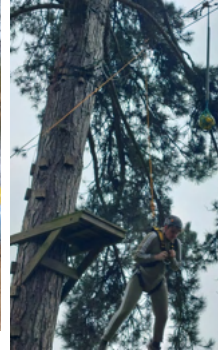


Maplewell Newsletter

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End of Term Issue 9



World Autism Acceptance Week:

Last week was World Autism Acceptance Week. Students wore odd socks and colourful cupcakes were sold to raise money and awareness.

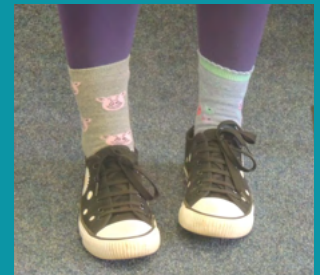


After a couple of frustrating years, it was fantastic to witness Year 8 and 9 travel back to Walesby Forest, for three days of adventurous activities and the outdoors. Year 9 arrived on Monday and stayed until Wednesday lunch time. At this time, Year 8 arrived and finished off the week in style.

Rifle shooting and the notorious cave maze seemed to be the pick of the activities, maybe due to the turning of the weather as the week progressed. However, the Year 9 group were fantastic on the water, either having a go at rafting or kayaking. Either way, most students got their feet wet, didn't complain and just enjoyed being outside learning new skills.

Many other activities were enjoyed, including: Jacobs ladder, laser quest, crate stack (Year 8), sports, twilight challenge, archery, and the leap of faith.

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



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KEY DATES

First Date of Term:
25th April

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KEY DATES

Bank Holiday:
2nd May

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KEY DATES

Half Term:
30th May-5th June

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SLOW DOWN & CALM DOWN
 FIRST OFF - TAKE 3 SLOW & QUIET DEEP BREATHS!

- 5 List 5 things you can SEE 👁️ 👁️
- 4 List 4 things you can FEEL 🖐️
- 3 List 3 things you can HEAR 🗣️
- 2 List 2 things you can SMELL 👃
- 1 List something **positive** about yourself 😊

FINISHED? NOW - TAKE 3 MORE SLOW & QUIET DEEP BREATHS ©

MAKE today COUNT

Careers:

Post 16 and Year 11 students attended the UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair at King Power Stadium in Leicester. This was an opportunity for the students to interact with other young people, explore opportunities for the future, and really get out of their comfort zone. Apart from Universities, there were also professional organisations offering Apprenticeships in sectors such as The Army, Police Force, NHS, Jet 2 Travel and much more. Students were able to practice their social skills by talking to new people, and finding out information about their chosen subject. It was also great to see students on the bus trip over to the stadium, listening to music and socialising with each other in a relaxed manner.



Guest Speaker:

We were pleased to welcome Andrew from Baca in Loughborough, a charity which works to support unaccompanied asylum seeking children. He talked to the students about what an asylum seeker is; the process of seeking asylum, the struggles an asylum seeker might face, what we can do to help in this country, as well as what possible solutions there might be to stop the need for forced migration.

Independent Living:

In Independent Living, students took a trip to Quorn to visit the shops and see what different facilities the village had to offer. Students also visited the Great Central Railway on the way back to school.



Acting Up:

Year 10 and 11 performed their BTEC presentation of Acting Up. The students practiced musical numbers and Year 10 put together monologues and duologues.



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

In Class :

8MKD have been very busy in the last couple of weeks! They have been working hard on their enterprise tasks, selling raffle tickets for their Easter eggs and chickens. They have also tried different fresh fruit, juice and tea, all enjoyed by the main character in our class read, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'.



Letter from the Head: End of Term Roundup

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8th April 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing at the end of another really busy term, where we have had to adapt and respond to the ongoing advice from government. Sometimes this has been with very little notice, but we have constantly put the needs of our pupils first. That will always be the case.

The highlight of the term for me came on Wednesday of this week. Our BTECC performing arts pupils put on a wonderful show both during the school day and after school. The quality of their performance and sheer professionalism was truly outstanding. Well done to all of you who wowed us with your acting, singing and dancing skills. Mrs Stanton and her team have excelled themselves once again.

The fact that we could have a live audience to appreciate the show was heart-warming. I know from personal experience that seeing your child perform is a real privilege and proud moment. Thank you to all parents, carers and family members who came to support the evening. I am already looking forward to future performances. I hear a whisper of a pantomime scheduled for the future.

Rewards day took place yesterday, where many pupils chose to use their reward points to access a range of wonderful activities and trips. They included trips to water world, Drayton Manor, ten-pin bowling, a trampoline park, Bradgate Park, laser quest and a Leicestershire County Cricket club tour. Needless to say, our pupils had a wonderful time and it is important for them to see what their hard work and determination can achieve. A special thank you to Mrs Smith for organising such a huge event.

We are looking forward to next term already. The summer term is always a great one at Maplewell. Pupils in year 11 will be taking their GCSE examinations that they have been working so hard towards. Having seen a number of lessons this term, I can see how dedicated they have been in their studies, with many attending after school sessions.

There will also be transition opportunities for our pupils. We want to get everybody prepared for their next steps before the end of the summer term, whether that is simply moving year group or transitioning to College or employment. We will do everything possible to make things as smooth as possible.

Have a wonderful Easter break.

Mr Brooks



Headteacher