

# Mayespark Newsletter



Spring 1 2026

## Message from Ms Davies

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy start to the spring term at Mayespark and it has been wonderful to see pupils engaging so enthusiastically in their learning across the curriculum. Children in years 3-6 thoroughly enjoyed being a Rockstar for the day! We would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Mrs Neville to Mayespark and welcome back Mrs Murphy. Mrs Neville and Mrs Murphy will be teaching in Yousafzai until the end of the year. This has been a very smooth transition after we sadly had to say goodbye to Mr Sealy.

In order to improve whole school attendance, we ran an attendance competition in the Autumn Term. We are really pleased to share that Yousafzai ended the term with the best attendance and are looking forward to going to the cinema soon.

A special well done to the children who attended the sports competition at Glade Primary School recently. This term we are looking forward to the whole school activities which include; dressing up for World Book day, a Wind Recital from Redbridge Music school, prayer reflection workshops, mental health workshops and Safer Internet Day.

**THANK YOU** for your support with our recent Maths Day. You donated almost £300 which will be spent on much needed maths equipment for the children.

Ms Davies

## TOP NEWS

### Parent / Carer and Teacher Consultations

Consultations will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February (3:30-6pm)** and **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February (3:30-6pm)**.

Please note that pupils throughout the school are welcome to attend the meeting with you, should you so wish. The meeting will provide the perfect opportunity to explore how your child is progressing in relation to the standards expected, areas of strength and what he/she needs to focus on in particular in order to improve.



## Workshops for parents / carers

Mrs Sharma and Mrs Zehra, our maths leaders, provided parent/carer information sessions on mathematics earlier this term. We would like to thank all those who were able to attend the session.

Mr Darcy is hosting **weekly coffee mornings** for parents who have children with **special educational needs**. This has provided a valuable opportunity for families to come together to support one another, find out where they can get further help and advice.

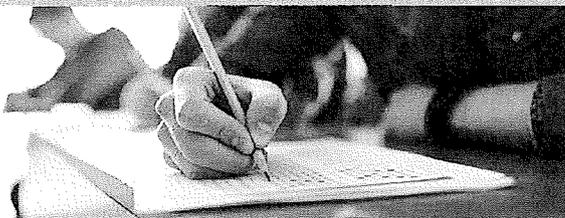
The school's **parent and toddler** sessions are up and running. If you are a parent with a child under 5 years old you are welcome to join the session. Please ask the school office more information .

## Assessments

Key assessments taking place this year:

- Year 6 SATs week commencing 11th May.
- Year 1 phonics screening check week commencing 8th June.
- Year 4 multiplication tables check during June.

It is very important that the children are in school for these tests.



## After School Clubs

We are delighted to provide a range of clubs this term, both sporting and non-sporting. Separate communications have been sent out to you regarding this and the clubs are also available to view on the school website. Pupils really enjoy these wider curriculum experiences. Please speak to the school office if you would like your child to attend an after school club.

## School Uniform

At Mayespark, we pride ourselves on looking smart. Our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone. It helps promote the identity of the school and is one of the most immediate ways in which a child associates themselves with being part of our community. Information about school uniform can be found on the school's website.

<https://www.mayesparkprimaryschool.org.uk/>

**Important!**



From September we will be changing the trousers and skirts colour to black instead of dark grey. This is to match with the PE kit. Please feel free to start buying black skirts or trousers from the start of the Summer term.



Children's Mental Health Week is an annual mental health awareness week launched by children's mental health charity, Place2Be. The organisation has provided counselling, mental health support and training in UK schools since 1994 and the week first launched in 2015 with the aim of empowering, equipping and giving a voice to all children and young people in the UK. Place2Be believes that children should not have to face mental health problems alone. This year, Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 9th-15th February. The official theme for the week is 'This is My Place'. We know that our sense of belonging as individuals, in our friendships, in school, and in communities plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing. To know our place and really feel part of our environment is a basic human need. It can have powerful and long-lasting impact in lots of areas of our lives, including our physical and mental health, education, employment and relationships. When we feel that we belong, it empowers us to contribute to the world and make a real difference.

At Mayespark, we recognise that our mental health flourishes when we feel connected and valued. When children have a strong sense of belonging, they:

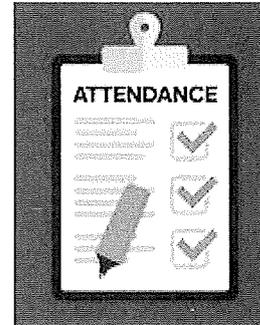
- Feel more confident to be themselves and try new things.
- Develop resilience to cope with challenges and setbacks.
- Build stronger relationships and communication skills.
- Experience less anxiety and loneliness.
- Have better self-esteem and understand their own worth.
- Feel motivated to contribute positively to their communities.

Therefore, in order to support our ongoing RSHE curriculum, each class in years 3-6 will be taking part in a Mental Health workshop run by Redbridge's Mental Health team over the next few weeks to ensure the children have a deeper understanding of mental health.

Further parenting advice from child mental health experts can be found by following this link: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Staff continue to monitor children's wellbeing on a daily basis and put in place any actions, as needed.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



### Pupil attendance

School attendance laws have changed and a national approach has been rolled out. The school has a legal duty to adhere to the new regulations. If we have concerns surrounding your child's attendance, including late arrivals, we will contact you to explore how we can work in partnership to support, liaising with the EWASS Education Welfare Officer as needed. Please remember that it is essential that you notify us of any absence on the first day and each subsequent day in line with safeguarding protocols.

We are aware that seasonal illness can impact pupils' attendance. Please see the following guidance to help manage seasonal illnesses and keep pupils and staff well.

- Education Hub Blog: Reducing the spread of illness this winter: Seven steps to healthier schools and higher school attendance.
- NHS Guidance for Parents: Is my child too ill for school? A useful resource to help parents decide when children should stay at home.

We continue to encourage families to book non-emergency appointments outside of school hours to avoid missing valuable learning time.

**Dates for the diary:**

5<sup>th</sup> February – EYFS - Fairy tale day  
 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 – Education visit to the London Eye  
 9<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day  
 9<sup>th</sup> February – Parent consultation evening 3.30-6pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> February – Parent consultation evening 3.30-6pm  
 16<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> February – Half term week  
 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Book fair  
 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Yr 5 – First Aid training  
 4<sup>th</sup> March – Yr R & 1 – Dental checks  
 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
 6<sup>th</sup> March – Yr 5 – Houses of Parliament trip  
 12<sup>th</sup> March – Yr 4 – Chocolate workshops  
 13<sup>th</sup> March – STEM day  
 16<sup>th</sup> March – Air Ambulance crew visit  
 19<sup>th</sup> March – Rocksteady concert at 10am  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March – PGL  
 26<sup>th</sup> March – Yr 3 – London Docklands museum trip



We would still love more donations of small world play.  
Are you able to offer help with providing storage for welly boots?

we would love a donation of adult shirts. These can then be worn by children when playing with the mud. Also a donation of kitchen utensils such as spoons, spatulas, sieves and also shovels and trowels would be great fun.  
For more information please see Mr Radmore.

