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THIS SCHOOL ROCKS...



EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

At the time of writing, something of a cloud hangs overhead. No, not just the disappointment of another 'Great British Summer' and the long anticipated sunshine failing to arrive. The possibility of VAT being added to school fees presents a considerable cause of anxiety for many of our families.

When my wife and I were Mayville parents, we worked hard and made a lot of sacrifices to give our children the values and educational foundation we desired for them. We were more representative of the norm than the exception, amongst fellow parents. Whilst private education is something of a privilege, it is never one that our parents or children ever take for granted.

Over recent years, rising inflation, mortgage rates and cost of living have already stretched and tested many families' means and resolve. We are not an elite establishment in the vein of Eton or Winchester College. We do not represent the wealth of many of our compatriots in the sector.

What, then, is Mayville? For all of us, the School represents *the* viable alternative. For some, it is a fastidious level of educational support, to ensure our children don't fall between the gaps. For others, it is a stubborn commitment to the importance of creativity in education, when many establishments have elected to jettison such programmes in favour, solely, of results and league tables. We are united by a holistic approach, which values the development of character and confidence alongside academic results, sporting achievements and creative pursuits. This approach is evident throughout the pages of this issue of *The Register*.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

This year's Creative Arts Masterclass series (pages 20-25) drew to a magnificent conclusion across four Summer Term workshop days. We welcomed past pupil, Tara Holland, back to Mayville, before having the honour of hosting industry royalty, Wayne Sleep, whose energy and experience captivated junior and senior pupils.

Senior pupils took to the stage at New Theatre Royal for this year's production, *School of Rock*. Audiences were treated to two exhilarating performances of the smash hit musical. The finale had the crowd dancing in the aisles, in this incredible feel-good end to the year (pages 6-9).

The weather held for our annual Summer Fair and we had a full programme of musical performances in the marquee. From war-time songs to *Cranberries* covers, there was something for everyone. Activities and stalls on the day raised over £600 for the Mayville PTA (pages 10-11).

Our Junior & Senior Sports Days both saw a change of venue this year, with HMS Temeraire currently out of action. The Junior School competition was hosted alongside the Nursery & Pre-Prep event at Cockleshell. The Senior inter-house competition took place at Mountbatten Centre, where favourable weather saw a number of school records tumbling (pages 28-33).

Pupils enjoyed a wealth of opportunities to broaden their horizons and enhance the curriculum with a number of enrichment activities, field trips and competitions, from Bikeability and cooking to Portsmouth Picture Book Awards and Big Debate (pages 12-19).

We are now offering the opportunity to advertise at Cockleshell playing fields. Between school usage and Meon Milton FC, the site experiences high levels of year-round footfall to a captive local audience.

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A message from

THE HEAD

REBECCA PARKYN

As we look back on the summer term we have just journeyed through together, what is evident is that we have drawn out the best of our young people's talents to enable them to flourish and to have a positive impact on others. Their shared endeavour has been an example to us all and those of us who were lucky enough to see our production of *School of Rock* at the Theatre Royal will long remember the incredible standard of the vocals and acting. We have had a very rich year in terms of our performing arts offer which has seen industry professionals return to give masterclasses at Mayville. Our sporting life has also been varied and successful whether that's at the ISA athletics, in karate, gymnastics, cricket or rugby. Our Sports Academy which runs in the school holidays has gone from strength to strength and has become very popular indeed. Mayville is very fortunate to have such outstanding individual athletes in their respective disciplines with Gabriella, Eva, Thomas, Henry, Bertie, Jacob and Louie all deserving a special mention. As a school we will work hard at organising relevant fixtures in the forthcoming year so that our teams have the opportunity to shine. It was wonderful to see so many parents at the end of year events; the summer fair at Cockleshell, the *School of Rock* performance and our sports days. Your continued support is humbling and is very much appreciated.

