

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



MAPLE TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Climbing the branches of success

Newsletter

Friday 30th September 2022

This week's House
Winners



Congratulations!

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

As a headteacher, the most important things to me are teaching, learning and ensuring the children are making progress. I am passionate about what goes on both in the classrooms and on the playground and as such it has been so lovely to spend time in all classes this week; I have been so impressed with the high levels of engagement they are showing in their learning. Well done to the children and to the staff who are creating some amazing learning opportunities for the children. I have included some of my highlights below:

Mulberries: our youngest children are settling so well - they are interacting with each other and learning key skills in a playful environment - already demonstrating good balancing and cutting skills as well as communicating with each other and the adults in the room.

Reception: the children are so enthusiastic in their learning and are showing increasing levels of independence. They were taking part in matching activities both indoors and out and their language to describe what they are doing was great. They engage well with each other - I don't think I have seen so many smiles together!

Year 1: a lively retelling of the parable of The Lost Son using puppets! The children loved it. They supported each other with the story and were trying really hard to use the props. A very engaging lesson!

Year 2: a very mature discussion in PSHE about how to treat others with kindness in different situations. The children were talking about the differences between right and wrong and went on to role play some of these. Such a good understanding of how to treat each other with respect!

Year 3: totally enthused with their History topic on the Stone Age and spoke excitedly about how before stones they defended themselves with sharp sticks. There was also lots of amazing recall surrounding the story of Buddha and his eightfold path and the journey to enlightenment - such a clear understanding!

Year 4: learning and note taking about the Roman Invasion. Children were able to use the dates to discuss key events and plotted these pictorially. There was some great discussion surrounding their Roman theme.

Year 5: a fascinating introduction into Biomes which took them into a discussion surrounding the prefix 'bio' with some fantastic words that came flooding out such as biometrics, biology, biography, biohazard... a way to bring the English language into a geography lesson!

Year 6: have been developing their French knowledge and understanding this week in learning the names for classroom items and using sentences to describe where they are - tres bien!

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Parent Forum Thursday 6th October 9am

We hold Parent Forum meetings every half term where we meet with class representatives to discuss things that are going on in school on a day to day basis. Sometimes the agenda items are led by parents and sometimes by the school.

For our first meeting this year, we would like to hold an open meeting where all are welcome and the discussion will be focused around mental health and wellbeing. This is such a key priority for us all we want share with you ways in which we support the children in school as well as hear your thoughts .

The meeting will be held in the school hall and will last no longer than an hour but would be a great opportunity to have a discussion with a larger group of you surrounding such important issues. Following this meeting, we will confirm the names of the class reps and let you know where we have vacancies that can be filled.



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National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day is a UK-wide celebration of poetry, taking place on 6th October 2022, and our theme is The Environment.

We will be sharing some poems around the theme on Monday in our assembly and continuing to read and create poetry this week in our classes.

Competition:

Create a poem about nature/ the environment:

If you care about nature or protecting the planet, this is the competition for you. Greenpeace's first Poems for the Planet competition, in collaboration with National Poetry Day, invites you to put your poetry hat on. We want your lively limericks, heartfelt haikus and polished prose on the theme of hope and the environment. Maybe you love whale song and want to capture it as poetry. Or maybe you felt moved at an environmental protest. We'd love to read about whatever inspires you to write a poem for the planet.

Alongside the national competition, Maple Tree Primary School will be running our own competition in house. Winning entries will be entered into the national competition but will also win:

1st place—£5 amazon voucher

2nd place—Poetry Book

3rd place—Notebook and pen/pencil

Every entry will receive 2 house points.

Please get all entries to Miss Hyde by **Monday 17th October 2022**.

Entries are welcome from all year groups including early years.



Black History Month

October is International Black History Month in the UK and this year's theme is 'Sharing Journeys' - an exploration of the lives and stories of the people who came to Britain in

the 19th and 20th centuries and helped laid the foundations of today's diverse Black British Community.

As well as exploring the 'journeys' of the black British community, Maple Tree would like to explore to 'journeys' of other cultures during this month too—focussing on diversity.

Miss Hyde will be presenting an assembly on Monday 31st October, the final day of Black History Month and **we would love to have some input from you.**

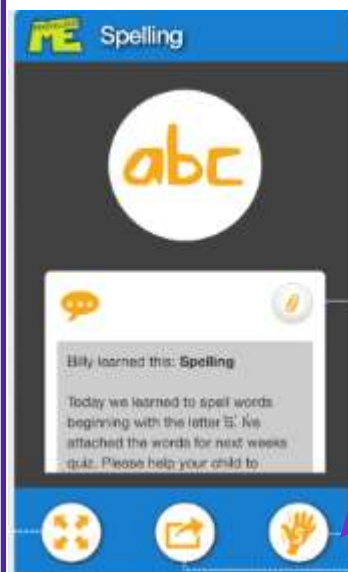
- **Can you share something about your culture with the school?**
- **Can you share a journey that you have undertaken or one of your family members?**

We would love to showcase the diversity within our community in this celebration assembly to round up the month.

If you feel that you can contribute in any way, please email Miss Hyde at teacher@mapletreprimaryschool.com

Marvellous me - high five us back!

Staff have been working hard to share what we have been learning in school by sending home marvellous me activities, badges and messages.



It is really helpful to us to see when you 'high five' us back that you have received it. You can do this by pressing this button!

Need more help on how to work the app? [Click here](#) for a guide.

Headteacher Awards

This week the award is for...

...being a super role model.



Fir Class: Archie	Yew Class: Sam	Aspen Class: Olive
Rowan Class: Theo	Poplar Class: Georgia	Juniper Class: Brandon
Cherry Class: Paige	Elder Class: James	WELL DONE!

Maple Tree Needs You!

Following the closure of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) last term, we have been approached by a number of parents who would be keen to see something similar reinstated.

This is something that we, as a school, would be keen to explore.

If you are interested in setting up a new committee, then please contact the school office who will pass your details on to the relevant member of staff.

Thank you!

Meet the Teacher presentations can now be found on our website. You can find them through the [Key Stage](#) pages. If you have any questions regarding the curriculum, please contact us at teacher@mapletreepriamaryschool.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY


- Thursday 6th October 9am** Parent Forum - Mental Health and Wellbeing focus
- Wednesday 19th October** Parents' Evening
- Thursday 20th October** Parents' Evening
- Friday 21st October 9.15 - 9.45am** KS2 Harvest Assembly
- Monday 24th to Friday 28th October** Half Term
- Thursday 3rd November 10am** New Parent Tour
- Thursday 10th November 10am** New Parent Tour
- Monday 14th November** Anti-Bullying Week
- Thursday 17th November 9am** Parent Forum
- Friday 18th November** Anti-Bullying Open Afternoon
- Friday 18th November 12pm** Blossom drop-in
- Monday 21st November 10am** New Parent Tour
- Wednesday 23rd/Thursday 24th November 3.30pm** Berries drop-in
- Monday 28th November 10am** New Parent Tour

Dates can also be found on our [website](#).

Attendance Awards

Our target is 97%

The best attendance award is presented to:
Rowan class!

Blossom (Mulberries) 97.4%	Berries (Mulberries) 97.7%
Fir (YR) 96.6%	Yew (Y1) 93.8%
Aspen (Y2) 97.1%	Poplar (Y3) 94.4%
Rowan (Y4) 99.3% 	Juniper (Y5) 87.8%
Cherry (Y5) 94.3%	Elder (Y6) 96.6%