

Term Dates 2012

Spring Term 2012

First day of spring term: Tuesday 3rd January
Last day of half term: Friday 10th February
Back to school: Monday 20th February
Last day of term: Friday 30th March

Summer Term 2012

First day of summer term: Monday 16th April
Last day of half term: Friday 1st June
Back to school: Monday 11th June
Last day of term: Friday 20th July

Staff Training/School closure:

1 further training day tbc

Magical Music

We had a real treat when Lower Key Stage 2 classes, Rousseau, Haring and Hokusai with Farhana and Shanaz (in Year 6), performed the tunes they have been learning in glockenspiel lessons. They played in perfect unison and it sounded beautiful! We also had a wonderful drumming performance too. Thank you for all the performers and for the parents who came to see the performances.

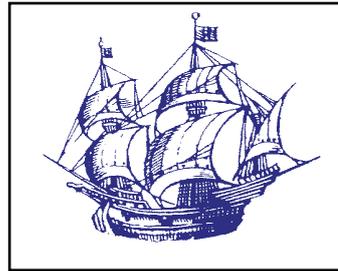


While you are relaxing at home during the Christmas holidays, please have a look for any Mayflower books that might have been left behind and bring them back to school on 3rd January. Have a lovely holiday from Dee and all the staff at Mayflower School.

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Mayflower News



Set sail for success

December
2011

Thank you to all our hard working Mayflower pupils. Keep reading and storytelling during the holiday.

Food Drive



Thank you so much for contributing so generously to the Tower Hamlets Food Drive. Matisse Class organised the event and counted 300 food items! These have been collected and will be given to Tower Hamlets residents who are finding it difficult at this time of the year.

Attendance

We are on track to achieving good attendance this year. So far we have 95.9% in Key Stage 1 and 2, and 92.5% in Early Years (so we still needs to work on better attendance there.) All children achieving **100% for the term** will receive a special certificate at Friday's assembly. Every day counts!

Science Club

Science club have been experimenting, they have made Popping Rockets, found out what types of materials were best to make tea bags and have discovered how to get tea stains out of clothes. They experimented with a substance called



'gloop' that can be a liquid and a solid at the same time! Finally they made their own stinky cheese and had a bite. It was yummy!! If this sounds cool and exciting to you, you can sign up next term for the Spring Science Club.

Jane Ray



Some lucky classes had the opportunity to meet Jane Ray last week. She shared her new book 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' with classes and taught them how to make decorative bunting. Ray class were particularly pleased to meet their class artist.

Great Learning

The children at Mayflower school are doing really well in their learning and we want to share our success with you. Every year the government sends all schools a report to tell them how pupils are doing in comparison to other schools nationally. We are ranked in the **top 14%** of schools in the country for the progress children make while they are at Mayflower. This is an achievement we are really proud of.

As you may know the attainment of children in Year 2 and Year 6 is collected by the government. In July 2011 Year 2 and Year 6 children did really well. The attainment was well above national average in almost all areas. You may have seen the graphs on display on the stairs that show this. The children in all other classes are also achieving really well. We all continue striving to make learning exciting at Mayflower.

Governors update

Following suggestions from parents, I am pleased to give you an update on the work the governing body have been focusing on this term.

Governors agreed to continue to work in collaboration with Poplar schools through the Poplar Partnership. This partnership working brings benefits to Mayflower staff, pupils and their families.

A number of governors attended the Tower Hamlets Governors Conference in October which gave us new ideas on continuing to improve attainment of the children in Tower Hamlets, safeguarding and managing school budgets effectively.

We shared our new draft policy for Health and Relationships with parents on the 8th December. All lesson plans and resources will be shared with parents in the spring term, prior to lessons being taught. Parents can then opt in to the lessons they want their children to take part in.

Two parents have come forward to be new parent governors Yasmin Begum and Mohammed Yeahia. A letter with their statements and voting slips will be sent to parents after the holiday.

Best wishes to all of you for the holiday season
Joanna Lilley, Chair of Governors

School Councillors



School Councillors visited the residents of Shaftesbury Lodge Home for the Elderly and read some stories to them. They told us some stories about when they were younger and how different Poplar use to be.

One of the residents used to be the Mayor of Tower Hamlets.

If your class have ideas for future visits to Shaftesbury Lodge, share them with your Class Teacher.

