

# Maplewell Newsletter

Aspire, Nurture, Personalise, Success and Engage

Issue 6

## Beaumanor Hall Trip:

This week the Year 7's went on a two night residential trip to Beaumanor Hall, where they enjoyed many activities such as Archery, Rock Climbing, Abseiling and Canoeing! The students learnt about survival skills and team work in various games and team challenges. In the evenings the students enjoyed a campfire and hide and seek activities in the dark! It was an amazing trip enjoyed by staff and students, allowing the year 7's to bond as a year group. The students were extremely well behaved in the activities, at meal times and in the evenings, as for many this was their first night away from home! All of the students conducted themselves beautifully around the site and many lifelong memories were made. Another amazing opportunity for Maplewell Hall students!



## Rand Farm:

Before Half Term MAP yr 7 and 8 students went to work on a Farm in Lincolnshire for 3 days. During this time the students experienced farm life by milking cows, feeding and haying the animals, cleaning out the pens, collecting eggs and generally helping about the farm.

The students were also treated to a talk by a local Bee Keeper about the importance of bees and how they are integral to pollination and farming. They were then able to taste different kinds of local honey. The farm was not all work, the students also took full advantage of the adventure play area, playground, soft play, trampoline pillows and air cannons! A great time was had by all and everyone learnt lots of new skills!



Term Dates 2022-2024: <https://www.maplewell.leics.sch.uk/about/term-dates/>

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### KEY DATES

Post 16 Car Wash :  
Every Saturday  
9:00-12:30

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Easter Holidays :  
11th April- 22nd April.

## Student Success:

Martha designed a badge for the Leicestershire Scouts Mucky March campaign, and her design has been chosen as the winner! The County Commissioner is now arranging for her design to be made into actual badges, to be given to everyone who takes part in this year's campaign. Wow!

## Art Round Up :

Art students have been working hard this term to develop new skills. Year 7 have been exploring onomatopoeia words as seen in Pop Art. Year 8 students have learnt how to make felt from dyed wool fleeces and have been creating landscapes in the style of Van Gogh, after seeing his work last term in an exhibition. Year 9 students are developing carving skills by carving into breeze blocks using Maori carvings as inspiration, and Year 11 have just completed a wire figure project!



## Reminder:

We need your help! Maplewell is in the process of obtaining the Advanced Autism Accreditation Award. If your son/daughter has an autism diagnosis would you please complete our on-line feedback survey. <https://forms.office.com/r/Ta0hpKMets> . You have 2 weeks to complete the survey.

## 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](mailto:nicholaroulston@maplewell.leics.sch.uk)

## Sport Success:

Last week 12 students from KS3 and KS4 went to a Level 3 Sportshall Athletics School Games Competition. All the students were well behaved and represented the school amazingly! The KS4 team finished 2nd in the event and the KS3 team won their section. Schools attended from across the County so it's a great achievement!



## Thailand Expedition:

### Sponsorship Opportunity

In October 2023 a team of students and staff will be going to Thailand to volunteer on an Elephant Sanctuary, in order to raise awareness for the plight of ex-tourist Elephants and world-wide conservation.

The team of students need to raise money for travel and will be hosting many events over the next 18 months to do so! In addition to these events we are also looking for local businesses to sponsor the team on this life changing expedition, we are happy to support your business on our team clothing and during our interviews and press coverage!

If you are interested in sponsoring our team please email: [e.braisby@maplewell.leics.sch.uk](mailto:e.braisby@maplewell.leics.sch.uk)

## Health and Wellbeing:

HEPA filters are now fitted around the school sites. They kill airborne bacteria including Covid 19. They also collect P2 particles meaning that the air inside the classroom is, in fact, cleaner than the air outside.

## Updates Around the Site :

A new sensory integration room has been built on site, allowing students to access a range of different therapies.

