

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 11th November 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

There is a really purposeful feel in school at the moment; the children are calm in their learning and demonstrate the values that we expect from them. We have shown a number of potential new parents around over the last few weeks and the children are certainly a positive factor in their visits!

We do know that sometimes behaviour can slip and we will be focusing on our messages next week during Anti-Bullying week to ensure that all children know how to report behaviours that are not appropriate along with an understanding of what happens once they have spoken to adults about this. This is key in ensuring that the children trust the process and we will also be sharing the work we cover with you as well. We are inviting parents of children in Reception up to Year 6 into school for an anti-bullying focused Open Afternoon next Friday, 18th November, from 2.15pm so that your child(ren) can share some of the work that they have been doing with you around this topic. You will be able to take your child home with you as you leave. There will be plenty more on anti-bullying that we share with you over the course of year but we hope that this will give you a starting point.

Sunday is Remembrance Day and we have a couple of Year 6 representatives who will be attending the memorial parade on Sunday morning and am sure we will see many of you lining the streets too. Today we held a minutes silence on the playground as we remembered those who have given their lives or whose lives were altered in devastating ways during conflict this country has seen. Our pupils were very respectful in this and many demonstrate a good understanding of the reasons behind this.

There are a number of other key events coming up between now and the end of the term and our class assemblies are all listed over the page but we are really pleased to announce that we are also reinstating Grandparents' Breakfast on Thursday 1st December. There will be a separate letter about this next week which will have a booking form attached so please look out for that.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Year 2 'Great Fire of London' Experience

After days of planning, creating and perfecting, Aspen class completed their Tudor homes. They had a lot of enjoyment adding the beams and thatch but were very excited to burn them down. We were lucky to receive a visit from Sandy fire service who came and taught the class about fire safety before showing the children the tools that are used in the fire engine. The end to a lovely afternoon was when the homes were lit and we sang London's burning.



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Computing at Maple Tree

Digital literacy, information technology and computer science are at the heart of our computing curriculum. These fundamental pillars enable all children to become autonomous, independent users of modern technologies, behaving with the upmost respect, tolerance and confidence including keeping themselves safe. We want our children to feel inspired within each lesson and hope that they continue to apply their skills and understanding; we strive for our children to become creators of content in the 21st century, including the world of robotics, coding and application development.



We try to embed the use of technology within most subjects in order to provide even more opportunities to inspire and create a drive in our children to become the digitally literate citizens that will shape the future of our world. Through a range of visits, trips and clubs, we aim to develop their understanding of themselves as members of a wider digital community. We are currently in the process in establish a coding club for KS2. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

We would love for our children to hear more from experts within the field. If you work in computing and / or technologies (or know someone who does) and would be willing to come and speak to our children or help to run a club, please get into contact with Mr Renzi via the school office.

Digital Literacy is the ability and skill to find, evaluate, utilise, share, and create content using information technologies and the Internet.

Information technology is the ability to use technology to create programs, systems and a range of content.

Computer science explores how digital systems work and how to apply this knowledge through programming.



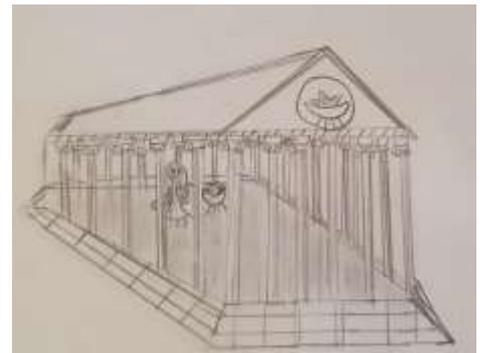
Autumn term in Year 5

For the whole of Autumn term we study and learn about Ancient Greeks, what they achieved and how they have influenced modern society. In English we have been looking at a lot of myths and the adventure and mystery that they contain; some of them include Theseus and the Minotaur, Perseus and Medusa and Pandora's Box. Being inspired by the mythical stories, the children have been busy and have already written non-chronological reports on their own mythical creatures, Biopoems of the Gods and Goddesses and even instructions of how to decapitate Medusa...in case you come across her in the street!



The children have really impressed us with their artistic and technical skills in Art and Design Technology. Learning how the Ancient Greeks established theatres, which was the start of modern theatres, we replicated dramatic theatre masks out of papermache.

We also looked at some of the temples, which were dedicated to specific Gods and Goddesses, and how important they were to the ancient society. Some of the skilled and detailed perspective drawings the children draw have blown us away.



We have already learned and achieved so much about Ancient Greece and look forward finishing the term with and Ancient Greek day to celebrate all the effort and learning we have done.

Headteacher Awards

This week the award is for... **...fantastic art work!**



Fir Class: Sully	Yew Class: Aaron	Aspen Class: Emma
Rowan Class: Idelle	Poplar Class: Piper	Juniper Class: Alfie
Cherry Class: Lottie	Elder Class: Megan	Well done!

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 14th Nov Anti-Bullying Week
 - Monday 14th Nov 2:30pm Parent supporting parents group
 - Thursday 17th Nov 9am Parent Forum
 - Friday 18th Nov Anti-Bullying Open Afternoon
 - Friday 18th Nov 12pm Blossom drop-in
 - Monday 21st Nov 10am New Parent Tour
 - Wed 23rd/Thur 24th Nov 3.30pm Berries drop-in
 - Monday 28th Nov 10am New Parent Tour
 - Wednesday 30th Nov 6pm PTA AGM
 - Thursday 1st December Grandparents' Breakfast
 - Monday 5th Dec 6pm Reading Parent Workshop
 - Tue 6th Dec 9:15am– Year 2 Christmas Assembly
 - Wed 7th Dec 9:15am– Year 6 Christmas Assembly
 - Wed 7th and Thur 8th Dec 11:30am - Mulberries Christmas Assembly
 - Thur 8th Dec 9:15am- Year 5 Christmas Assembly
 - Fri 9th Dec 9:15am– Year 4 Christmas Assembly
 - Mon 12th Dec 9:15am- Year 3 Christmas Assembly
 - Tue 13th Dec 9:15am- Year 1 Christmas Assembly
 - Thur 15th Dec 9:15am- Reception Christmas Assembly
- Dates can also be found on our [website](#).

Attendance Awards

Our target is 97%

Week beginning 7th November

The best attendance award is presented to: **Juniper and Fir class!**

Blossom (Mulberries) 98%	Berries (Mulberries) 89%
Fir (YR) 100% 	Yew (Y1) 94%
Aspen (Y2) 95%	Rowan (Y3) 98%
Poplar (Y4) 96%	Juniper (Y5) 100% 
Cherry (Y5) 98%	Elder (Y6) 95%