

MAPLEWELL NEWSLETTER

Preparing for Adulthood

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 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:
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Mrs Durrands
Head of English

This term, Year 8 students made felt landscapes based on the paintings of Van Gogh. Using a wet felting technique they placed dyed sheep wool and natural alpaca wool in a landscape image. They were encouraged to pay careful attention to the colours they used, blending the wools to create interesting colour schemes without flat expanses of colour. They also tried to add texture by twisting or scrunching the wool to create wispy clouds for example. Next they sprayed on hot, soapy water and rolled the wool in netting and bubble wrap for 25 mins. This combination of pressure and heat meant the wool fibres knitted together to create a felted landscape. This work is part of their art textiles project. Next, they will be creating some woven mandalas in the style of artist Xenobia Bailey.

Year 10 GCSE students have been hard at work with their first project - Sweets and Cakes. After drawing and painting sweets, cakes and desserts, in a variety of media, they designed a card sculpture working in the style of Claes Oldenburg and Patianne Stevenson. They used card and paper to construct the sculpture, paying particular attention to how they could get the texture of the sponge, pastry or buttercream correct, by manipulating the materials. Using twisting, scrunching and plaiting techniques they developed an array of sweet treats.



Post-16 Food Tech

At Post 16, pupils in 5ST decorated Valentine's biscuits using different techniques such as rolling out fondant, stamping, icing and dipping in melted chocolate. They also designed a colourful poster of what they might cook for a 3 course Valentine meal for someone. They all loved the tasks and did brilliantly!



The Guinea Pigs

Toffee and Crunch having cuddles with Holly and Louise



Student Success

Two of the students who have progressed their cycling skills this term and are now riding independently



CAN Enterprise - Post 16

Welcome everyone to the CAN Enterprise. We would like to take this opportunity to show you what the Post 16 enterprise involves.

Where is Coalville CAN?

We are based in:

CAN HQ, Memorial Square, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 3TU, and use the first floor of the CAN. This is a working environment for, not only ourselves, but many other businesses. We believe this is a great starting point for our young people to experience working life.



All students who attend the CAN have been entered onto the Team Programme of the Young Enterprise.

So, what is Young Enterprise?

“For over 60 years, Young Enterprise has been working in partnership with schools to enhance and enrich

curriculum learning allowing young people to discover, develop and celebrate their skills and potential. The programme provides young people with the opportunity to develop and apply an enterprising mind set needed to earn and look after their money and make a positive contribution to their community.”

Designed to aid young people’s transition from education into independent living and employment, the programme develops confidence and life skills through working as a team to set up and run a business.

They assume key function roles and make all decisions from starting up to winding up, through product development, sales, marketing and financial management. They gain the practical business experience, adaptability, mind set and employability skills needed to secure successful futures.

Our company - Handmade Heaven

The aim of Young Enterprise Programme is to set up and run a real company.

Firstly, the students registered on to the Team Programme of the Young Enterprise and had an introduction into the world of business.



CAN Enterprise - Post 16

During our time the students have worked closely within each team. They have identified their own personal skills and qualities in order to choose a specific job role and be responsible for that area of the business such as Marketing, Finance, Production, Management, Sales and Events. Next, they had to decide on a company name, logo and mission statement followed by a business idea choosing either a product or a service. The team decided to produce seasonal gifts. The students had to check that the company name was available using Gov.uk website and understanding the way companies can trade.

All teams have engaged in regular business meetings which were student lead, and completed market research questionnaires with staff and classmates to help find out important information about their business ideas and used their maths skills to show their findings with tallies and bar charts.

The company finances were set up by giving each member a share certificate and the financial team have worked hard to document and keep track of the finances. They are responsible for the stock, expenses and profit!

The marketing teams have created adverts and posters and learned basic photography skills to show off our products, while the production teams have had an industrious time making the products. The sales team had a busy time at the Christmas Fair where they gained experience in customer service and money skills. Students were also involved with the ordering and/or buying of resources. They went into town to research the costs of different resources and to purchase the resources.



Students are also given the opportunity to spend some time working in the CAN shop.

Throughout their time at the CAN students have not only been developing their enterprise skills but continuing developing their core subject skills such as English, Maths and IT. In particular, they are gaining confidence in handling money, time management and communication skills.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us in this venture and if you would like to see our products they are available to buy in the CAN shop or via Maplewell Hall School.

Hope to see you soon and, once again, thank you for supporting Post 16 students!

News & Information

Friday 15th March 2024



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GIGGLEWORTH



LOL & POPS



SMIRKLETHORPE



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THE GOLDEN HOOTER

Donate £1 to wear your own clothes to school on Friday 15th March


Red Nose Cakes for sale from Tuesday 12th - Friday 15th March at breaktime for 75p

RED NOSE DAY IS BACK

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 15 March 2024! It's that time of year when incredible cake-bakers, joke-makers, telly-watchers, t shirt-wearers, Red Nose-buyers and laugh-til-you-cryers, do something to fight poverty through humour and fun, for communities here in the UK and around the world. Get ready to Do Something Funny for Money

Maplewell Hall Parents Coffee Morning
Friday 8th March
 9.30-11.30am at the Woodhouse Eaves site

Class 3ESH will be selling some cakes during the morning as part of their Enterprise fundraising, if you would like to buy anything please bring some money with you.



Thursday 7th March is World Book Day, we will be celebrating by promoting reading for pleasure, in all lessons across the school.

We would love to encourage all of our students to carry a book around with them for the day, either one they are currently reading or have enjoyed reading.

The idea is to spark conversations between students and staff about reading and the positives it can bring.

You can find out more about World Book Day by visiting their website:
<https://www.worldbookday.com/>
 Thanks for your support!

The CEA Card is a national card scheme developed for UK cinemas by the UK Cinema Association (UKCA). The Card enables a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema.

Please click the link below to see if you are eligible and apply!
<https://www.ceacard.co.uk/eligibility>



~~Mother day 10th March 2024~~

The Post 16 students have been working hard to produce some lovely gifts for Mother's Day which are on sale now! They can be bought from CAN Coalville, Post 16 Reception and the Art Room at Main Site until 8th March 2024.

Flower in a pot: £3
 Card: £3
 Heart on a wooden plaque: £3





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Key Dates

Woodhouse Eaves

Tuesday 12th March 2024

Year 11 progress evening

16:00 - 19:00

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Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

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Maplewell Hall Coffee Morning

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Red Nose Day

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Post 16

Tuesday 12th March 2024

Post 16 College Pathway Progress Evening

15.30 - 18.30

Term Dates

Spring Term 2024

School Closes Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

School Opens Monday 8th April 2024

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term Break Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

School Closes Friday 12th July 2024