

Maplewell Newsletter

Aspire, Nurture, Personalise, Success and Engage

End of Year Issue 13



Leavers:

Last week Maplewell said goodbye to some of our amazing pupils, as they carry on their journey else where. We are incredibly proud of all of these students and wish them well as they move forward! Post 16 had a circus day to celebrate all of their achievements! With a circus skills workshop!

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KEY DATES

School Starts:

Tuesday 30th August 2022

Careers: College Open Days 2022 / 2023

Please book your place on the college Website.

Loughborough College: 01509 215831

- Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th September
2022 10am-2pm

Leicester College: 0116 224 2240

- Tuesday 12th October / Tuesday 26th
October - 4-8pm

- - Saturday 27th November - 10am-2pm

Homefield College: 01509 815696

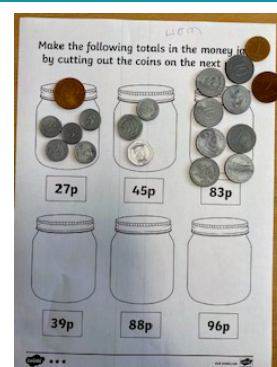
- Saturday 15th October 2022 10am-1pm

- Saturday 19th November 2022 10.00am
- 1pm

- Saturday 26th November 2022
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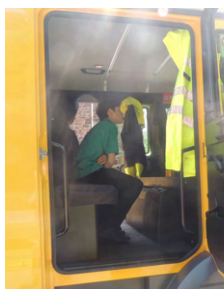
Maths:

7C have been working hard with money, practising using coins to make given amounts of money.



AA Visit:

Students recently had a visit from Sean and Shaun the AA Patrols! They talked to our year 7 and 8 students about their jobs and how to stay safe on the road. They explained, and then demonstrated, how cars are recovered at the roadside, and then let students have a go 'recovering' the Maplewell electric car and one of the minibuses! Students were given a road safety pack to take home with them, kindly provided by the AA. The students had a great time and learnt a lot!



Adulthood:

In class, Year 10 have been learning about Parenting. The Year 10 students had baby dolls to practice holding, feeding and changing; yes, that includes dirty nappies! The students were incredibly sensible and mature during the activity and thoroughly impressed the members of staff present. Fantastic work Year 10!



Duke of Edinburgh:

Year 10 finished their Duke of Edinburgh Award programme this year with a local walk near Swithland Woods. Students have learnt many new skills over the year including bike maintenance and woodworking. They've also challenged themselves in lots of ways; including crossing a field of cows safely and creeping through a grubby tunnel! We look forward to working with them towards completing their expeditions in Year 11.



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 :

Art Club have been working hard on crafts for pride!



4LC have been busy shopping for ingredients and baking some yummy treats!



Skills Builder:

This weeks Skills Builder Challenge:

<https://www.skillsbuilder.org>

Reflection Questions

Getting Started:
How can you make sure you are listening carefully?

Intermediate:
What does it mean to summarise what you have heard?

Advanced:
Why is summarising or rephrasing what you have heard useful sometimes?

Mastery:
How might changing the language (words) used affect how you feel about something?

Interview a friend or family member about their job.

What is their job title?
Where do they work?
What tasks do they do at work?
What other things are you curious to learn about their job?

Listening

More D of E:

Cory, Daisy, Cameron & Kirsty from P16 successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh silver qualifying expedition. This took place from Monday - Wednesday, walking approximately 11km each day, carrying full kit for the 3 days and camping at Tilton on the Hill both nights. We are all extremely proud of their achievement!



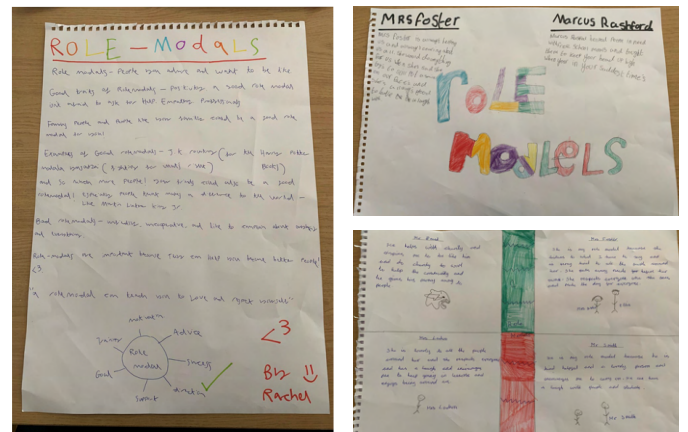
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Year 8 MAP have been creating Tie Dye shirts over the last two weeks. The students had some fun on the front lawn taking photos.



