

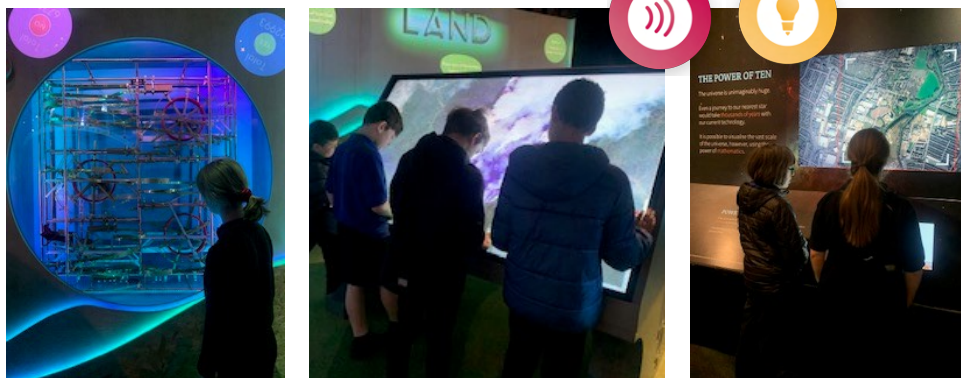
Maplewell Newsletter

Preparing for Adulthood

Issue 20

Space Centre Trip:

Year 7's have recently had an astronomical time at Leicester's National Space Centre! During their visit, the students got to explore space, play with the interactive games and some even got to learn that space smells of metal and BBQ beef! The students enjoyed the short space movie, we watched in the phenomenal Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium, and learnt about the different conditions in space. All the students were a fantastic representation of the school. Well Done!



Christmas Dinner:

Maplewell students enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch, and some students even played a game of basket ball after, while still wearing their crackers hats!



COMPASS:

As part of our COMPASS support, Mrs Arkley has facilitated Peer Mentoring training with 4 of our Post16 students. Alex, Charlie, Josh and Thomas, have worked hard together for the last 9 weeks. They have been learning how to support other students in areas such as problem solving, listening and communicating and helping others. They will be 'on duty' at Main Site in the new year supporting our younger students. Well done boys.



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KEY DATES

Years 9 and 3ESH

Parents Evening:

Tuesday 7th
February

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Half Term Break:

20th February- 27th
February

Science:

Year 8 science have been working on some flame tests using different solutions



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.

<p>Physical Challenge</p> <p>How many times can you catch a ball in 60 seconds? Can you beat this score tomorrow? What will your score be by the end of the week?</p> <p>Extension: Think of another area where you could improve your skills each day for the next week.</p>	<p>Reflection Questions</p> <p>Getting Started: How do you know if something is too difficult for you?</p> <p>Intermediate: Why is it important to be willing to take on new challenges?</p> <p>Advanced: What resources might you need to achieve your goals?</p> <p>Mastery: What steps do you need to put in place to make your goals happen?</p>
<p>Aliming High</p>	



Post 16 Christmas Fayre:

On the 7th of December, Post 16 held their amazing Christmas fayre, where they had all sorts of stalls ranging from jewellery to chocolate, making great Christmas gifts! The students got to run some of the stalls.



Christmas Jumper Day:

Thank you to all that donated to our Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £123.30 for Save the Children!



Christmas Cakes:

Year 10 Home Cooking Skills students have been busy making, covering and decorating Christmas cakes as part of their seasonal studies. They have developed brilliant modelling skills to create snowmen, penguins, xmas trees and presents and some have also used royal icing to pipe a Christmassy message on top.



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

Sport Success:



Our KS3 and KS4 teams attend the Sports Hall Athletics County Finals! Both teams were amazing and ended up winning, meaning they are County champions! As well as this Dylan, won 2nd best boy of the day and Luca was 3rd. However, Skala deserves a special mention, not only did she achieve best female, as she scored the most points a female has ever achieved, and now holds the record!

As you can guess the students were thrilled and were perfect all day. A massive thank you for the teachers and support staff!



Letter from the Head: End of Year Roundup

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The end of term has arrived in what has been changing times in modern history. The passing of the Queen this term was marked in many ways at Maplewell Hall, with assemblies, art work, a book of condolence and letters sent to King Charles. On 12th December 2022, we received a correspondence from Buckingham Palace, from the King himself. I wanted to share his words with the whole school community;

‘It was so very kind of you to send me such a wonderfully generous message following the death of my beloved mother. Your most thoughtful words are enormously comforting, and I cannot tell you how deeply they are appreciated at this time of immense sorrow.

Charles R’

Maplewell Hall School continues to thrive thanks to the hard work of our children, under the expert guidance of our talented and dedicated staff team. It is always great to see pupils enjoying the activities that they have chosen as part of our rewards programme. This week was no exception, with pupils spending their hard-earned points on trips to Waterworld in Stoke, Laser Quest and bowling in Leicester, Twin Lakes in Melton Mowbray, the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham and the many school-based activities. Seeing pupils rewarded for their hard work is a great lesson in life. Our pupils love rewards day.

Christmas lunch is becoming more of a challenge to organise every year, with increasing numbers at Maplewell Hall School, across the two sites. Our catering staff, led by Jo Bell, have yet again ensured that all of our pupils have had the Maplewell Christmas dinner experience. There wasn’t a sprout left on site. Congratulations must also go to the pupils who would not normally eat in the dining room. In doing so, they have overcome a massive hurdle. Well done!

At this time of year, more than ever, it is important to recognise that people are important. We can help each other and show compassion in doing so. I am proud to see our pupils treat each other with respect and dignity on a daily basis. These are valuable attributes in everyone and ones that we will continue to promote at Maplewell.

The parent / carer coffee mornings go from strength to strength. I try and pop in for a chat over a cup of coffee when I can and we are making more speakers available for the group. Credit to the parents and Home-School link workers who facilitate the group. It is a really friendly group, where parents can find support and help to be signposted to different services. It is also a great place to have a cup of coffee and a chat if nothing else. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings take place every other Friday morning, at the main school site.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Sandra Clark, who has retired from her role as LSA after 22 years at Maplewell Hall School. Sandra helped me to settle in 15 years ago and has helped so many staff to do so. Her positive impact on so many children's lives cannot be underestimated. She has always treated children with respect, compassion and genuine kindness. Sandra's presence will be sorely missed by all of us. We wish Sandra the best of luck on her retirement.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and working in partnership with us. We will always do our very best for every pupil. Please take the time to relax and enjoy the company of your family and friends. We look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Tuesday January 3rd, 2023.

Have a wonderful break.

Mr Brooks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brooks', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Headteacher