

Mayflower Community Academy's Community Trail Celebration

Learning from Lockdown:

Over the Summer, Mayflower Community Academy launched a Community Trail with the aim of not only promoting the green spaces around where our school is situated but also to give parents and pupils of our school time to reflect on their COVID-19 experiences. To stop and ask yourselves:

What has COVID-19 taken away from you?

What has it given back?

After lockdown, what are you hopeful for?

What must we remember about this time?

Here are some examples of the energy and interest our trail initially generated along with examples of families enjoying and exploring the trail.



"It's great how proactive your school is being about supporting your school community through Covid19 and that you have chosen Central Park and I'm keen to note down your positive story about celebrating green spaces." Andrew Clanfield (PCC, Natural Infrastructure Officer)



Carly Hobbs
@chobbs1983

The last two days have been a bit quieter for school work. 4cstepsntobsuccess each day and we have made a good start on the trail. @Mayflower_MCA @JohnLossMCA



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Jo West @jobeanus · 27 Aug

Having fun on the Mayflower Covid trail! @Mayflower_MCA sadly we couldn't find Miss Rose link :(



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Michelle Mackney @MackneyMichelle · 5 Aug

Girls enjoying the Mayflower challenge @CatherineactMCA @sarah_sandey @DavidSammels @joshuamcgrath88



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Danielle Barringer @DanielleBMCA · 30 Jul

#toppingup A walk round Central Park and an ice cream.



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kim @kimjDavis90 · 23 Aug

Today we took an adventure walk around Central Park and managed to find most of the trail numbers, unfortunately @carlyannroseMCA your one by the life centre wasn't there anymore. @pennypetersMCA we didn't let the hill beat us 😅. Thank you @Mayflower_MCA this was so much fun. 🙌



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Rachele Greco @racgreco · 23 Aug

Evening walk 🌙 @Mayflower_MCA



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Rachele Greco @racgreco · 30 Jul

today we found the post of @DavidSammels @CatherineactMCA @carlyannroseMCA and we watched your lovely videos ❤️😘 @Mayflower_MCA



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Lisa Nash @lisaandmonkey · Jul 26

#toppingup @Mayflower_MCA @DavidSammels @CatherineactMCA @sarah_sandey



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MrsED @thanos_mum

That's the Community trail done this morning. Treated it like a treasure hunt, finding all the posters and then watched the videos once we got home. Great excuse for a picnic lunch too. This is from our house and back. @Mayflower_MCA



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Catherine Acton @CatherineactMCA · Jul 23

@Mayflower_MCA let's add our trail steps to @SPSPlymouth's challenge. Tell them how many steps it's taken you to do the trail and you'll add 1 metre per step to their total. 🙌 #howfarcanwego #milescreatesmiles. Together celebrating Summer Challenges within our @learningatuk

Miss Hodges @MissHodgesSPS · Jul 22

Who wants to sign up for the Great Shakespeare Challenge? Watch the little video to find out more! #HowFarCanWeGo #MilesCreateSmiles @SPSPlymouth

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Alma DeLucia @ms_d143 · 9 Aug

Replying to @CatherineactMCA, @Flipgrid and @Mayflower_MCA

This is an amazing idea! Good luck with it and, if you wouldn't mind, let us know how it goes.

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George T. Melookaran @GridPalGeorge · 9 Aug

Replying to @CatherineactMCA, @Flipgrid and @Mayflower_MCA

This is awesome! Thanks so much for sharing this idea!

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Mayflower Academy @Mayflower_MCA · 9 Aug

We are glad you like it

A thank you for supporting us all here

Together we can...

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Flipgrid @Flipgrid · 9 Aug

Replying to @CatherineactMCA and @Mayflower_MCA

Wow! This is such a powerful way for the community to stay connected! ❤️

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There are a variety of values within our community which have stood out over this period of COVID. As the Autumn Term starts, it is vital that change is acknowledged in relation to the needs of our community. The table below outlines key vocabulary used regularly during communications with parents through a variety of platforms: our community Trail where individuals were asked to reflect on their COVID experiences, Twitter communications and further communications between parents and staff at Mayflower Community Academy.

Over the Summer, 54 (15%) children from Mayflower Community Academy took part in the trail. A number of our staff also took part and celebrated the trail with their wider families. Upon reflection, the number of children taking part does not correspond with the amount of interactions on the Flipgrid site where the videos could be watched. Therefore, it can be interpreted that the enjoyment of the physical trail whilst finding each station and Eye Spy Element took president over replying to the individual staff reflection videos.

	<p>Transparent communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quick communication to questions direct from teachers. Worries became minor enquiries. - Allowing preparation and time to absorb change and tailor these changes to the specific family needs. - Multiple platforms for communications to suit individuals and allow messages to go directly to the appropriate person. <p>Therefore, we will create and use direct communication channels, using appropriate technology, so our parents feel informed and listened to. Consequently, allowing for effective 2-way dynamic and instant communication.</p>
	<p>Nurture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In control of their child's safety. Decisions have come back to the parents. - Confidence in being able to make informed choices after receiving high quality communications. - An ethos of new challenges seen as new adventures. - Robust guidance and direction of school return given by trusted leaders who have earned respect through previous actions. <p>Therefore, we will build confidence based around the guidance that we provide on child development, with the needs of the community at the forefront of our thinking. Providing a safe space at school to learn and in turn endorsing a safe space at home to learn.</p>
	<p>Roles within a family relating to home learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Siblings supporting each other and improving relationships. Developing their roles in the family as they support one another. - Cohesion between families. Relating to each other and sharing experiences. - Widening exposure to online platforms has made families more dynamic with how their share a plethora of outcomes. <p>Therefore, we will create ways for families to connect with each other around relevant and meaningful topics such as: talents & interests, academic achievement, and help & support.</p>
	<p>Roles within a family relating to becoming time rich</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enjoyment in seeing the development and progress of children first-hand. - Experiencing each other in a new light. Pupil to parent, parent to pupil. - Appreciation and acknowledgement from the children towards their parents. <p>Therefore, we will celebrate and enable pupils to acknowledge the role of family members and the importance these individuals play within the dynamic of the family. Giving flexibility to families to continue with the roles they have mastered over this time.</p>
	<p>Learning at home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased confidence in parents supporting their child. - Misconceptions picked up by parents themselves. - Models and demonstrations provided to facilitate parents so they can address misconceptions as well as further their own understanding of subject areas. - Feedback effectively passed onto pupils via parents which empowered parents to confidently bridge the gaps between home and school learning. - Pre-teaching of year groups gave confidence to parents during their child's transition over the summer. <p>Therefore, we will empower parents to become more expert in how to teach by modelling the most effective approach for parents to make an impact on learning. Teachers will need to make lessons more accessible. There will be no trade secrets. Giving time to pupils so that they can recall, practice and apply their learning. This links to embedding Office 365 and its online security features within our home learning strategy.</p>