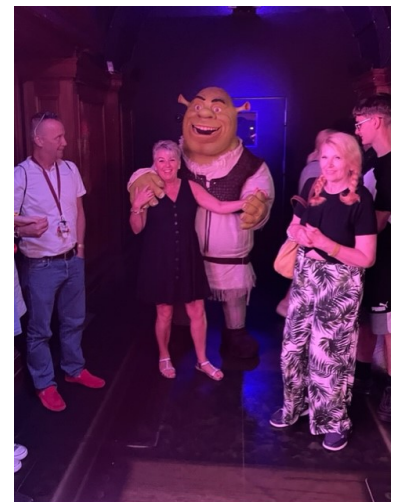
Social Skills:

Recently, 10BS have been working on 'Role Models' in Preparation for Adulthood. Year 10 have created posters about who their role models are. They have specially thanked some members of staff in school and have also researched some influential people such as Marcus Rashford. Well done to 10BS for creating amazing posters and writing some lovely messages about members of staff in school. Thank you to the members of staff for being such great role models to our students at Maplewell Hall School.



Trip To London:

Last week, our Post 16 students took a trip to London to Shrek World! The students travelled on the train and saw London sights, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. After exploring London and Shrek World, the students visited Kew Gardens. All the students were extremely well behaved and it was a fun day enjoyed by all.



Sporting Success:

10 Maplewell students recently attended the SEN National Athletic Championships! Considering the awful conditions, wet and cold, the students were amazing with some amazing performances across the 2 days.

- Skala winning Gold in the 100m and 200m.
- Kellam winning Gold in the 200m,800,1500m.
- Amelie winning Gold in the 100m and 200m and bronze in the Long jump.

The list goes on as the students won a total of 24 medals! 8 Gold, 7 Silver and 9 Bronze, which is an amazing achievement considering they were competing against students their age from all over the country! Congratulations.



Sports Day:

Students enjoyed a late sports day, due to the rain, and were amazing! well done to all those who took part.



Art Roundup:

This year has been great for Art at Maplewell! GCSE Art students exhibited their work at the Leicester Museum and Art Gallery, Year 9 and 4LC students exhibited their work at The Outwoods Sculpture Trail and some Year 8 students work was exhibited at The Royal Academy in London. We have had local artists provide workshops for our KS3 students and Year 9 visited De Montfort University to take part in drawing and textile workshops. Students have also created large scale art works, which are being displayed in the school grounds. Our end of year online Key Stage 3 exhibition can be seen here; <https://www.artsteps.com/view/62b18ce0c8397ba5b3ea1068>

Food Bank:

Recently, a group of students from Year 8, delivered food and toiletries to the food bank in Loughborough. The food was kindly donated by students, parents and staff as part of the May assemblies and providing support for families in the local community. With rising food costs, the staff at the food bank commented that the delivery was larger than they had expected and were very grateful. They also showed the students their food bank collection point and how they made up the Food parcels.



Careers:

THOMAS FROBISHER – SPORTS LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Thomas's journey started when he applied to attend the Prince's Trust 'Get Started with Multi Sports' in the Easter Holidays. This was a four day face to face programme, which took place at King Power Stadium in Leicester. Thomas took full advantage of the sessions where he was able to take part in a variety of sports, plus learning about the different roles in sport. He was able to listen to inspiring speakers and gain insight into the workings of a football club. There was also a full stadium tour of the impressive King Power Stadium and lunch and travel costs were provided.



As Thomas had successfully completed the above course he was given the opportunity to enrol in the 'Works for All' programme which followed on. He attended every Monday for eight weeks and had the opportunity to engage in their taught Employability programme, weekly sports activities in the afternoon and Employment Activities to support a job application. As if all this was not enough, by engaging in the above programmes, Thomas had the opportunity to apply for The Sports Leadership programme. He was up against tough competition but to his credit gained a place on the programme. This programme is for twelve months starting off with a four day residential and then one evening a week, where he will be tutored to train a football team on an enterprise scheme.



Further Careers:

We recently held an event called 'Speedy Speakers' for some of our Year 10 students. It was organised by Leicestershire Carers in conjunction with our We Discover programme. We were fortunate enough to have two speakers from industry talk to the students about their businesses and how they benefited the community and especially how they catered for SEND.

Our first speaker was Tim Marren, CEO of Peter Le Marchant Trust, a Charity based in Loughborough offering canal boat day trips and holidays for people with any type of disability or health condition.

Our second speaker was Noel Singh, a Funding Manager from Leicestershire County council. He talked about other kinds of jobs you can get with the council, and about his own job as funding manager. Both talks were really informative and gave a great picture of the work they do. The students were all engaged and asked a number of great questions at the end.

We will be looking to incorporate many more speakers in the new academic year, so if you know anyone from business who might like to impart some knowledge about their work, please contact: Carmen Blades Careers Co-Ordinator – carmenblades@maplewell.leics.sch.uk

Summer Fun Day:

Students enjoyed a day of different activities, with sweets and cakes, to celebrate the end of term!



Reading:

This half term, we held an online 'Celebration of Reading' event to share our pupils' reading success with parents, and the strategies we use in school.

From October 2021 to May 2022, our pupils have on average added an incredible 12 months to their reading age! To maintain this progress and continue to build our pupils' love of reading, we advise at least 10 minutes of reading a day over the summer holidays. For more information and resources to support this, please see the presentation on our website under 'Curriculum' – 'Subject Information' – 'Reading'.

Thailand fundraiser:

The Thailand Expedition Fundraiser on Saturday Evening was a massive success with over £1000 being raised! All the students worked super hard!