The summer term took on a different tone with the somewhat sudden calling of a general election. Thank you to the many who wrote personally to me and who gave up their time to attend parent consultations. We are also very grateful to the extraordinary efforts of Mrs Wisniak from the PTA who spearheaded awareness of the implications of potential taxation changes so thoughtfully and successfully. And of course on the last day of term, we entered a new era further to the election of a new government. As you may recall, it is the stated policy of the Government to impose VAT on school fees and to end business rates relief for schools with charitable status. This has been the predominant political issue for the independent sector for a good while and has taken up a good deal of my time recently. Mayville needs to continue to make a positive case for our School and the independent sector more widely. We will continue to point out that we believe the Government's VAT policy is misguided with potentially damaging consequences for the sector. We will need to make efficiencies wherever we can to reduce the financial impact on our parent community. In the coming months, we will need to embrace the challenge which change brings. That challenge often helps to drive personal and collective achievement with the process being valued as much as the outcome. So, while the direction is set, the route will develop. As we plan for the future, we can't be complacent. It's important to be thoughtful and discerning in how we respond and in so doing we will continue to balance the old with the new.

So, what's next? As we begin to look forward to September we will see our alternative provision, Wyvern House, entering stage two of its development with an increased number of pupils being admitted. It has been a constant joy to see how our multi-disciplinary team has been caring for our most vulnerable pupils. We will be offering an increased number of foreign residentials to broaden our pupils' horizons and on the academic front we will be enhancing stretch and challenge across the curriculum and increasing our provision for our more able, gifted and talented pupils.

Mayville moves forward with ambition and confidence into the autumn! Wishing everyone a very restful summer break and I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on 4th September.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

DANCE LIVE!



Following their second place finish in the regional heats last term, our *Junior Dance Live!* Team took to the Guildhall stage once again, with their piece, *Spectacular Seuss*, a glorious fun-filled explosion of colourful costumes, characters and video.

This is the second year running that our juniors have made the final and we couldn't be more proud of their attitude and commitment. Being part of a team such as this, pupils learn so much about themselves and what they are capable of, as well as making friends outside of their own year or class.

Although we didn't place in the finals, the judges' comments will be a memory that the whole team can treasure, "Next stop: The West End."





Our summer production...

SCHOOL OF ROCK



Audiences were treated to two spectacular performances of the smash hit musical *School of Rock* at New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth.

A tale of students discovering what matters to them through having the opportunity to perform with their friends... it feels tailor-made for Mayville (although our pupils do so in scheduled activities with actual teachers!).

By our own very high standards, this was up there with the very best of Mayville's creative arts output. Max (drawing on his professional experience with the show) was inspired in the lead role; vocal performances were impeccable and comedy was delivered with perfect timing. By the finale, the whole cast had the crowds rocking in the aisles!









MAYVILLE'S ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR



On a rare sunny June day, we hosted our annual Summer Fair at Cockleshell. Families enjoyed an array of stalls, activities and competitions, whilst a wealth of musical talent performed in the marquee, throughout the afternoon.

The day was an enormous success, raising over £600 for the Mayville PTA – thank you for your generous support.



A love of **ENGLISH** LANGUAGE

AWARD-WINNING POETRY

Year 10 (L5) pupil, Evelyn Cowhig, won *The Simon Powell Poetry Prize 2024*, with this poem, *Legacy*.

I
am
your only
legacy.

I am the rising waves

I am the faltering electricity

I am the crumbling infrastructure

I am the scorching pavements
that melt your purple plastic flip flops back
into the ground

from whence they came.

I am the chasm wide open
in a sky too blue and broken,
the fight against me is a
dependable
token.

I am inching up your back
to the edge of your subconscious

I am the reason you forget to swagger and
saunter.

I am your footprints in the sand
that can't be washed away by the tide

I am
The young people's
sighs.

I am your widening
eyes.

I am the
disembodied,
anguished
cries.

I am an afterthought of too many a man

A fate
decided

Humanity
presiding

I am what you've brought on yourself
I am what you get
I am your cheap regret

I am the end of the world, my loves
-And this is my decree:

I am your last apology

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Legacy.

D-DAY POETRY



Elliott in Year 7 (Remove) wrote this piece in English class, inspired by the D-Day 80 commemorations.

