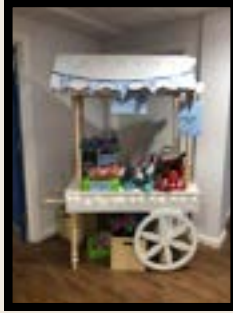


MAPLEWELL NEWSLETTER

Preparing for Adulthood

Woodhouse Eaves & Post 16 Christmas Fairs

Great job to everyone involved in making the Christmas Fairs a success! Your hard work and dedication truly paid off in creating a special day for all.



Children In Need

We raised the sum of £359.98 for Children in Need this year. Thank you to all those that donated or bought biscuits.

Thank you to Jo and the kitchen staff for making the Pudsey Bear biscuits again this year and also to Trevor for making them at Post 16.



Christmas Jumper Day 2023

A big well done to all those who wore their Christmas jumpers! Everyone looked fantastic.



Important Dates to Remember

Friday 22nd December 2023

School Closes (End Of Term)



Monday 8th January 2024

Staff Training Day



Tuesday 9th January 2024

School Opens



Developing Literacy Skills at Maplewell

We know that developing literacy skills is essential in order for our students to be successful at Maplewell and in their lives outside of school. It can be difficult to know how to support them with developing these skills at home, so to support with this, [here is a link to our first monthly literacy newsletter](#). Once a month will share what students have been focusing on in reading time, as well as suggestions for things you can do together at home.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact me via email:
k.durrands@maplewell.leics.sch.uk

Mrs Durrands
Head of English

CAN Enterprise

Students at Post 16 have been busy making Christmas themed gifts to support their Enterprise based at Coalville CAN.



Land Based Studies | Post 16

The group have spent some time doing some gardening and last week they harvested and took home their winter potatoes to try!!



Year 11 Animal Care Trip

The yr 11 Animal Care group visited Tropical Bird Land

The students learnt about how to care for exotic birds, fed and held the Birds. The students were lucky enough to meet everything from Sun Conures to Hyacinths and Amazons!

All pupils were great ambassadors for the school!



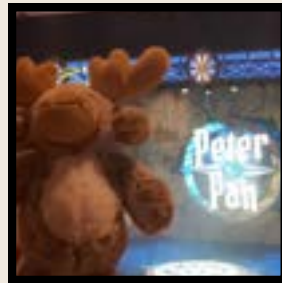
Maplewell Students Delight in Festive Pantomime Magic at Loughborough Town Hall

The holiday season has officially kicked off for Maplewell School students with a delightful trip to the Loughborough Town Hall for an enchanting pantomime experience. The bustling excitement was palpable, accompanied by enthusiastic staff, gathered for an morning filled with laughter, joy, and plenty of theatrical magic.

The trip, organized as part of the school's festive celebrations, aimed to treat the students and Matthew the Moose to a wonderful cultural experience and spread the cheer of the season. The pantomime, a beloved British tradition, brought to life a classic tale of Peter Pan with vibrant characters, catchy songs, and interactive performances that captivated audiences of all ages.

Amidst the twinkling lights and the lively ambiance of the Town Hall, Maplewell students immersed themselves in the magical world of the pantomime. Their laughter echoed through the auditorium as they cheered for the heroes, booed the villains, and eagerly participated in the interactive moments, adding their own touch of excitement to the show.

Mrs Durrands, one of the accompanying teachers, expressed her delight in witnessing the students' enjoyment, stating, "It's heartwarming to see the students completely engaged and having such a fantastic time. These experiences outside the school environment are invaluable in their overall development."



Year 10 Animal Care Trip

Maplewell Animal Care students in year 10 have had the privilege of visiting behind the scenes at a vets practice!

Students have been to look round Sibley vets, Chine House in preparation for one of their assignments on health and safety in a veterinary practice.

Students had an in depth tour of the facilities including looking at the theatres, recovery bays, x-rays equipment, holding areas and consultation rooms, the pupils were even treated to a look around the equine hospital after watching a heart scan!

All pupils were engrossed and asked some very sensible questions.

Thank you Chine House.



4JMC | Trip to the Library

This week, our journey (4JMC) took an exciting turn as we embarked on an immersive reading experience at Loughborough Library. Amidst the bustling streets and daily routines, our class delved into a world of knowledge, imagination, and discovery within the walls of this iconic Building.

Setting foot into the library felt like stepping into a treasure trove of stories waiting to be uncovered. The vibrant shelves lined with books of every genre and era beckoned us, promising adventures in lands unknown and insights waiting to be unearthed.

The cozy atmosphere enveloped us as we settled down, each of us selecting a book that piqued our interest. From tales of daring heroes to scientific marvels, historical chronicles to poetic epics, there was a literary escape for every reader among us.

As our time at Loughborough Library drew to a close, we left with hearts and minds enriched by the literary treasures we had uncovered. The experience reaffirmed the value of libraries as hubs of knowledge, imagination, and community.

