

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Patience and Perseverance	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Unity	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



**MAPLE TREE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Climbing the branches of success*

## Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2019

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

We have had such a fun week this week! We have had Maths Investigation week and the children have been enjoying a range of activities designed to make them think strategically and develop their reasoning skills. I have been so pleased to hear the children talking positively about their maths - even those who would not necessarily call it a favourite lesson! They all recognise the importance of the skills required and have been able to explain their thoughts and understanding.

We also had World Book Day yesterday and it was great to see so many children dress up as characters from their favourite books or bringing in their books to read in their pjs! There was a real sense of excitement in what they had brought into share and it was lovely to see them so enthusiastic about reading...another great life skill!

The children were also challenged to write a whole school story yesterday which was read out in assembly this morning and was a fabulous example of collaborative working - you can read it later on in this newsletter - it was too good not to share!

Have a good weekend!



### House Point Winners

## Congratulations



### Attendance Award



The best attendance award is presented to:

Mulberries 97.1% (Pre-School)	Pine (YR) 98.3%
Fir (YR) 92.2%	Birch (Y1) 97.3%
Yew (Y1) 94.5%	Aspen (Y2) 93.9%
Poplar (Y3) 99.3%	<b>Rowan (Y4) 100%</b> ★
Juniper (Y4) 97.6%	Cherry (Y5) 98.2%

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



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# Community News

## Red Nose Day 15th March 2019

On Red Nose Day children are invited to **wear something red for a £1 donation.**

### Maple Tree's Got Talent

We will also be holding a Maple Tree's Got Talent show. Children can participate for a £1 per person donation. Their performance should be no longer than 2 minutes and they should provide any music/props etc needed for their act. The children can perform individually or in a group. If you need any further information please speak to Ms Cassidy.



### **Co-op Fundraising Update**

£664.56 raised so far!  
Please keep supporting us.

## **Governor Visit**

In my role as Link Governor for the Curriculum, I recently undertook a 'Learning Walk' to understand how effectively we teach History and Geography in the school.

It was great to see children's passion for their topic: from learning about the Deep Blue Sea to recounting the story of Grace Darling, it was evident that pupils were enthused and very willing to share their knowledge on these subjects.

I particularly liked the progression through the school where children went from choosing pre-written labels for ocean layers, to writing the label names in full. More able children were further stretched through identifying parts of the coastline beyond what was labelled on their charts.

In our debrief, we considered whether any further resources would be required for Y5 children, and discussed how to keep subjects 'fresh' in children's minds where there were terms with less focus on Geography or History.

My thanks to all the teachers and children involved in making me feel so welcome.

*Andy King—Parent Governor*

## Message from Friends of Maple Tree

What a great first Glow Disco we had last week. Thank you to all the children who came along. The disco was a massive success and raised in excess of £300. We will be organising another one later this year to include the younger children as well.

Thank you to everyone who ordered tea towels. They are currently being printed and we hope to have them distributed to you all by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

We have 2 more events this term starting with Chocolate Bingo on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, an event for all the family, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Further information will be available soon.



## World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2019

The children had a great time yesterday dressed as the characters from their favourite books or wearing their pjs ready for a story - our pre-school children looked particularly lovely!



The whole school was given a challenge - 1 person from each class had to choose an object. This then had to appear in a paragraph each class wrote together and passed onto the next class to create a whole school story. This made us all laugh in assembly this morning! You can read our story below:

### The School Comes Alive!

(A whole school story for World Book Day 2019 – starting with a Y5 paragraph and ending with a YR paragraph.)

It was midnight. The full moon cast eerie beams of light that shone through the classroom windows. When the beams hit her box, it highlighted the big bold writing, 'KEEP OUT OF REACH OF MOONLIGHT.' Immediately, **Black Widow**'s head started spinning faster than the human centrifuge on the maximum G force setting. Suddenly, it stopped spinning. Her big, sparkly, emerald-green eyes blinked twice, she narrowed her eyes, scanning the room for any potential threats, just like a hawk would use when catching its prey. All of sudden, the box started to rattle and she broke out...

Black Widow dusted herself off and stretched as she was cramped in a box for what seemed a long time. Next, she strolled around the moonlit classroom. She cautiously approached what looked like a colourful figure standing in the corner. Fearing for her life, she got ready to pounce. However, on closer inspection, she saw that it was a friendly **unicorn**. Without a sound, the unicorn began to glow like bright yellow stars. "Jump on my back! Let's go and explore the school at night," whispered Rainbow the unicorn.

Gliding as quiet as a mouse, through the moonlit, deserted corridor, they headed towards the library. As they approached the open door, they heard

a soft hooting sound coming from the shadowy interior. Slowly and curiously, Black Widow peered inside. All of a sudden, a ferocious tawny **owl** swooped down and grabbed her in its mighty, razor like talons. The colossal owl manoeuvred rapidly along the winding corridor towards the hall.

Suddenly, through the window, leapt a black bearded, scar faced pirate. He whipped off his magic **eye patch** and launched it at the colossal owl. It vanished into sparkly dust. Black Widow and the unicorn fell to the ground in a heap!

Magically, a **tiger** leapt out of the cupboard and pounced onto the pirate's shoulders. The pirate fell to the ground with a terrifying, thunderous thump. Black Widow and the unicorn watched the tiger and pirate fight and wondered who would win. Quietly, Black Widow and Rainbow the unicorn sneaked out of the door and ran as fast as they could...

Unfortunately, as they ran they hit the tinkling, **silver bell!** This made the pirate and tiger suddenly stop their fight and freeze. They looked in horror as Black Widow and Rainbow the unicorn disappeared in a puff of smoke into a magic blue glowing portal. The pirate and tiger moved

very slowly to the edge of the portal and vanished into a mysterious place never to be seen again! Meanwhile Black Widow and Rainbow unicorn had been transported into the vivid, bright and colourful Head Teachers office. Mrs Bainbridge was fast asleep with her feet upon her inanimate desk. Unexpectedly, a gigantic wooden snapping **peg** appeared from behind the curtain...

A child knocked on Mrs Bainbridge's door holding a **pot of pencils** which woke Mrs Bainbridge up. Her attention was drawn to the snapping peg and she ran out of her office in horror to Pine Class. The police came and put the peg in jail. The Black Widow and unicorn then had a party in Mrs Bainbridge's office but sadly made a big mess. They remembered their values and felt bad about the mess they had made so they tidied it all up. The Magic Unicorn used her powers to magic up some pets and some ice cream **cones** for everyone in the school to eat and enjoy.

*The End!*