The Death of D-Day

Darkening waters surround the boat
Dust is choking our throat
Our hearts are beating through our chest
There is no time for us to rest
There is no coming back another day

The screams of people far away
Praying for a safe day
The crash of boats so far away
Hell is going to be happy today

The shouts of 'bombs away'
Today we will not be prey
Brace yourself for the fight today

Darkening waters surround the boat
Tears attack my eyes
Far too many lives given that day
That is what happened on D-Day.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Article written by Eve Storey and Arabella Guard. Originally published in The Mayville Post.

The well known classic; *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was recently visited by Remove (Year 7) in Southampton, at The Mast Mayflower Theatre, accompanied by all of the English teachers and Mr McCrohan. After watching, everyone agreed that Bottom's comedic timing and the quarrels between Helena and Hermia made it a wonderful performance!

The year groups left Portsmouth at twelve o'clock on a train and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the journey. After a bit of walking we eventually arrived at the theatre. Before we went in however, we decided that we should rest in the shade in a nearby park.

After the show, we asked Ms Bray what she thought. She said: 'This was one of the best performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* I have ever seen!'



We then asked Mrs Hardcastle, who organised the wonderful trip, what she thought of the play.

'I loved the play and not only was the theatre amazing but the comedy was fantastic! The skill in having three or four roles per actor was very impressive. The trip was wonderful. We were blessed with wonderful weather and the walk was very easy for everyone.

My motivation for organising the trip was that it is very important to show a Shakespeare performance to the pupils so that they can learn outside of school as well as inside school!'

In pursuit of **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

GCSE Geography students took field trips to Lee-on-the-Solent and Southsea. They were investigating whether the groyne at Hill Head beach are effective, as well as studying housing inequalities in Southsea.



MATHS CHALLENGE

Article written by Mrs Eckworth, Eve Storey and Maddy Collings.

Originally published in The Mayville Post.

On 25th April, 40 students across U3, Remove and L4 took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Junior Maths Challenge. This was an online event that tested pupils' logical thinking as well as their mathematical skills. The results were issued just before half term.

Mayville High School pupils achieved the following fantastic results:

3x Gold Certificates: Adam B (U3), Charlie M (L4) and Noah T (L4)

6 x Silver Certificates: Amaan C, Daniel M, Finn M, George P, Isaac P, Katharine R (All L4)

11 x Bronze Certificates: Saakshyat S, Sofia H, John L, Eve S, Sam T, Isaac T (All Rem); Maya C, Joshua C, Ellie S, Oscar S, Zeb S (all L4)

Team Maths Challenge

On 24th June, we had a team of four L5 pupils travelling to UTC, Portsmouth who took part in the Team Challenge. Well done to the team who placed 6th and good luck to all for next year!



THE BIG DEBATE

*Article written by Kaitlyn-Marie and Maddy Collings.
Originally published in The Mayville Post.*

On Friday the 11th of May, 30 pupils took part in a training course for the debate competition *The Big Debate*. We interviewed Jess Cowling who was the instructor for the workshop.

What made you join Unloc? Jess: I loved giving opportunities to young people.

Why would you recommend people to join Unloc? Jess: Because a lot of people have a lot of competition amongst grades.

What opportunities does Unloc have to offer? Jess: Unloc offers many opportunities to build up young people's confidence.

In the application form, pupils were asked to give a reason for why they want to take part in the Big Debate. Here are some of the responses, "I have always been interested in debating and sharing my opinions so I immediately applied". Another student said, "I want to take part in the Big Debate because it will improve my confidence."

On the 5th of June, Two teams of six students from Mayville went to the University of Portsmouth for the debate competition.

Everyone was excited to go and confident with their speeches.. Once we arrived, we sat in our seats and were told about the day ahead which consisted of two debates and some team building exercises which was very fun to get to know about our competitors.

At the end of the day we found out that we sadly didn't make it to the final round but Eve Storey (Remove) and James Watson (L5) both won individual awards. Well done to both of them!



POST HOLDERS 2024/25

We would like to extend our congratulations to the following pupils, who have been awarded positions of responsibility for next academic year.