Until our next literary adventure,
4JMC

P.S. Don't forget to keep exploring the world of books – there's a universe waiting for you on every page!



7SL Student Achievement

Emily W in 7SL achieved 4 trophies in the All Nations Blackpool Winter gardens dancing event.

Well done Emily! Everyone at Maplewell is very proud of you.



Scouting at Maplewell Hall School

Following the re-launch of our school Scout Troop in September we now hold weekly Scout meetings in after school club on Monday evenings.

In November we proudly held an investiture ceremony where 11 Scouts and two adult leaders made their promises. Well done to all involved!

Scouts are currently working on their Adventure Challenge. So far, they have enjoyed activities at Willesey Scout Campsite, learnt how to follow orienteering and OS maps, tent pitching skills, mini pioneering and various bush-craft tasks. For our final meeting of the year we enjoyed an outing to Hollywood bowl. More adventures to follow in 2024!



GCSE Art Trip

This week our GCSE Art students visited Leicester Museum and Art Gallery. They went to the Leicester Open Art Exhibition and Through my Eyes, an exhibition which showcased the artwork of autistic artists. Three of our students had their work chosen to be exhibited at the Leicester Open and the trip allowed them to see their work framed and on the wall. Students were justifiably proud of themselves and were excited about finding their artwork within the gallery. The work at the exhibition is very varied and gave our students inspiration for their GCSE art work as year 10 complete a sculpture project and year 11 start their exam work. Students were all well behaved and a credit to themselves and the school. Huge thanks to staff who supported the students on the trip.



Christmas Dinner 2023

We would like to thank the kitchen staff!

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of the kitchen staff in putting together a fantastic Christmas dinner. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the food.

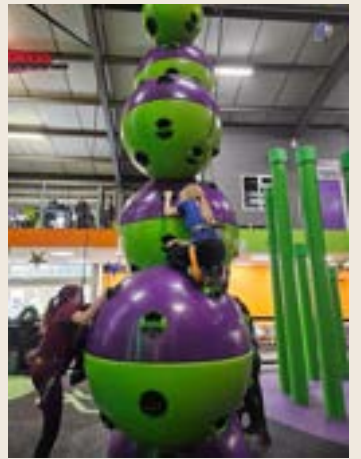


Scouting at Maplewell Hall School

Our year 11 D of E students have had a busy term. As part of their Volunteering section they have been working on their Junior Forester Award. To achieve this, they learnt to identify trees and plants in our school woods, how to use tools safely, basic woodland management techniques and how to identify risks when working in the woods. They also created various structures, including a new bridge, games and seating and a table in the Forest School area to enhance the woods for other users. In the photograph the students are



Rewards Day





End of Term Letter | From the Head

Here we are at the end of a really busy term. It has been a long half-term, 9 weeks in total. I can see that staff and pupils are ready for a well-deserved rest now. As you can see from the newsletter, we have had lots of things happening.

The fund-raising for Children in Need is something that we have done for a long time now. I want to give special thanks to Louise Farndell and the kitchen staff who continually make this event a successful one and help to raise money for good causes. Thank you to everyone involved.

We have had the opportunity to offer all of our pupils rewards days, in recognition of their efforts this term. Trips to bowling, Laserquest, cinema, clip and climb and waterworld and just a few of the wonderful opportunities on offer. We know that our pupils value their rewards and I am so pleased to see them taking part in such a diverse range of activities.

Christmas activities this year have included two Christmas fairs, where our Enterprise groups were able to sell their wares, a Christmas tree decorating competition, a dedicated Christmas jumper day and our legendary Christmas lunch for everyone in school. Our pupils have had every opportunity to celebrate Christmas and get into the Christmas spirit. The trip to the pantomime in Loughborough proved to be a huge success. 'Oh yes it was!' Our pupils represented the school fantastically well. A big thank you to Mr James for organising the trip for most of our school cohort.

The range of trips and visits that we have been able to offer have been amazing. A few of these are contained within the newsletter and I can safely say that this is where learning truly comes to life. We are committed to enable our pupils to experience a great deal of trips, visits and residential experiences throughout their time at Maplewell, which is fantastic preparation for life beyond the school gates.

At Maplewell, we aim to do our very best for every pupil in school, going above and beyond what others schools offer. We are all invested in getting the high quality outcomes for our pupils. If we fail to live up to your expectations at any point, please could you contact us directly in the first instance, in order to discuss any queries that may arise? The first point of contact is the tutor team, who will often be best placed to resolve anything that may arise. I am deeply concerned that there are still a few people who choose to take to social media in order to discuss matters. This is not a fair process and does not give school the opportunity to resolve any issues. It can also border on reputational damage at times. I think that it is a reasonable request to ask you to contact school in the first instance. Please help us to help you.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everybody a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing pupils in school on Tuesday 9th January, as the previous day is a staff training day.

Best wishes
Jason Brooks