



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 3rd May

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally seen a little bit of sunshine at Mapplewells and it has been lovely seeing the children enjoying their time on the field. This week we have been joined by artist Paul Lillie, who worked with all children throughout school to create an amazing piece of art inspired by Africa.

Read on for all things Mapplewells...

Attendance

Children must attend school every day, on time (unless they are too unwell to do so). As you know, I am not permitted to authorise holidays in term time and leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis.



The Importance of School Attendance

Our current school attendance after 29 weeks is **95%** but we want to aim for over 97%. With your continuing support we believe that this remains achievable for this academic year, and we will continue to provide your children with enriching educational opportunities every day.

Additionally, some children are missing out on part of their education by arriving late to school. The gates are open from 8:30am. Please make sure your child arrives before 8:50am when the gates close. We are monitoring punctuality very closely and may contact you if we have a concern

Our current attendance by class is:

Birch - 96%

Elder - 94%

Elm - 97%

Hazel - 94%

Hawthorn - 96%

Oak - 95%

Maple - 96%

Juniper - 96%

Pine - 93%

Rowan - 96%

Willow - 96%

Well done to Elm class on their fantastic attendance this week.

Let's keep striving to improve our attendance, to continue to exceed that figure of 95% and strive to achieve 97% attendance.

Stars of the week

SUCCESS stars of the week congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their class teacher as 'SUCCESS start of the week'. The children received their certificate in assembly today.

Ash - Willow

Birch - Layla

Elder - Finley

Elm - Sam

Hawthorn - Eva

Hazel - Mason

Oak - Alfie

Maple - Loki

Juniper - Henry

Pine - Owen

Rowan - Sienna

Willow - Evan



Year 6 SATs

The children in Year 6 have been working hard to prepare for their SATs which take place from Monday 13th May. As part of their preparations, they will have breakfast, provided by school (free of charge), each morning before their tests take place. Year 6 children will need to arrive at school for 8:10am to take part in the breakfast. Please remember them in your thoughts over the coming weeks

Nursery places available for September 2024

Applications are open for a place in our Nursery from September 2023. We offer 15 hours or 30 hours places.

F1 is open 5 days a week. 15 hours sessions are either morning or afternoon. The morning session is from 8.35am to 11.35am, and the afternoon session is from 12.35pm to 3.35pm. We also now offer 30 hours funded childcare. These sessions are 8.35am-3.35pm which are broken down into two 3 hour sessions with an hour lunch in between.

If you would like a place for your child then please contact the school office for an application form or visit our website. Further information about admissions to Nursery and Reception can be found on the school website <https://www.mapplewellsprimary.co.uk/admissions/>

Please note, a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception



Artist visit - Paul Lillie

We have been very lucky at Mapplewells this week to have had a visit from local artist, Paul Lillie. Paul has worked with children in every year group to create this amazing African art landscape piece!

The children have learnt about how long it takes Paul to finish a painting, what he does when he makes a mistake and how he gets the image from his imagination to the canvas!

We can't wait to see how this inspires our budding artists! ❤️









Online Safety



Internet Safety



<http://www.netsmartzkids.org>

What Parents and Carers Can Learn from the OFCOM Media Report 2024

On 19th April 2024, Ofcom released their annual Media Use and Attitudes Report, detailing the findings of several surveys and their implications for parents, children and young people in the UK. These statistics often include plenty of thought-provoking information relating to online safety.

The report itself is extremely extensive, so instead we've provided a bespoke selection of data gathered by Ofcom about children and young people's experiences on social media, video games and the like. Check our guide for a thorough breakdown of the headline findings.



Copper Challenge

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Copper Challenge. The buckets have been collected in and all the loose change has been counted up. This year we have achieved the grand total of £97.56. A fantastic achievement.

The winning class this year were Elm class who collected a fantastic £28.47.

They will soon be receiving their treat courtesy of the Friends of Mapplewells.

Car parking

In response to concerns from local residents, please can I ask parents and carers to be considerate when parking if you are driving to school, please do not to block driveways or pavements when parking.

We ask that parents do not park on Mapplewells Crescent or Henning Lane as we need to ensure that access to school is clear and that children are able to walk safely to and from school.

We highly recommend that where possible children and parents walk to school. This is to ensure the safety of all our fellow Mapplewellians.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and co-operation in this matter.



Ashfield School Games Boccia Tournament

Mapplewells took part in the Ashfield School Games Boccia tournament this week. We took a 4 person team to represent Mapplewells made up of Micah, Jaxon, Harley, and Tyler. The boys had a great time, they were all excellent Mapplewellians, and they played brilliantly winning 3 out of 4 of their matches, including a very impressive 4-0 win.

Mapplewells also helped out with providing two of our fantastic Sports Leaders to help the organisers run the tournament on the day. Darcey and Jess in year 6 did a brilliant job representing Mapplewells and deserve a huge well done for helping ensure the tournament ran smoothly. The organisers also gave a massive thank you for the brilliant job they did.

A big well done to all of the children for being such a credit to Mapplewells and doing such a fantastic job!







Key Dates

Please keep updated with our key dates as we will add to this over the coming weeks.

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
May	
Thursday 9 th	Year 3 residential
Monday 13 th	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 20 th	Year 5 residential
Thursday 23 rd	last day of Summer 1 term
Friday 24 th	INSET day
June	
Monday 3 rd	First day of Summer 2 term
Monday 3 rd	Year 6 residential
Monday 10 th	Class photos & Year 6 leavers photos
Thursday 27 th	Year 2 residential
July	
Monday 1 st	Sports day – EYFS & KS1 am and KS2 pm
Thursday 18 th	Flying High Partnership Awards Evening
Friday 19 th	Parent picnic
Friday 26 th	Last day of summer 2 term & non uniform day

Thank you for your continued support - SUCCESS is in our hands.

Mr Whittle

Headteacher

Mr Latkowski

Deputy Headteacher