Maplewell Newsletter

Preparing for Adulthood





The term has flown by and I cannot believe that we are at the halfway point already. This week has been a particularly busy one. As you will no doubt have gathered, we had a visit from OFSTED on Tuesday and Wednesday. They carried out a full graded inspection. I want to thank all of you for taking the time to fill out the parent survey and your ongoing support of Maplewell Hall School. It is very much appreciated. The partnership between school and parents / carers remains a crucial one for every pupil's future success.

I will share the findings, details and the full report as soon as I am able to do so, after OFSTED's own quality assurance processes have been undertaken.

At the time of writing our year 7 pupils are on an exciting residential trip to Beaumanor Hall. I am sure that they will have a wonderful time and will share their stories with you, before resting next week. I did want to thank staff for their efforts and I can assure you that your children are in excellent hands. This is something that I constantly monitor, alongside the governing body and respected colleagues from elsewhere. We have the highest aspirations and will do everything that we can in order to educate our pupils in preparing them for life outside of and beyond school.

I always look forward to having breakfast with those pupils who have achieved a 6 grade in lessons. It is an extremely rare award and one that is celebrated with me over breakfast, selected by the pupils. Pancakes are a particular favourite.

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 27th February.

Jason Brooks

Headteacher

KEY DATES:

Monday 20th Feb—Friday 24th Feb Half Term

Wednesday 22nd March

Tuesday 14th March

British Science Day

Cinderella

Reminders:

- Please remember to label your child's clothes to avoid confusion

- Please also remember that Maplewell is a nut free school. Please refrain from sending your child to school with any snacks that may contain nuts. Thank you!

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The National Stone Centre Derbyshire

4LC went on a 1 day Science trip at National Stone Centre in Derbyshire. The centre teaches visitors how to do dry stone walling and the effective use of raw material. The aim of this course is to provide guests with basic construction skills as well as information on stone sourcing and includes a guided tour of the Millennium Wall, which showcases the work of dry-stone walling by professionals from across the country.

The National Stone Centre offers a special Scientific Interest with the industrial quarrying heritage site. The National Stone Centre is a site where pre-historic fossils are found and restored for scientific studies.

4LC had an opportunity to extract some precious stones and gain experience of fossil finding on the trip.



Year 7's Street Art Project

Year 7 students recently studied the work of Keith Haring. Inspired by his desire to make art assessable to everyone and his work on the wall of the subways in New York they designed positive street art. They chose positive words, graffiti fonts and paired this with images from Haring and other street art imagery. The artwork was sent to a company who printed them onto large boards for us and put them up by the Year 7 trim trail. They look fantastic and have brightened up the Year 7 area. The company who printed them were so impressed with the students' work they kindly gave us prizes for their favourite three designs. Names of the winners will be announced soon!



Maplewell Hall Football Team

Huge congratulations to Mr Gray and the Maplewell

Football Team on their 5-1 win against Queens Way on Friday 10th February

9BL's Tin Can Lamps

9BL have been working hard in their DT lessons making tin can lamps. By recycling old cans, smoothing the edges so they are safe and adding a base and light, they have made lovely desk lamps which they were able to take home. Students improved their sawing skills, used screwdrivers and a power drill and learnt about soldering irons. They added a pencil pot which they decorated and a laser cut design on the arms of the lamp.











11MJR Enterprise

We were blown away at how popular our first biscuit sale was just before Christmas. We made a profit of £17 that day! This week we held our second sale, full of love for Valentine's day, making a profit of £20 on our chocolate and jammy delights!

We are looking forward to our upcoming events including something to celebrate Pie Week in March and hopefully a Tea Morning on National Tea Day in April.

Thank you to all the staff and students that have supported us so far!

Hot Chocolate Sale

Over the term 11TP have been making and selling hot chocolate every Tuesday during break for their enterprise. Thank you to all those who have supported 11TP with this, they have enjoyed working as a team and taking on different roles each week. They have made £73 so far and are already organising their next enterprise for next half term, which is going to be an Easter raffle.





10CJ's Cat and Dog Treats

10CJ are making Cat and Dog treats this week to help fund raising for our upcoming trip to Thailand.

We would like to thank Staff and Students for their continued support. If you would like to purchase any treats for your pets they will be on sale on Fridays.

Cat Treats: Sweet Potato and Sardines - 15 treats - 50p

Dog Treats: Butternut Squash and Banana - 5 treats - 50p

COMPASS News

Congratulations to Jacob who after only a few weeks of learning is now riding a bike wearing the biggest smile!!

Congratulations to Alex from P16 who has completed his 'Peer Mentoring Programme'. Both mentor and mentee have made brilliant progress and we look forward to our next P16 mentor joining COMPASS after the holidays.

Paula and Deb would like to thank those parents attending the 'Solihull Approach parenting group'. It's been an absolute joy meeting these parents each week and we've already completed half the course!

