

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



Newsletter

Friday 11th February 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

It has been a rollercoaster of a week: we started the week with the very upsetting news that some of our outdoor play equipment had been vandalised; we have suffered a number of incidents now and although these are reported to the police, we are still exposed over the weekends, holidays and evenings. We have some really lovely new equipment to put out which we are now considering our options for as we don't want to incur further vandalism. We have contacted the local council for support and will reflect on the choices we have available to us so that we are doing what we can to prevent future incidents. To those of you who live in our catchment area, please continue to be vigilant and report antisocial behaviour where identified. We will keep you updated on how we move forwards with this. Please see the plea from our Early Years Lead for outdoor toys and games over the page.

Our internet provider has also provided challenges this week which has not made things easy for us! It is amazing how dependent we all are on technology and how different things are when it is not available however, on the upside, the children had some really engaging lessons during this time where staff quickly adapted and used alternative resources which the children really enjoyed! I also want to offer my thanks to the teachers for their flexibility in carrying out parents' evenings from home this week so that we could continue with our planned appointments. A number of parents did not make appointments this week which is a shame as there is always so much to discuss. If you missed the opportunity to talk about your child with their class teacher, then please do contact the office.

We have also marked Children's Mental Health week with a range of activities which included: discussion around feelings and how we manage difficult feelings; Mrs Pond (who is currently training to be a Senior Mental Health Lead) has met with all classes in Years 1-6 to talk about emotions and has run a mindfulness colouring competition; children have read key texts with relevant messages such as The Big Bag of Worries and then carried out practical activities to explore these themes further and have been able to identify how they are feeling personally and what they need to help them with a real focus on positivity whilst our Reception children enjoyed sewing - a calming activity which allowed them the opportunity to talk in small groups at the same time. They have also been considering the benefits that using the outdoors provides in activities such as gardening. Mental Health is a really hot topic and one we aim to embed in all areas of the curriculum rather than a single focus for a week. Giving the children the tools they need to support them in life with their own mental health and the mental health of others is paramount.

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day which you can read more about below but needless to say we are proud of how responsible our pupils are showing themselves to be. Please read the flyer that accompanies this newsletter for parental guidance.

So as you can see, it has been a really busy week this week which encapsulates the whole ethos of this half term; the children have worked really well since Christmas but I also want to thank staff for all their hard work in their varied roles across the school. Their resilience and adaptability has been tested at times this half term but I am grateful to them for their support.

I hope you all have a good half term.



On **Tuesday 8th February** we joined schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2022**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on key members of our society to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Maple Tree from Early Years onwards, and celebrating Safer Internet Day has been a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. Each class has taken part in a whole school assembly and have participated in a variety of activities, including: writing advice for younger and older children, exploring the pros and cons of online games, becoming detectives to work our solutions to a range of problems, and many more. We have been very impressed by the amount of knowledge, respect and maturity in which the children have shown us.

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Headteacher Awards

This week the award is for... being a fab all rounder!



Fir Class: Tom ★	Yew Class: Harrison ★	Aspen Class: ★ Ellis
Hawthorn Class: Evan Jax ★	Rowan Class: Lottie S	Poplar Class: ★ Matthew
Cherry Class: ★ Samuel	Elder Class: ★ Michael ★	★ WELL DONE!

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

A Plea from Reception

As a consequence of broken play equipment following last weekend's vandalism, Fir Class is asking that if anyone is having a Spring clear out over half term, that you might consider donating doll's buggies/prams, Lego (not Duplo) and outdoor toys and games to Fir Class please.

Thank you in advance.

Attendance Awards

Our target is 97%

The best attendance award is presented to: **Blossoms Class!**

Mulberries (Pre-School) Blossoms 90% ★ Berries 87%	Fir (YR) 88%
Yew (Y1) 86%	Aspen (Y2) 89%
Hawthorn(Y3) 74.3%	Poplar (Y4) 84.1%
Rowan (Y4) 87%	Cherry (Y5) 83.4%
Elder (Y6) 80%	Overall School inc preschool 85%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Week beg Monday 14th February Half Term Week

Thursday 3rd March World Book Day

Friday 1st April Term Ends

Easter Holidays Monday 4th - Tuesday 19th April

Tuesday 19th April INSET day

Wednesday 20th April Children return

Week beg 9th May Year 6 SATs week