Heads of School

Anusha Ahmed
Freya Scowen
Freddie Fernandes
James Watson

Heads of Houses

Head of Austen – Lola Ede
Deputy Head of Austen – Claudia Smith

Head of Cavell – Gabriella Falano
Deputy Head of Cavell – Jamie Morgan

Head of Nelson – Evelyn Cowhig
Deputy Head of Nelson – Edward Assinder-Smith

Prefects

Maisie Ede
Barnaby Atkinson
Ellie Boswell
Isaac Herman
Moji Farodoye
Amelia Farrell

In pursuit of

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BIKEABILITY

Bikeability equip children with the skills and confidence to cycle, safely, on today's roads. They have provided this service to over four million children, nationally.

During the Summer Term, they came in to give junior pupils this essential life skill, learning bike handling and road safety.



COOKING

As part of their studies, Year 6 (U3) have been investigating ingredients and their nutritional value, before putting this knowledge into practice, preparing and baking bread and roasting vegetables to make pasta sauce.

We hope that pupils have brought these skills home with them!



PORTSMOUTH BIG CITY READ

Year 6 (U3) have enjoyed reading David Baddiel's *The Parent Agency*. The books were gifted to pupils, as part of The Portsmouth Schools Library Service *Portsmouth Big City Read* initiative. The scheme is aimed at encouraging reading for pleasure in the transition to senior school.



PACKAGE FREE LARDER

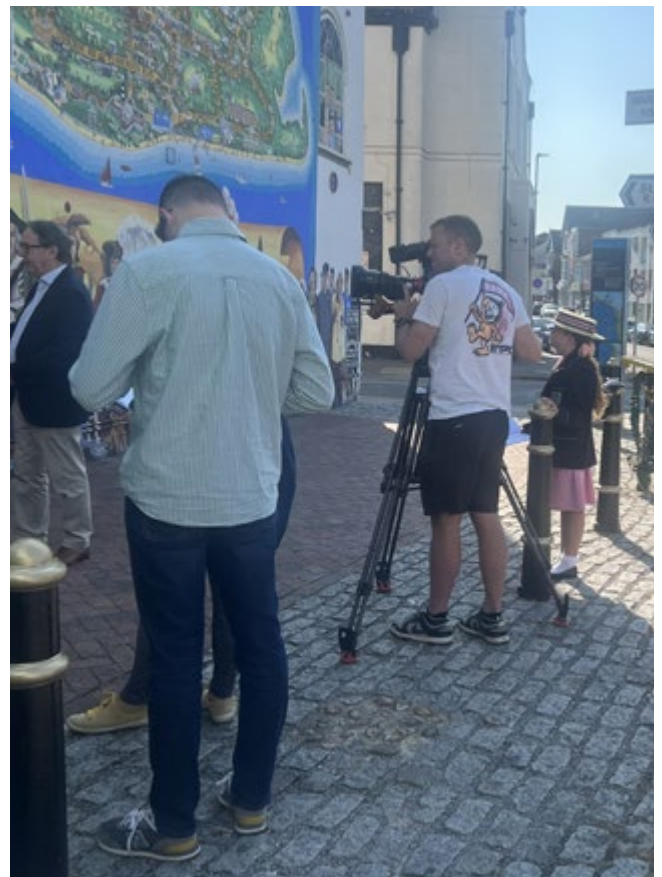
Junior pupils visited *The Package Free Larder*, Portsmouth's first plastic-free supermarket. They looked at a typical packed lunch and investigated plastic-free alternatives, such as choosing dried fruits as a healthy alternative to packaged snacks.



BBC BARGAIN HUNT

The Clarendon Road mural is a local landmark, which is now 26 years old. Created and maintained by artist, Mark Lewis, it is the world's only forever changing mural, updated regularly to reflect the local area and its people. Mayville has long been immortalised on the site, with a portrait of a pupil in summer uniform.

BBC were recently filming *Bargain Hunt* in the area and the crew interviewed Evie (Y5/M3) as part of the show.



Learning to learn...

NURSERY & PRE-PREP

PORTSMOUTH PICTURE BOOK AWARDS

Year 1 (U1) pupils visited St Swithun's School, to meet the winner of the Portsmouth Picture Book Awards. They had previously taken part in the voting and were very excited to find out who the winner was!