Medieval Skills:

Last week the KS3 students had the chance to practice Medieval skills. The students had the chance to improve their warrior skills, throw axes, set up catapults and fire crossbows! The weather held off and all of the students enjoyed themselves.



Pride:

We have achieved 2 more areas within the Rainbow Flag Award -Pastoral Support and Skilled Teacher after gaining Inclusive Curriculum in January. This makes us 2 steps closer to achieving this award this September. We are working with the Rainbow Flag to make sure we are creating the most inclusive environment for all and ensuring that we are meeting OFSTED requirements. It has been a really positive experience and students have gained confidence in staff and in their knowledge to benefit them living in the wider world. Please look at WEDUC for updates for this.

The school was decorated in Pride flags and Mrs Stanton held a PRIDE themed bake off! Everyone had a great time and all the students enjoyed the day



USEFUL CONTACTS FOR SUPPORT IN TIMES OF CRISIS



SHOUT

Contact Number to text: 85258
A free text service if you are feeling anxious worried, stressed or suicidal. They are professionals at the end of the phone offering guidance and support in time of need.

CHILDLINE

Contact Number: 0800 1111
Free helpline for children who feel that they are in danger.

YOUNG MINDS

Contact Number: 0808 802 5544
Support children and young people with mental health issues.

TEXT CHAT HEALTH

Contact Number: 07520 615387
A text service for people aged between 11-19 years. Advice given by school nurses from Monday to Friday.

SAMARITANS

Contact Number: 0116 123 007
Free 24 hour support line when in need of support.

PAPYRUS

Contact Number: 0800 068 4141
Young suicide prevention, providing advice and support.

KOOTH

Contact Website: <http://kooth.com>
For online counselling support



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Telephone: (0116) 3184066 Email: info@epicleics.com Twitter: @EPIC_Wellbeing and @EPIC_SLT
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Fitness Group:

The fitness club has been working with pupils, to help develop their skills and fitness. By using a range of fitness equipment including Battle ropes, Kettlebells, TRX suspension trainer and Dumbbells, student have gained confidence in themselves. Sessions have also included kickboxing pad work.

The students have had a fantastic approach to the sessions, particularly with encouraging and supporting their peers.



History:

Year 8 History had a visit from Mel Gould, who talked to them about local WW1 history. He brought lots of artefacts from Loughborough Carillion Museum for the students to look at and handle, bringing his stories to life. The students were a credit to the school and engaged with the visit so much, that they even dressed up in soldiers' hats and made peg aeroplanes.

Letter from the Head: End of Year Roundup

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7th July 2022

Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of another very positive year at Maplewell, I am reflecting on it with great pride. Our pupils continue to be an absolute credit to you. They have been enjoying their rewards this week, having worked hard to achieve them throughout this term. Seeing, first-hand, just how important the reward system is to our pupils is a privilege.

It is also great to see our pupils extending themselves and overcoming many obstacles to take part in a wonderful range of activities, including residential experiences. One such group is being led by Mr James, who is currently in Paris with a large group of pupils and staff, where visits to Montmartre, Eurodisney and a trip up the Eiffel tower have been undertaken. Our pupils are becoming citizens of the world. What a fantastic achievement.

Thank you for your valuable support in what has been another very demanding year, where we continued to successfully manage the Covid pandemic. Mr Cooper has been instrumental from day one in helping to lead the school's day-to-day management, to keep everyone safe. Everyone across the school have played their part in ensuring that it has remained a calm and safe place for our pupils. This has enabled us to teach your children effectively and maintain the standards that we have come to expect at Maplewell.

It was refreshing to see parents and carers again, at coffee mornings, transition days, school activities and fund-raising events. It has felt a long time and getting back to something like normality has been beneficial to everyone. Your support and attendance in school is most welcome and very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at future planned events after the summer break. We have found that an ongoing partnership between staff, parents and pupils will always be the most effective way forwards.

Congratulations to our pupils who have been taking examinations this term. There have been more of them than ever before at Maplewell. Completing them comes with their own unique set of challenges, which our pupils have coped with admirably. Well done to all of you.

It is a fitting way to end the year with a comment that one of our year 11 pupils shared with me. He will be moving onto College next academic year. He was reflecting on his time with us and stated that he really appreciated everything that staff had done for him. He wanted to share his experience with others and tell anybody who was still in school or coming to Maplewell for the first time.

'Make the most of your time at Maplewell. It is an amazing school and I have learnt a lot. The teachers are fantastic and have really helped me to get where I am now. Work your hardest and do your best. I can't believe that I am leaving Maplewell. I am really going to miss you all'.

It makes me so proud to share this with you. I could not have written a better endorsement for the school than that.

A final thank you goes to the amazing staff team that we have across our 2 sites. We have in excess of 160 staff, ensuring that children are educated in a fantastic environment. Thank you to the admin team, site team, support staff, teachers, senior and strategic leaders and governors for making Maplewell what it is today. We will continue to expand and share our outstanding practice moving forwards.

Have a wonderful, well-deserved break and we look forward to seeing everyone at the start of next term.

Mr Brooks

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

Headteacher