

MAYFLOWER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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ROALD DAHL'S Matilda THE MUSICAL JR.

What a delight it was to have a whole school production this year. The anticipation and build up was immense and what an amazing treat.

The 2023 production of Matilda Jr was magnificent. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the show. Everyone who came to see it agreed that it was such a wonderful event which the whole community was able to be part of.

Preparing and producing a whole school production is no mean feat and I cannot thank the staff and army of helpers enough for giving freely of their time to support and enhance the school experiences of our students.

I am immensely proud of all the students, the staff, parents and helpers who worked so diligently for months. It was fantastic to see the interaction between the students from Year 7 to 13. The students worked collaboratively supporting and encouraging each other. The musical and theatrical talent on display was of such a high standard. All of the students gave tremendous performances and poured their hard work, effort and energy into the production.

It was a delightful, stellar production and we all look forward to the next one.

Ms J Williams
Headteacher





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Over the course of Tuesday 18 - Friday 21 April, the main hall at Mayflower High School was transformed into Crunchem Hall for this year's school production of Matilda Jr.

With a sell out crowd every night, all members of the Mayflower extended community who attended were suitably awed by an amazing musical performance by students from KS3-5.

With this fortnight being slightly disrupted due to Bank holidays and days of industrial action we are dedicating this issue to a celebration of the Matilda Jr production by sharing with you all professional images taken during the course of the shows run.

If you attended the show, or if you were unable to, please enjoy the following images which sum up the energy and enthusiasm of our Mayflower students who thoroughly embraced the chance to be 'A little bit naughty' on stage!

Mr Fox







Cast

There were two main casts for Matilda Jr which alternated over the course of the show run.

Matilda - Tilly Porter
Miss Trunchbull - Noah Siebert
Miss Honey - Mae Levett
Mr Wormwood - Jack Alsemgeest
Mrs Wormwood - Flo Porter
Michael - Bobby Sage
Lavender - Ana Sutton
Bruce - Luke Wheaton
Eric - Ollie Alsemgeest
Tommy - Kieran Atkinson
Amanda - Anna Pope
Alice- Annie Jerreat
Hortensia - Harriet Reynolds
Nigel - Harry Alsemgeest
Mrs Phelps - Freya Bushell
Escapologist - Olly Neal
Acrobat - Penny Knight
Cook - Penny Knight
Mechanic - Kieran Atkinson
Rudolpho - George Liddiard
Sergei - Frank Thornton

Matilda - Olivia Joshi
Miss Trunchbull - Archie Gay
Miss Honey - Chloe Templeman
Mr Wormwood - Frank Thornton
Mrs Wormwood - Izzy Cheesman
Michael - Bobby Sage
Lavender - Bella Bleakley
Bruce - Luke Wheaton
Eric - Ollie Alsemgeest
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Mums and Dads:

Flo Porter, Juliet Wenborn, Jenna Phillips, Izzie Cheeseman, Lila Eve, Zoe Williams

Little Kids:

Jessica Abrams, Thomas Lehman, Charlotte Bilby, Megan Jobbins, Olivia Winter

Big Kids:

Freya Agate, Juliet Wenborn, Lila Eve, Esme Hamilton, Jasmine Patel, Heidi Taylor, Niamh Edwards, Lucy Harbrow, Tilly Cranshaw, Mia Wilson, Elissa Adeji, Sophie Hill

Musical Director - James Tuck
Director - Sarah Holland
Production Assistant - Emily Hudson
Stage Manager - Rose Hooper
Assistant Stage Manager - Bobbi Cubberley

Set Build - Ian Wilson, Ross Holland
Props - Louise Herbert, Year 9 Art Club, Millie Holland

Assistant Choreographers - George Liddiard, Zoe Williams

Stage Crew - George Liddiard, Hannah Fisk, Becky Sutton

Sound and Lighting - James Olson, Ella Smith, Andrew Huxford

Thank you

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PTFA Mayflower High School

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And of course a huge thank you to all of you who attended over the course of the week and made the performance a huge success, we'll see you all next year!