Bethany Walker's *Do Lions Hate Haircuts* claimed the prize and pupils were treated to a reading and Q&A with the author.



MACHINES & MECHANISMS

As part of their DT studies, Year 2 (L2) have been learning about machines and mechanisms, experimenting with different mechanisms that will be used to design and create a moving greetings card.





PARTNERED READING

Pupils from Year 4 (L3) visited Pre-Prep to read with Year 1 (U1) classes. After reading to one another, they shared some of their favourite picture books together.



PROFESSIONAL MASTERCCLASS

REDMAND RANCE

Redmand (or 'Reds') trained locally with Marie Clarke School of Dance before graduating from Performers College & RADA. He is now a professional dancer, appearing in movies such as *Disenchanted*, *Matilda*, *Barbie* and Disney's forthcoming live action version of *Snow White*. He also toured internationally with Hugh Jackman's *The Man The Music The Show*. During his junior and senior workshops, he took pupils through one of the dances from *The Greatest Showman*.





CHICHESTER COLLEGE

We were joined by Chichester College students, who came in to perform a number of pieces, before taking senior pupils through a series of workshops.

It was amazing for pupils to have a glimpse of the potential next steps in following their dreams and learn from students who are a little further along that journey.



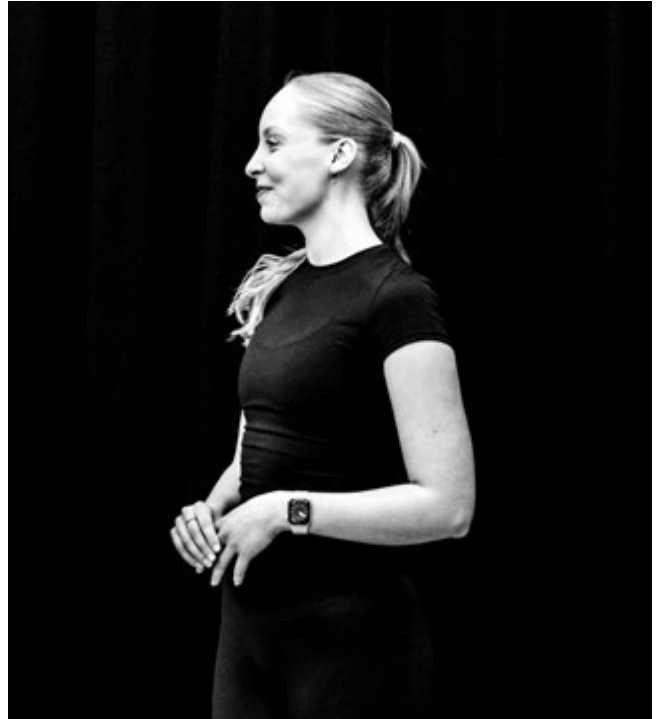
PROFESSIONAL MASTERCCLASS

TARA HOLLAND

After completing her GCSEs at Mayville in 2019, Tara (stage name Tara Yasmin), trained at Laine Theatre Arts, gaining a Trinity Level 6 Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre.

Her professional theatre credits include *Cinderella*, *Sweet Charity*, *Dick Whittington* and the acclaimed musical, *Crazy For You*, which took her to the West End stage; alongside TV appearances on *The One Show*, *This Morning* and *The Royal Variety Performance*.

Her focus for the junior and senior workshops was working with a partner and helping each other to get up to 'show speed'. It was an absolute pleasure to be able to welcome Tara back to school and learn from her professional experience.





PROFESSIONAL MASTERCCLASS

WAYNE SLEEP

Rounding off our 2024 Masterclass Series was a dancer who, for readers of a certain generation at least, should need no introduction – industry royalty and one time dance partner of Princess Diana – Wayne Sleep OBE.

Whilst pupils may have started the day somewhat less familiar with his experience and fame, his boundless energy and tireless enthusiasm captivated and enthralled junior and senior pupils over four hour-long workshops in ballet and jazz.

There was a rare cameo from our very own Miss Doughty who, following in the footsteps of Princess Di, took to the floor to partner Wayne on a routine... a bucket list moment for our Head of Creative Arts!





