

Maplewell Hall School Newsletter



Where we aspire, personalize,
engage and promote success

I am writing this piece for summer newsletter still trying to take in what has been a truly exceptional year at Maplewell Hall School. I am so proud of every student who has taken their examinations this year. It is always a stressful time, but the meticulous preparation and careful planning that staff have put in cannot be underestimated. I am confident that our students were given the best chance possible to achieve their best. We can ask for no more.

On Wednesday we held our Sports Day, which rounded off the physical achievements of the girls and boys in school. The achievements of our sporting achievements have been truly exceptional this year, with the highlight being crowned champions of the National Table Cricket competition at Lords. What an unbelievable experience for all students that took part. Our final assembly of the year today will recognise those achievements and so many more, with students being rewarded and recognised for their many achievements, both sporting and academic. Students' effort and attendance will also be recognised.

This week students have spent their tokens that they have earned throughout the past term. Rewards have included stadium tours to Leicester City and Leicester Tigers and an impromptu visit to the women's cricket world cup at Grace Road, Leicester. Some students chose to go trampolining whilst others preferred to watch a film and take part in many activities, such as yoga. The token economy has allowed us to further reward student behaviour this year. Yesterday students were given the opportunity to spend their remaining tokens on a range of inflatables and a selection of sweets. This was coupled with a whole school barbeque, which was as brilliant as ever.

The summer break will see a group staying in residence for the first week of the holidays. Students will be making several local visits and given the opportunity to take part in a number of exciting activities throughout the week, including trips to Bosworth Water and Beaumanor Hall. There is also a residential trip to Switzerland and Lichtenstein, where a selection of our students are representing Leicester City in an inclusion football tournament. Teams already confirmed are Real Madrid, Werder Bremen, Benfica and Manchester City. This will be the chance of a lifetime for our students who are so excited.

This term we have also said goodbye to our leavers in year 11 and Post 16. We said a very special farewell before they venture off to various Colleges across the County. A special mention should go to Kyale C who has secured an internship with British Heart Foundation. Liam S is an excellent role model for our students. He is leaving Post 16 in order to take up full employment. Liam attended 2 interviews, at DHL and Amazon respectively. He was offered both posts and eventually decided on the latter. This is a truly remarkable achievement and one which I hope to see replicated in the coming years.

The past couple of weeks has entailed 2 weeks of transition for students moving into Post 16 next year. This has proved to be extremely successful and hopefully provide a more comprehensive transition than in previous years. Part of the transition saw Post 16 students enjoy a day at Sheffield Meadowhall shopping centre. The promotion of independence skills was fantastic, with students choosing where to lunch and which shops to visit. They were a credit to themselves.

Jo Chivers, one of our Home School Link Workers, is leaving today in order to facilitate a move to the Isle of Wight. She goes with our very best wishes, knowing that she has made a genuine difference to so many peoples' lives. I am so thankful to her for her caring and considerate nature and her listening skills are second to none. Paula Wardle will be fulfilling the role on a temporary basis until the post goes out to advertisement.

I am looking forward to the new term and will see students on Tuesday 29th August. Have a wonderful break.

Jason Brooks

Headteacher

NEWS FROM RESIDENCE

Amongst the activities this term; a group of students took over the garden plot at school. Students have been clearing the ground ready for planting in the coming few weeks.

Miss Smith's group have been practising relaxation techniques and learning about mindfulness. This has been really well received by the students. The activity will continue next term where they will be trying different apps that support relaxation, as well as some that promote exercise.

A number of students have worked hard to progress their cycling skills and are showing increased confidence and bike handling skills. The grounds at school provide an ideal safe space for students to practice.

Two groups of students visited the Curve Theatre to see the amazing "Breaking Convention" show featuring international dance groups including the Soweto Skelton Dancers (see photo) and local acts. The students saw 'Little T' who is on this year's The Voice Kids show, sing live.

