

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



MAPLE TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Climbing the branches of success

Newsletter

Friday 4th February 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

I have seen some amazing work going on this week in such a variety of subjects. Teachers work really hard at Maple Tree to make the learning fun and memorable, whilst also ensuring that the children are building not only on their academic knowledge and skills, but also the emotional and social attributes which are the life skills we want all our learners to be proficient in. I have seen such great examples of resilience and teamwork this week, which enables the children to develop in both tolerance and understanding. As a values school, it is really important that the children learn to respect each other whilst also building understanding that we are all different and all have our own unique characteristics.

I have watched the end result of hard work in PE lessons in Years 1 and 4 this week - two fabulous dances that the classes had created with Miss Milne. They showed such skill and effort as well as remarkable feats of memory and collaboration; really impressive and with smiles on their faces too demonstrating their enjoyment in the lesson and the pleasure in the outcome. Miss Milne has asked me to pass on to you that she will be recording some of their dances next week and will send them home via Marvellous Me so that you too can watch and enjoy the progress.

I also witnessed a Year 4 class who on first impressions seemed to be having a lie down in the corridor! End to end they stretched from the playground door almost to my office at the other end of the school and the purpose of this...to demonstrate the estimated height of a rainforest tree!! Such a great visual exercise and again one that caused amazement as well as enjoyment but the knowledge that they were also gaining was fab!

I have seen Year 2 taking part in a fast reactive Phonics game with secure knowledge and, again, high levels of cooperation which was impressive and I also spent some time with Reception who were so keen to share what they were doing - a mixture of topic themed activities and Chinese New Year (Lunar New Year). Children demonstrated great concentration and a real enthusiasm to talk about their learning. The children at Maple Tree continue to impress and we look forward to sharing more with you at Parents' Evenings next week!

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Parent Governors Needed!

Maple Tree Primary School is controlled by a Governing Body which is responsible for the vision and strategic direction of the school. The Governing Body appoints the headteacher, but plays no role in the operational, day-to-day running of the school.

Our constitution requires that up to 6 governors are appointed that are parents of children at the school, and we are inviting interested parents to apply.

If you can spare a few hours per term and would be interested in becoming a school governor, please contact the school office. It's a rewarding role where you can learn and develop new skills whilst making a real difference to the school.

We are keen to welcome community-minded people, those with experience of business and finance, and people from diverse backgrounds with a healthy variety of life and work experiences to join our team of governors and expand the range of skills the board can offer. Governors can expect to attend around a couple of meetings per term, which are generally held in the evening, and there are occasional planning days and other events.

If you'd like to understand more about what the role involves, feel free to speak to Ted Rowland or Andy King.

Closing date for applications: 11th February 2022. An election will be held if more applications are received than places exist. An enhanced CRB/DBS check will be made as part of the appointment process.

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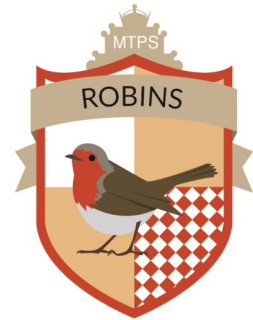
Headteacher Awards

This week the award is for... being a great writer!



Fir Class: Ella ★	Yew Class: Nicole ★	Aspen Class: ★ Oliwia Alek
Hawthorn Class: Isla	Rowan Class: Thomas	Poplar Class: ★ Kornelia
★ Cherry Class: ★ James	Elder Class: ★ Lily ★	★ WELL DONE!

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

Health and Safety Reminder

Please do not allow your children to play on the outdoor gym equipment before and after school. We have seen children, some very young, using it without supervision. This is only to be used by children during the school day.

Thank you!

Attendance Awards

Our target is 97%

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

Mulberries (Pre-School) Blossoms 88.6% Berries 92.4% ★	Fir (YR) 88.8%
Yew (Y1) 85.3%	Aspen (Y2) 88.6%
Hawthorn(Y3) 89.1%	Poplar (Y4) 87.1%
Rowan (Y4) 88.6%	Cherry (Y5) 83.8%
Elder (Y6) 86.5%	Overall School inc preschool 87.9%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Week beg 7th February** Children's Mental Health week
- Tuesday 8th February** Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th February** – Parents' evenings
- Thursday 10th February 10.15am** Parent Forum
- 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