Rounding up **CREATIVE ARTS**



COMMUNITY SINGERS

This term, a group of junior singers have been entertaining the local residential homes, singing a selection of World War 2 songs, which they have enjoyed.

The Braemar, The Regency, St Ronans and St Vincents have all warmly welcomed them and have asked us to return next term to sing Christmas carols.



DRUMMING SENSATION

Talented young drummer, Mia (Y5/M3), won the TAMSTA Drum Day Junior Competition 2024. The only girl taking part and, at ten years old, she was by far the youngest competitor (the majority being 15/16 years old)!



JUNIOR MUSIC CONCERT

During the last week of term, junior pupils staged a concert in Linda Owens Hall, with Year 4 (L3) pupils on ukulele, Year 5 (M3) on flutes and Year 6 (U3) on trumpets.



JUNIOR TALENT SHOW

Organised and run by Year 6 (U3), the annual *Mayville's Got Talent* show is a great opportunity for pupils to share their talents and perform for the Pre-Prep and Junior Schools. Winners, as follows:

- 1st Beatrix (Y3/U2)
I Just Can't Wait to be King (song & dance)
- 2nd Niamh & Lyra (Y6/U3)
Done For (drama)
- 3rd Joe (Y4/L3)
20th Century Boy (electric guitar)

ISA COMPETITION SUCCESS



Max (Y9/U4) & Eden (Y8/L4) entered the ISA Musical Theatre Competition and placed in the top ten, out of over 300 entrants. Congratulations!



Our Rock Band were 'Highly Commended' in the KS3 category of the ISA Band Competition, with their version of Adele's *Rolling in the Deep*. A huge well done to Max, Zahra, Mia, Amber, Noah and Maya.



ABRSM EXAMS

Congratulations to the following pupils, who took their ABRSM exams this term:

Eve Storey	Grade 1 Piano	Merit
Lilia Hill	Grade 1 Singing	Pass
Belle Byrne	Grade 1 Singing	Pass
Ottie McFaul	Grade 2 Singing	Merit
Isobel Hext	Grade 2 Singing	Pass
Iris Stacey Ross	Grade 3 Singing	Pass
Millie Byrne	Grade 4 Singing	Pass
Eden Graham	Grade 4 Singing	Merit
Eve Storey	Grade 5 Trumpet	Pass



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Eva (Y10/L5) is performing at the Queens Hotel *Summer Sunday Sessions* on 21st July. Our Rock Band's Amber (Y7/R) performed at the same sessions last week.

Following her Matilda performance last month, Zahra (Y8/L4) is playing 'Mable' in *Fame* at Titchfield Festival Theatre on 27th July. She will also be starring in their production of *Beauty and the Beast* in August.

NURSERY & PRE-PREP SPORTS DAY



On a rare gloriously sunny day in June, parents and families came to Cockleshell to cheer on our youngest athletes, as they tackled the obstacle race, throwing event and sprints. Many thanks to our junior helpers for their organisation and support.





JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



A change of venue and Cockleshell was bathed in glorious sunshine for this year's junior sports day. Competing in sprints, standing long jump, cricket ball throw and relays, pupils battled it out for the inter-house competition.

Cavell took the top spot, with Nelson in second place and Austen in third. Best individual athletes were Emily, Isla, Oscar and Rafferty, congratulations!





SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



With our usual home, HMS Temeraire, currently undergoing renovations, our senior sports day was hosted at Mountbatten Centre. Favourable weather saw a number of school records tumble. The Year 10 (U5) boys javelin record was smashed – second place would have taken the previous record, even with the slight headwind!

Fiercely contested on both track and field, the final points tally saw Cavell complete the clean sweep of this year's inter-house standings. Congratulations to all competitors for showing excellent sporting and team spirit throughout the day.





Rounding up **SUMMER SPORT**



ISA ATHLETICS

In June, a team of Mayville athletes competed at the regional heats of the ISA Athletics Competition in Windsor.

Gabriella (Y10/L5) won bronze in the 200m sprint and Tabitha (Y9/U4) won bronze in discus. Eva (Y10/L5) claimed gold for Mayville in the 1500m, which qualified her for the national finals later that month. She travelled to Birmingham to compete, where she finished a very creditable 6th place. Congratulations to everyone who took part and represented the School with honour.