More recently some of the students joined a fitness class taster session in Beaumont Leys. It is called Born to Move and featured a range of exercises including yoga, dance and boxing fitness. It was very enjoyable and the students certainly looked like they had worked hard when they returned! There are a variety of classes available for various ages. If you are looking for activities over the summer take a look at their website and click on "find a class" <https://www.lesmills.com/born tomove/>

Students in residence have been competing in a range of challenges to earn points for their Houses. These include a range of practical and fun activities such as the hotly contested tidiest bedroom or tallest lego tower.

Well done to all of the students who attended residence and after school club this year. You have all worked really hard and hopefully have had lots of fun times along the way. If you didn't do residence last year but would like to give it a go then please speak to one of the Care Team.



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Production has stepped up a gear in Design and Technology – those fabulous designs need making!

Year 10 and 11 have been creating metal flowers, learning lots of skills with sheet metal and metal rod. They have cut and smoothed the petals, hammered them to make them malleable and then shaped and layered them. The stems have been cut, then a thread added so that the petals could be drilled and slotted on and secured with a nut. I hope you can make time to see their exam work displayed in the reception area too – we are very proud of them.



Year 8 have completed their textile project. They combined soft circuit electronics with dye sublimation to make little stuffed pillows of their own avatar – do you recognise any one? These are all students in 8DS, they had to pass their sewing machine driving licence too.

Year 10 students are working on a designer project. They are studying the Arts and Crafts/Art Novell styles and experimenting with ideas. They visited the nearby National Trust residence Stoneywell House. We had a great day out with fabulous weather for sketching!



YEAR 11 SPANISH

After successfully completing a 2 year Spanish course at Entry Level, all students celebrated with a reward trip to Café Español, in Hinckley. There, they were able to practise their Spanish to ordering their food and drink. Some of the students engaged with the owners in polite conversation, asking their name and how they were feeling, and expressed just how much they were enjoying the Tapas. For some students, it was their first time experience tasting authentic Spanish food, and despite the owner's concern there would be too many left overs, all the plates were left clean! Furthermore, several students still could not resist ordering some 'Churros y chocolate' for dessert. To boot, there happened to be a Visual Art Exhibition displayed next to the café, with the BA Art Students there to explain their work to us, inspiring some students to think about their own future career paths. I feel extremely proud of my Year 11 Spanish group and would like to thank them for all their efforts and enthusiasm for this subject, and to wish them 'Mucha Suerte' for their future endeavours. Señora Plaza



4LP

To celebrate the end of an era, 4LP were taken to Hollywood Bowls for their reward trip. It soon became evident, the students were far more skilled than the staff, but were gracious in their win not to gloat (too much!). A shout out to Yorick and Sanchez who won for their teams with impressive scores! After a tasty burger lunch, we all had fun in the Arcade, where Nathaniel managed to say the word 'awesome' at least a dozen times! Mrs Forrester and Miss Mack, agreed with me that the students were great ambassadors for Maplewell, not only in behaviour and social skills, but also in their sportsmanship towards each other. We are immensely proud of them and all they have achieved over the years. We wish them all success in K5, and also our best wishes for Jack H, who will be starting Stevenson College in September. Mrs Plaza

K5 had a visit from two para medics on 20th June, students had the chance to have a hands on experience. It was a useful and inspiring afternoon.

With money raised from their enterprise group the following students Hannah P, Emma D, Emily W, Nicole S and Harry M were able to buy costumes then wrote and performed the play Frozen. The enthusiasm and effort put in by these students was amazing particularly as they had no input from staff.

It has been a busy time for students going out on work experience the following students had the opportunity to experience the world of work. Laura S- Stonehurst Farm, Ella T- Meadway School of Riding, Luke R and John B- Loughborough Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Jake H- Loughborough Leisure Centre, Demi A - The Pad Dog Groomers, Nicole S- The Bell Bar RNIB, Owen T - Performance Cars, Will P- Sandcliffe Motors and Karl M- Airopark.



MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL PE AND SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS 2016/17.

Maplewell Hall School have been working with specialised coaches covering a range of different sports; including Basketball– Leicester Riders, Football- LCFC, Rugby- Leicester Tigers, Cricket- Leicestershire CC, Dance- Moving Together and many more, helping to deliver lessons and prepare your child for competitions, as part of Physical Education lessons.



Throughout the year, with the help of these coaches, PE Departments and other members of staff, this year has been a very successful one at Maplewell Hall School in regards to competition and development for all students.

December 16

Our first outing was to the Curve theatre for a night at the movies where students performed the dance from High School Musical with Sophie Hocking (Moving Together) to a live audience. This was part of the student's Bronze and Silver Arts Awards specific to Dance.

A week later, Maplewell were invited to attend Aylestone Leisure Centre for a KS3 Sports Hall Athletics Final level 2! Throughout the day, students competed against a number of schools from around the county in events such as, foam javelin throw, chest push, speed bounce, target throw and relay races. A top 3 finish from Maplewell saw us through to the level 3 finals later in the new year.

January 17

We welcomed in the new year with a trip back to Aylestone Leisure Centre for Level 2 KS3 & KS4 Boccia tournament part of the Schools Sport Games. 12 students battled head to head with other schools across the county and even against themselves, to bring home a winner's trophy, and making it through to the Level 3 finals later in the year at Loughborough University.

February 17

With the help of Leicestershire County Cricket Club, our students from the Eaves, were given the opportunity to represent Maplewell at Gateway College Leicester, participating in the interschool's Table Cricket. It was an outstanding performance from the Eaves Classes, finishing 2nd and securing a place in the regional finals later in the year at Loughborough University.

April 17

School Sports Games Level 3 Finals at Loughborough University. KS4 Basketball players finished 3rd, picking up 'Sprite of the games' award and KS3 Boccia going on to win this tournament representing team North Charnwood.



May 17

Saffron Lane - Leicester KS3 and KS4 Athletic Championships. Students competing in 100m, 200m, 400m, javelin and long jump. Students from Maplewell gave it their all, in all events throughout the day, bringing home medals for a top 3 finish in a number of events.

Loughborough University KS4, Level 3 Boccia final. Our Students were representing North Charnwood gave us another show stopping performance bringing home the winner's trophy.

Loughborough University Table Cricket Regional Finals; schools from Northampton, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire were no match for our student's- Maplewell Hall School finished 3rd narrowly missing out by 2 runs to finish 2nd, a fantastic effort from everyone.

June 17

Maplewell Hall School was invited to Lords Cricket Ground London to the Table Cricket Final.

After spending the evening in a tent on the dinner hall floor on Thursday 8th June, and a very early start to the Friday morning, Maplewell Hall School we're on route to London!

Arriving at 9:30am at Lords, students very quickly got settled into the surroundings and the tournament began.

1st Game Maplewell off to a great start winning by two runs.

2nd Game- one of the closest games of the day, but unfortunately, although scores were tied, Maplewell lost on wickets.

3rd Game- Everything still to play for, just when you think one game wasn't enough for Mr Hoult to bite his nails to the bone, Mr Handley joined him. This game like the 2nd was a tie. Luckily Maplewell won this game on wickets taken!



MAPLEWELL SCOUT GROUP

So here they are Maplewell's very own scout troop!

Ms Bullock who is group leader for 1st Thringstone, has developed our very own troop within school offering weekly scout meeting during lunch where our students have the opportunity to take part in scouting activities. All the students have been invested and made their scout promise.

This half term we joined Thringstone scout group at the district camp at Willesley camp site just outside Ashby joining the beavers, cubs and scout troops from across the whole district. The students enjoyed a fun filled weekend of activities including climbing, zip wire, low ropes, zorbing and much more. Not forgetting spending our nights in tents.

As you can imagine we had some very tired scouts and leaders by the end of the weekend but they all had a fantastic time!



