expectations regarding reading. This is simply because we know that children who read succeed! Please therefore expect leaders and teachers at Mayespark to promote reading throughout the year.

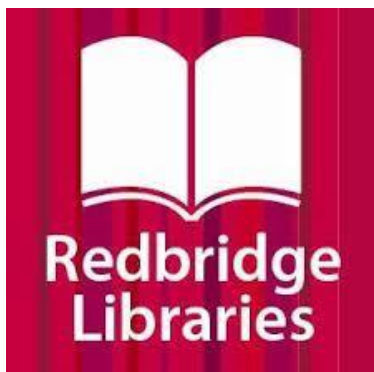
On the next page are the reading expectations for each year group. Please take the time to read these. We would like you to know that we don't just expect this of Mayespark children because we know the importance of reading, we also prioritise this at home in our own families:



As a teacher, I have studied the importance of reading and over time have observed the undeniable difference reading at home makes to children's overall attainment. I have therefore made sure I've always found the time to read a variety of books to my child. He has just started Year 1 and so now I also hear him read to me daily, even during the holidays! I know reading daily at home will help my son to achieve his best, I want this for the children at Mayespark too!



My children have been read to since they were very young. My youngest child is nearly two and continues to blow me away with her level of vocabulary and imaginative play. I am sure that this is largely thanks to the books that we read every day – it is an important part of her bedtime routine! My older children (aged 8 and 11) have developed a love for reading throughout the years, this is partly because they have always been read to but also our regular library trips. They often see my wife and I pick up our books if we have spare time and this has influenced them to do the same.



Reading at home doesn't require having to buy lots of books! We are so lucky to have a local library on our doorstep. Why not pop by one afternoon after school!





READING

Below are the reading expectations for each year group. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

	EYFS, Year 1&2	Year 3&4	Year 5&6
Reading to your child	Read different books to your child at least 6 days a week for at least 15 minutes.	It is still important that parents/carers read to older children. This may involve reading together and talking about non-fiction texts. For example, a newspaper article or an information book about a topic they are interested in.	
Hearing your child read	Listen to your child read their RWI/ book bag book or school banded book at least six days a week. Talk about what they have read referring to the questions in your child's home reading record.	Children are to read their banded book at least 6 days a week for about 20-30 minutes a day. Talk about what they have read referring to the questions in your child's home reading record.	Children are to read their banded book at home at least 6 days a week for at least 30 minutes a day. Non-banded books can be read only when first checked by a teacher and after every two banded books have been read.
Signing your child's reading record	Sign and date your child's home reading record each day, recording the book they have read to you.	Sign and date your child's reading record each day they read, making a note of the page numbers. Once your child has been told by their teacher they are an 'Independent Reader', they may prefer to complete their reading record themselves and parents can sign just once a week.	
Changing books	School books will be changed at least weekly and a school adult will sign your child's reading record weekly. Class teachers will check home reading records daily and will hear your child read once every three weeks.	Children can change their reading book whenever they need to. Class teachers will check reading records daily and will sign / comment in your child's reading record once every three weeks.	





OTHER NEWS & REMINDERS

We are so excited to have a brand-new outdoor learning space for our Nursery and Reception children as we know they will greatly benefit from this resource. The Leader of Redbridge Council, Cllr Jas Athwal visited Mayespark over the summer whilst works we being completed and had this to say:

"At Mayespark the outdoor space has been completely transformed with a world-class sensory play area. There is something for every child to enjoy from climbing frames to tunnels and separate areas for children to explore. The school team have created an incredible space for pupils to interact with, learn through play, and most importantly, have fun."

We are very much looking forward to our children enjoying this space. If you would like to pop into school to see this provision, feel free to ask!



After school clubs will resume on Monday 19th September. Please ensure you have booked and paid for these in advance.



It is crucial that our office hold up to date contact information for every child. If your details have changed, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



Packed lunches must not contain any nuts.

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We invite all parents and carers to view our school Facebook page. We regularly update this so please check it out!

Please consider where and how you park around the school site. We ask parents not to block driveways or leave their engine running.



Our governors are always busy behind the scenes, here's a few of the things they have been up to:

On 2nd September, governors attended our INSET day training for safeguarding and prevent. As part of this they questioned staff regarding our school processes and procedures.

As a school community, we welcome Frankie Chissim, new Clerk for Governors. Frankie will be working closely with other governors on the strategic planning of the school.