GYMNASTICS

Bertie (Y9/U4) represented English Gymnastics at The Caledonia International, helping Team England to a silver medal. A fantastic result in your first international competition. Congratulations, Bertie!



KARATE

Thomas (Y8/L4) recently competed alongside 466 other competitors in the English Karate Federation National Championships in Sheffield, where he won a gold medal in Kumite (sparring). He is now EKF National Champion in his category. On the back of this success, he has been invited to attend trials for the English Karate Federation National Squad and has since joined them in Birmingham for his first training session. Way to go, Thomas!

CRICKET SUCCESSES



Congratulations to our U15 captain, Henners, on being selected to represent the Hampshire County Cricket RPC age group squad for the eighth year running. He made his senior debut for Portsmouth & Southsea CC at just 12 years old, taking three wickets in his first game! He also represents U15, U17 & U19 for his club.

For the seventh consecutive year, Louie (Y9/U4) has also been selected for the Hampshire County Cricket RPC squad. Currently, he is playing for U15, U17, Adults 4's, Adults Midweek B's and Hampshire RPC, alongside school cricket! When not playing or training, Louie is currently learning the basics of umpiring and volunteering with Hawks, helping to coach younger players at the Ageas Bowl.



Representing Portsmouth CC, Jake (Y7/R) was recently awarded the leading wicket taker in the Fareham U13 Indoor Cricket League 23-24 season. 11 wickets, at an average rate of 15.27, is the highest recorded in a season since 2016. Congratulations, Jake!

BMX RACING



Jacob (Y9/U4) is enjoying considerable success this season and has just been signed by Hotshot BMX Team. He recently finished off round four of the National Championships with a B Final win, which has mathematically secured his place in the 2025 World BMX Championships in Cruiser category, hosted in Copenhagen next summer. Currently sitting 10th in the national standings, Jacob is competing in next month's British Championships, to try and break into the top eight. Good luck!



SNOWDON SUMMIT

Catherine (Y6/U3) recently completed a summit of Mount Snowdon. At 1,085m above sea level, it is the highest peak in England and Wales – a gruelling hike, which requires considerable preparation. The following week, she took bronze medal in the Wessex League U13 100m sprint, as well as competing in the 4x100m relay and 800m! Well done, Catherine.

CLASS OF TWENTY FOUR

With the end of another academic year, it is time to bid a fond farewell to our departing Year 11 (U5) pupils. We were happy to share a few events with them, to mark this important rite of passage.

The customary shirt-signing day celebrated the cohort's last full day in school before going off timetable for exams. This year's prom was hosted at the Queens Hotel, which was bathed in glorious sunshine. On the penultimate day of term, our leavers' assembly paid tribute to the class of 2024.

We look forward to seeing you on 22nd August for GCSE results day!





SENIOR PSHE

Head of PSHE, Mrs Hardcastle writes:

This academic year has certainly been a busy one for PSHE, as we have embraced our new model of weekly lessons. Pupils have adapted well to the change and we are seeing the positive impact that giving more time to this core subject is having on pupils. The world they inhabit is constantly changing and it is through the wonderful work the department staff do that enables the pupils to navigate modern society in a well-informed, considerate and respectful way.

One key of the curriculum is careers and with the awareness that the world of work is changing, it is vital that we dedicate time to exploring this. Year 7 (Remove) have spent time considering their personal strengths and how these would translate to the workplace, as well as developing their leadership and speaking and listening skills. These skills are vital to success and will serve the pupils well, as they enter the ever-changing labour market. Year 10 (L5) have been investigating city-based careers and discovering a wealth of opportunities that they were previously unaware of. Additionally, they have also been learning about the post-16 options available to them after they leave Mayville from A-levels to BTECs, T-Levels to apprenticeships. They also enjoyed a taster day at HSDC in late June, experiencing academic and vocational qualifications first hand.