Mrs G Smith (Assistant Leader)

STUDENT VOICE

Student Voice Team is a group of student's representatives from across the school, we meet every two weeks on a Friday lunchtime to discuss any concerns and suggestions the students have, to a panel of staff regarding improvements that would enhance our school.

We take minutes and actions at the meeting and share them with the senior leadership team, our governor meetings through our student governors and all the students within the school.

Liam has been our student governor for the last two years and has done a fantastic job attending the full governor meeting each term, feeding the information from the student voice meetings to the governing body. Unfortunately he is leaving us this year and we are sad to see him go, we wish him all the best in his new adventure at college.

With this in mind, the students worked very hard this half term to enable us to hold an election to elect a replacement for Liam and two additional student governors to support Maria and Liam's replacement in the forthcoming year. There were 8 candidates to choose from and we are very proud of every single one of them, they all prepared a speech on why they should be voted for, which they delivered in an assembly, prepared posters, badges and flags, each spent time talking to other students in the hope to gain their vote. The big day came, 8 June and we held our student governor elections in our very own polling station, every student in the school had the opportunity to vote.

The results were in....

There was one clear winner who received the majority of the votes and this was Joe, Louis and Matthew with one vote difference between them were the runners up. Congratulations to you all and you will all start your new role at the beginning of the next school year.

We have a very strong team of students who have attended all of our meetings and we just want to say a massive well done to each and every one of you and look forward to seeing and working with you all next year.

Mrs Georgina Smith and Mrs Ison

3JMC

In 3JMC the students this term have enjoyed finding out about Animal Kingdoms in Science, using their research skills and power point presentations. They have been telling the time in Maths and have written diary entries and designed posters about the Titanic in English.

In Performing Arts they have been creating their own dance moves. At lunch time we have started a club called "The Take it Easy Club", where students who would like a quieter, calmer lunch can come along and enjoy the peace and quiet.

Mrs McParland



Music lessons

The music lessons have been a fantastic extra-curricular activity this year and have proven very popular. This offer will continue next year and a new letter will be sent home before the end of term.

Remember you need to contact JAM directly to book your child into these lessons. This can be done throughout the year as they will book in any extra sessions weekly. If you do not receive a letter please let the office know!

Studio recording

Michael R, Lottie T, Levi C, Dennis G, Kirsty N and Jude M went to Leicester Quad studios to record the track 'Stand by me' for a special event JAM are recording for their dementia awareness project. They had a fantastic morning and opportunity to use all of the skills learnt from their lessons to represent the school. We are all very proud of them.

Awards week

The end of term is drawing near once again and pupils will be buying their rewards based on the number of tokens they have earned this year. We will also be recognising the achievements of our 'top achievers' for the year on the last Friday. There are so many pupils that have done well and we really want them to feel proud of themselves!

Anti-bullying parent group

Due to transitions occurring at this time of year I have been unable to arrange the group to get parent feedback around anti-bullying to date. This is still going to go ahead and I would like to propose the following dates as a starting point: -

Thursday 31st August 9.30-10.30am

Friday 1st September 9.30-10.30am

Wednesday 6th September 5.30-6.30pm

If you are available to attend any one of these meetings as a starting point I will then be able to set further dates from there. Please bring ideas and suggestions about what you feel needs to be improved or implemented across the school.

If you would like to know any further information, plus to confirm your attendance please email myself on melison@maplewell.leics.sch.uk.

