

Maplewell Newsletter

Preparing for Adulthood

Issue 18

Cadbury's World Trip:

Our Year 8 students recently had a choc-tastic trip to Cadbury's World! During their trip, they learnt the tricks behind the eye-catching packaging and even got to design their own packaging! Year 8 students enjoyed the thrilling 4D cinema, which took us on a tour of the factory. When walking through the Cadbury's World experience, the students enjoyed the process behind making chocolate, and even got to enjoy some delicious chocolate themselves. Finally, the students were a great representation of Maplewell Hall School, and behaved amazingly. Thank you to the support staff for making this trip memorable for our students!



Memorial Day:

Maplewell Hall Post 16, commemorated Remembrance Day by taking part in different activities to learn about the war.



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KEY DATES

Post 16 Christmas Fayre:
Wednesday 7th December.
10am-1pm.

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End of Term:
Friday 16th December.

Skills Builder Challenge:

Parents and Carers can expand education at home, completing weekly Skills Builder Challenges can help to develop new skills and are a great way to expand education.

Design a 'safe space' in your house.
This can be somewhere you go if you need to let out your emotions and calm yourself down.
Fill the space with positive phrases and objects that make you feel happy.
How will this space help you when you need to stay positive?

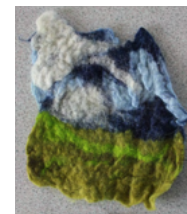
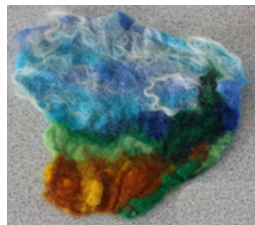
Reflection Questions
Getting Started: How does this activity make you feel?
Intermediate: How could you use this activity to feel more positive when something goes wrong?
Advanced: How could this help you to look on the bright side of something?
Mastery: How can you manage your emotional response to best support others?

✓ Staying Positive

Art Success:

The Leicester Open Art Exhibition, is the city's premier showcase for visual art, celebrating the rich and diverse skills of local artists. The Open Exhibition includes a youth category, and is open to all 5-18 year olds who live or study in the East Midlands. This year they had hundreds of entries to choose from, and we are proud to be able to tell you that six of our students had their work selected. The successful students were Phoebe Whitfield, Alex Ward, .Ebony Rose, Stephen West, Natasha-Louise Gray and Theo-Leon Cort's

They will have their work displayed at the Open Exhibition at Leicester Museum and Art Gallery.



53 New Walk,
Leicester, LE1 7EA :
From the 10th
December 2022 until
20th January 2023.
Entry to the exhibition
is free.

Could you help provide opportunities for our students?

We are always looking for local businesses that will inspire and educate our students and expand our curriculum. If you can provide work experience, please give us a call on 01509 891906 or email nicholaroulston@maplewell.leics.sch.uk

Bike Riding in Bradgate Park:

Our students enjoyed a lovely bike ride around Bradgate park!



Homework Club



Mondays and Wednesdays
13.05 - 14.05

Led by Mrs Rucka and Mr Derges

- Homework Club runs every Monday and Wednesday at lunchtime.
- It is open to all students from Y7 to Y11.
- Homework Club takes place in Room 16 (maths classroom).
- All students are welcome and particularly those without access to the internet at home.

Careers:

There is a new and improved careers section on the school website here: <https://www.maplewell.leics.sch.uk/careers/> The site is still growing, but amongst other things there is a new student area and a new parent/carer area.

The school's new podcast, "Where have you been?" is now available on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/5wkEanj7lvRkgO8oR49ks?si=1f4d512ac2184f50> .In this first episode, you can hear an ex-student talking about her experience of leaving Maplewell and starting college. It's a must listen for all parents, carers and students going through that process.

Internal student vacancies are now being advertised. All students are welcome to apply for any of the advertised posts here: <https://www.maplewell.leics.sch.uk/main-site-internal-vacancies/> These are great opportunities for students to learn about job applications and the interview process, and if successful a great chance to develop their Essential Skills.

Maplewell Achievements:

For the past year, Maplewell have been working hard to achieve the Rainbow Flag accreditation, by ensuring our school was a safe and inclusive environment to all, but with a focus on the LGBTQI+ community. We are excited to say we have passed in all areas for the award!!

What did it involve?

There were 6 key areas of focus which were: Skilled Teacher, Supportive Governors and Parents, Effective Policies, Inclusive Curriculum, Pastoral Support and Student Voice.

The Rainbow Flag Award is a quality assurance framework with a focus on positive LGBT+ inclusion, for all schools and colleges. Effectively implementing The Rainbow Flag Award will help meet the legal, statutory, moral and Ofsted requirements to be LGBT+ inclusive.

A huge thank you to everyone here at Maplewell who helped contribute to achieving this fantastic award. This just goes to show that we are creating an environment that is safe and understanding whilst promoting tolerance and kindness.

This is something Mrs Stanton continues to oversee in the school, so our young people and staff will continue to benefit from being in a fully inclusive environment.



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Our Post 16 Christmas Fair this year will be taking place on Wednesday 7th December from 10 to 1.

If you would like a stall please contact the Post 16 reception on 01509 891906.

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