Another vital area of PSHE is financial literacy. According to the findings from the [Money and Pensions Service](#) June 2023 report that 'a meaningful financial education is strongly linked to good financial attitudes and behaviours such as active saving, confidence managing their money and having more positive attitudes towards money' which will in turn lead to better financial wellbeing as adults. At Mayville, we have been pleased with the success of the lessons delivered across the Senior School, with pupils investigating financial decision making and financial risks. Behind the scenes, the department has been working hard on reshaping the curriculum, so that pupils in all year groups will receive financial literacy education next academic year.

Much of our job as PSHE educators is being able to respond to current affairs. With the announcement of an earlier-than-expected General Election, the department quickly resourced lessons to inform pupils of the fundamentals of democracy, elections, voting and their local candidates. Engaging young people with politics is vital; political apathy is an issue that we all need to tackle, to ensure that once our pupils reach voting age, they are engaged with the political landscape.

Another area that is firmly on our radar is the rapid advancement of AI in and out of education. Whilst there are clearly many benefits to using AI, there are also risks that pupils need to be aware of. As we look ahead to the next academic year, the department has been busy researching and producing lessons that cover a range of topics, from the impact of generative AI on children's mental health to the benefits and disadvantages of using ChatGPT in the classroom. Whether we like it or not, AI is here to stay and it is our duty to help the pupils make well-informed decisions about its use.

As many of you will be aware, the Department for Education announced its review of relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) back in May. Whilst reviews of the guidance are always welcome, as practitioners we hope that the government will continue to ensure the safety of all pupils and that the proposed age restrictions on certain topics will not be detrimental to their wellbeing. As soon as the new guidance is published, we will be making any necessary changes to the PSHE curriculum.

Finally, as we look ahead to the new academic year, we would like to share with you the new topics that the pupils will be studying in the Autumn Term.

	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Y7 (R)	Transition & Safety	Building Relationships
Y8 (L4)	Financial Literacy	Communities & Belonging
Y9 (U4)	Respectful Relationships	Intimate Relationships
Y10 (L5)	Mental Health	Healthy Relationships
Y11 (U5)	Careers	Independent Health Choices

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP



OPPORTUNITIES WITH UNLOC

*Article written by Freya Scowen.
Originally published in The Mayville Post.*

Why are extracurricular activities so important? You may be wondering but there are actually a lot of benefits for doing them. Many people join extra curricular clubs to expand their knowledge and social skills.

Since I've joined the Portsmouth Youth Cabinet, I have been able to have a lot of amazing experiences. For example, I have been lucky enough to be chosen to represent the Youth Cabinet at D Day 80, Mayor Making and the Portsmouth Vision conference. The purpose of the Youth cabinet is to represent young people's views on positive activities that are wanted and to raise awareness of what is already out there.

Young people today are being stereotyped into an uncaring generation who don't care about the world but I now know how untrue that is.

Unloc are a youth charity who helps teenagers to make their voices heard. CoPS, the Youth cabinet, and more helps you to make a positive impact on social issues that you are passionate about. In CoPS, my group is working on having better support for making choices in your future such as: Careers and choosing your GCSE options.



SUMMER BAKE OFF

Article written by Mrs Gates.

The Heads of Houses and the School Council decided that it was time for another inter-house bake off and cake sale. The pupils suggested that the money raised would go to an international charity, *The Thunder Foundation*. This is a charity close to Mrs Miles' heart. Based in Nairobi, Kenya. They support children with their education. More recently, the families have been affected by flooding from torrential rain so the money raised will help to support them during challenging times.

Yet again, the pupils amazed us with their creativity and imagination. The judges found it very challenging to choose the winners and were unable to split Nelson who had two winners.

Each house winner received 20 GHM and the overall winner received 30 GHM!

Austen - Isaac (Y1/U1)
Cavell - Bertie (Y2/L2)
Nelson - Connie (Y5/M3) & Lylah (Y1/U1)

After judging, pupils were keen to taste the delights provided and the hall soon filled with smiles, happy tummies and jingling of change. I am pleased to say that we raised £216.07 for *The Thunder Foundation*.




Summer Bake-Off

We wanted to share more pictures from this fantastic initiative, which raised £216.07 for our chosen charity, *The Thunder Foundation*. Well done to everyone who took part, we are amazed by your craft and ingenuity!

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