Steps to success

At Maplewell we want all pupils to understand how to be successful. During the last year the student voice team have developed a poster that helps all pupils understand the roles and expectations within school. These form part of our school values, based on British values, along with the school behaviour for learning policy. At the beginning of the next academic year we would like all pupils and parent/carers to sign this to support pupils development and improvement in this area. The poster looks like this: -

Safeguarding and child protection

At Maplewell all staff want to ensure that your children are safe at all times. In school we have a poster to ensure that all pupils know who they can talk to. It looks like this: -

The poster is titled "Maplewell Hall School Safeguarding Team". It features several speech bubbles and boxes containing photos of staff and contact information for external support services. The central text reads: "If you are worried, unsure, scared or unhappy please talk to a member of staff! Any member of staff is happy to listen and find a way to help." The speech bubbles include: "Student support team" (yellow), "Home School Link Workers" (green), "Talk to your tutor or LSA" (blue), "Out of school" (orange) with contact details for Mosaic, Childline, and Kooth, and "Leadership team" (purple).

If there are any problems or concerns that you would like to discuss with a member of staff any of these are happy to talk with you too. There are many support mechanisms that can help families' and individual pupils that are not just based in school. Please let us know if we can help in anyway.

The poster is titled "Maplewell Hall Students' Steps to Success". It features a graphic of a person climbing a staircase made of books. The text is organized into sections: "Students' Rights" (bullet points: To learn, To take part in extra-curricular activities, To be encouraged to do our best), "Students' Responsibilities" (bullet points: Being ready to learn, Starting work quietly and sensibly, Developing independence with the support of staff, Wearing school uniform, Bringing the correct equipment, Believing how good we can be), and "Respect for everyone" (bullet points: Help each other, Take care in the way we treat each other (students and staff), Take care of our own and other people's property).

British Values and SMSC

British Values and SMSC are an integral part of every lesson and intervention at Maplewell. All of these elements are embedded into our curriculum and the opportunities that we offer in school. Currently all teachers are completing an audit so that this can be shared with you via our website, along with finer details where the elements can be found. Look out for our new posters throughout the school that look like: -



We are constantly looking for new opportunities in and outside of school to promote these elements even further. If you know of any contacts through family or friends that will be able to offer any special experiences please let me know. This could include somebody coming in to speak in assembly, special workshops for pupils, visits to places of interests outside of school, religious experiences etc.

My email is melison@maplewell.leics.sch.uk.

ANTI BULLYING

We appreciate the full support from all parents and carers when dealing with behaviour within school. If you ever have any concerns around your child or any other pupil at school please let their tutor know in the first instance. Only by working collectively will we ensure that every pupil has the chance to progress in all areas at school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Maplewell school has firm beliefs in ensuring that pupils are not bullied at school and that they feel safe and supported at all times. If you have any concerns around your child please contact their tutor immediately to discuss. We are working with the county's provision called 'beyond bullying' to enhance this ethos across school, to hopefully aid pupils in understanding any situation that could incur in or outside of school.

M Ison

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 17

Thank you for all your support with the book fair. We raised a total of £633.81 in new books for the library.

S Brown

RED NOSE DAY 17

Thank you to everyone who helped raise a grand total of **£376.30** which includes the selling of the red noses, non-uniform day and the cake sale so a big well done to everyone!!

SCHOOL DINNERS

Hopefully you will agree that we offer our school meals at a fantastic value, they are all freshly prepared by our staff on site, unfortunately in order to continue to maintain the high quality and to meet the increase prices set by suppliers the price of our school meal will increase from August to £2.30. 10p lower than the price set by County.



PARENT SUPPORT

GROUP



Please ensure that your **Parent Pay** account is up to date before the end of term

Reminder: we are a nut free school, please do not send your child in with snacks that may contain nuts. Thank you



Term dates:

Last Day of Term: Friday 14th July

First Day of Term:

YR7 to YR11 -Tuesday 29th August

K5- Wednesday 30th August

Monthly Coffee Morning
For Parents / Carers of Year 7
Students



When: Last Friday of the month

Where: Maplewell Hall

Time: 9.30-11.00am



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TESCO SHELTHORPE

9:30am~11:30am

1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY
MONTH

Come along for a coffee and a chat and meet new people. We will have guest speakers, practical ideas around parenting and offer support for parents with children of all ages and abilities. For more details please contact Martine Mears or Jo Chivers on: 01509 890237