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MAPLEWELL NEWSLETTER

Preparing for Adulthood

Letter From The Head

Welcome to the summer term. Yes, it is officially the summer term, even if the weather is not quite reflecting it just yet. I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break. As you can see from our newsletter, things have not stopped still at Maplewell.

Mrs Stanton and her team have worked so hard to help our pupils to deliver a wonderful performance of Matilda. I am so proud of every pupil who contributed to make it such a wonderful occasion. I do not need convincing of the benefits that taking part in such a performance bring. It is a massive thing to stand in front of so many people and deliver well-rehearsed lines. Well done to everyone.

I had the pleasure to attend the final day of a 7 week course that our post 16 students took part in last term at Caterpillar in Desford. Parents and carers were also in attendance. It culminated in a celebration of our students' achievements, presented through an amazing Powerpoint, that was put together by our very talented IT Technician, Louis Holman. Caterpillar acknowledged that it was one of the best cohorts that they have worked with and encouraged our students to apply for their apprenticeship vacancies.

It is a wonderful collaboration with Caterpillar, who are looking into their own practice and upskilling their workforce on neurodiversity. Thank you to all of the careers team that made this possible. Mrs Braisby has delivered 2 rounds of training to management and employees at Caterpillar, in order to deepen their knowledge of people who have additional needs. Such partnerships cannot be underestimated and we are continually looking to build closer links with industry. These are key in providing further meaningful opportunities for work experience and having closer contacts with the world of work. If anyone knows of any more potential employers who would like to work with us, however large or small, please do contact us.

As you can see from our newsletter, there are numerous careers opportunities on offer to our pupils. We aim to offer meaningful experiences for everyone throughout their time at Maplewell. We are continually looking at how we can best prepare our pupils to live independently and for the next steps in education and the world of work. Our predicted number of leavers from post 16 for July 2024 is higher than it has ever been, with some students only spending 1 or 2 years before moving onto college or the world of work. This is testament that our curriculum is better preparing them for their next steps in life. It is vitally important that pupils, school, parents and carers constantly keep life beyond Maplewell in focus, which brings aspirations into reality. I promise that, as a school, we will do our utmost to help everyone to realise their ambitions.

Mr Brooks
Headteacher

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:
k.durrands@maplewell.leics.sch.uk

Mrs Durrands
Head of English

Creativity

We are thrilled to announce that our very own Troy was hard at work crafting the set for the school production of Matilda! As you may know, Matilda is a beloved story filled with whimsy, magic, and heart, and he couldn't have been more excited to bring it to life on stage.

With an eye for detail and a flair for the imaginative, Troy has captured the essence of Matilda, creating a visually stunning backdrop for our talented cast to shine. His dedication and craftsmanship are truly commendable, and we are grateful for his hard work and dedication to making this production a success.

Well done Troy



BTEC Performing Arts

Students from BTEC Performing Arts have been working hard towards their show of **Matilda JR.** Students performed on the 13th March and there has been so much positive feedback from staff and students alike. It takes a huge effort to put on a performance such as this, and I am so proud of each one of the students. A huge thank you to all the staff who have supported with this. Bring on the next one!!!



Student Art Work

Phoebe W was part of the Maplewell Work Ready Crew, that attended the Caterpillar/Menphys project on the Caterpillar site at Desford, for 7 weeks between January and March. 6 students were selected from Maplewell Post 16, accepted the challenge and secured a 100% record of attendance. The crew were each paired with mentors who supported them through the Health and Safety briefings, the work place simulation exercise, the training centre tasks and out on the shop floor, in the paint workshop, engineering and with quality assurance. The project was a resounding success, with students greatly gaining in confidence and learning about the work place. Phoebe had an amazing time, and as a way of thanks, presented the project team leader with a canvas she had designed herself. Well done Phoebe.



Careers

PAN Disability Jobs Fair was held at Sense College on Monday February 19th during the half term break. It was lovely to see such a good attendance from so many of our students and parents. Our students were really getting out of their comfort zone and going up to speak to the delegates about their various job opportunities and careers prospects.

The attendees were as follows:

Leicestershire Police
Leicestershire Fire & Rescue
DWP
Loughborough University
Shaw trust
Sense Recruitment
Generation Charnwood
Peter le Marchant Trust

Any further information please contact: carmenblades@maplewell.leics.sch.uk



Pan Disability Job Fair

at Sense Hub Loughborough

Monday 19 February, 10am-3pm

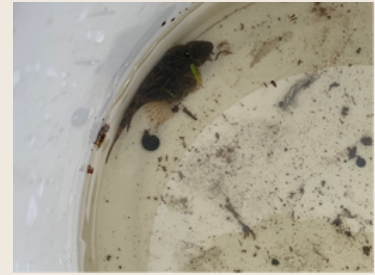
Come along to our first pan disability job fair to meet and chat with disability confident employers about local job opportunities.

- BSL interpreters, scribes and sight guides provided
- CV writing and interview workshops
- Quiet hour, 2pm – 3pm
- Disabled parking available

Find out more and register at:
sense.org.uk/loughborough-jobfair

Rewards Day

Bradgate Park



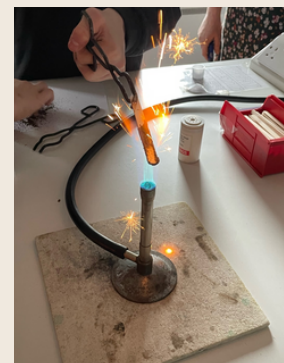
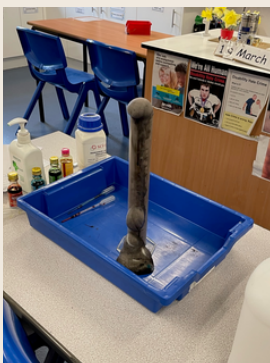
Rebound



Easter Cooking



Crazy Science



News & Information

We raised £274.15 for Red Nose Day.



Parent Governor Vacancy

If you be interested in supporting all our students and joining the Governing board for Maplewell.

Please contact Mandy Paris on m.paris@maplewell.leics.sch.uk or Ms Kaisra Khan Chair of Governors on k.khan@maplewell.leics.sch.uk for further information



Term Dates

Summer Term 2024

Monday 6th May 2024

May Day Bank Holiday

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Half Term Break

Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

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12th July 2024

School Closes

Key Dates

Tuesday 9th April

Year 10 & 4JMC students progress evening

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Monday 15th April - Friday 19th April 2024

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Wednesday 24th April - Friday 26th April 2024

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