



# Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 19th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome, we hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. It has been lovely to see the children back at school and engaging with their learning with such enthusiasm and excitement. As always at Mapplewells, we dive straight into the new term with amazing pizza making and our very first residential of the year.

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 27 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 - 95%

Oak - 95%

Maple - 96%

Juniper - 96%

Pine - 94%

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 - Johnny

Birch - Harlow

Elder - James

Elm - Eva

Hawthorn - Alfie

Hazel - Gabriel

Oak - Willow

Maple - Crystal

Juniper - Tilly

Pine - Harley

Rowan - Jessica

Willow - Harry



## Staffing Update

As you may be aware Mrs Binch has now begun her maternity leave and we will hopefully receive some exciting news soon to share with you all.

In replacement for Mrs Binch, we are delighted to have appointed Miss Maddox to cover the length of Mrs Binch's absence. Miss Maddox has a wealth of experience and we are sure that when she starts she will be given a warm Mapplewellian welcome.

We are recruiting for Mr Binnion's position and the advert is live here

<https://www.flyinghighpartnership.co.uk/careers/>

## Summer Uniform

We have seen a slip in the school uniform before Easter and want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our uniform policy and expectations during the summer term.

Please see the following as a reminder:

### **Our school uniform:**

- White tailored shirt or white/royal blue polo shirt
- Royal blue jumpers or cardigans.
- Royal blue fleece (optional)

- Girls - Plain black/grey tailored trousers/skirt/pinafore – (Plain black grey tailored shorts or school dresses may be worn in summer months)
- Boys - Plain black/grey tailored trousers – (Plain black/grey tailored shorts may be worn in summer months)
- Plain black shoes – Plain black trainers may be worn provided that any logos have been blacked out
- Tights or socks plain black/grey/white only

**Our PE Kit:**

- White short sleeved polo shirt
- Royal blue shorts
- Plain black/grey/white socks
- Plain trainers (outdoor) or plimsolls (indoors)
- A plain tracksuit in keeping with school colours of blue, grey or black

For more details please read the uniform policy on our website - <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/mapplewellsprimarynurserysutton/UploadedDocument/a1bc63c5-9027-4f9b-912b-efb2ba55192e/school-uniform-policy-2023-mapplewells.pdf>

Nursery place available for September 2024



## **15 hours funded childcare places for 3 & 4 year olds**

All three and four-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours of funded nursery education for 38 weeks of the year.

We have funded early education places available from September 2024. Registration forms are available on our school website or from Reception.





# Internet Safety



<http://www.netsmartzkids.org>

## **What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Township**

Potentially addictive online games are nothing new, but the specifics of this kind of media can vary enormously – and, as a consequence, the risks in each individual game are just as diverse. The city-builder Township is no exception: providing its legions of devotees with accessible, satisfying fun ... but exposing them to potential hazards at the same time.

However, any safeguarding issues that the game might have can (with a little knowhow) be neutralised – allowing young players to have some engrossing fun without adults needing to worry about children’s data, their money or their mental wellbeing. Our guide outlines how to help young gamers enjoy Township safely and responsibly.





## Flying High Partnership Awards Evening

We are proud to announce that we will be hosting our annual Flying High Partnership Awards Evening on Thursday 18th July, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Our awards evening will be held at the Motorpoint Arena Nottingham.

During the evening there will be music, speeches and most importantly recognition and celebration of children, staff, families, governors, and community members across all 33 schools. To identify the winners to be invited to receive their award, we need your help.

Please can you use the link below to submit any nominations you wish to put forward – you can put forward as many nominations as you wish

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4MQ8K0TtE06j7kRzuVcCGkYpzlhZHZKlcr4-Vg9ieFUOExCMTVXMUtVNFdYQTNVSDNNTko5OFRKNy4u>

Please see the dojo post for further details



### School photos - date change

Jane Stapleton Photography will be in school on Thursday 25th April to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children, not at the end of March as previously communicated.

### Year 5/6 dioramas

As a celebration of their Spring enquiry, Y5 and Y6 children showcased their learning to all the pupils of Mapplewells schools. The children had an opportunity to share what they have learnt throughout the term with the help of their double page spreads and dioramas, which displayed the impact pollution has on aquatic biomes.







## Year 3/4 pizzas

The Year 3s and 4s worked very hard to create healthy pizzas as part of their DT curriculum. They worked together to make the perfect dough before adding a range of toppings. They then sold the pizzas at breaktime to the whole school to raise money for The British Red Cross - Earthquake appeal, which they have been learning about throughout their Spring Curriculum Enquiry of Natural disasters. They talked to children and their chosen charity to help spread awareness.

The Year 3s and 4s received some great feedback from their customers.

Y6 pupil - this is the best pizza I have ever had.

Y5 pupil - wow, they look great!

F2 pupil - this pizza is delicious.

A huge thank you to the kitchen team for cooking our pizzas for us to sell.



## F1 'Can Nature Inspire Art?'

F1 launched their new enquiry 'Can Nature Inspire Art?' by going on a nature treasure hunt - we collected lots of items which we then brought back into the classroom and looked at in detail under our new desk cameras...we looked for shapes and patterns, our favourites were a bird's feather and a snail shell!











## KS1 junk modelling day

As an exciting hook to our summer enquiry "how can art leave a lasting impression?", KS1 got to do some junk modelling using all recyclable materials. This allowed them opportunity to think about what materials they would need to make their sculpture and how they could affectively join materials together in readiness for our art lessons that start from next week. The children had so much fun and created some fantastic sculptures!





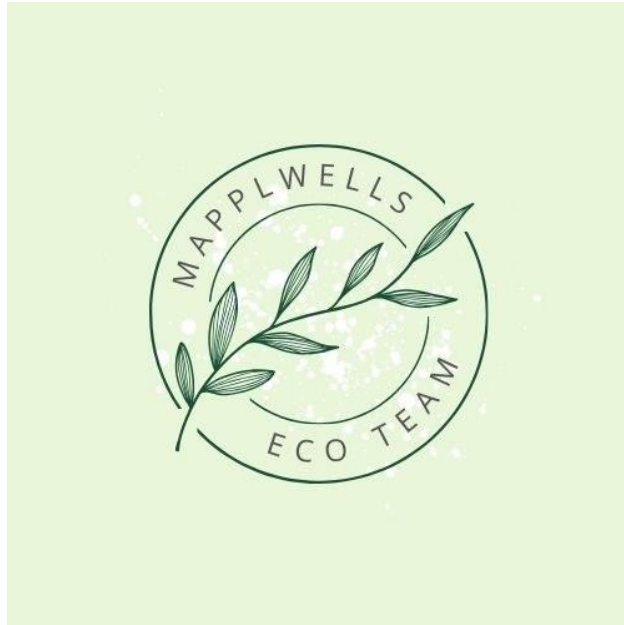


## Eco Team

Children from each key stage will be working together with Miss Joy to look after our environment and to innovate ways to keep Mapplewells as eco friendly as possible. Every Friday, the Eco Team will look around the classrooms to decide which class is being the most eco friendly and looking after their environment the best! The winning classes will receive a certificate in SUCCESS Assembly to display in their classrooms.

Eco Team winners this week are all of KS1 and Rowan class for KS2.

new members are Kaya - Jai, Sienna & Eli. Welcome to the team!



## Key Dates

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

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
<b>April</b>	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Individual school photos
<b>May</b>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 residential
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 residential
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	last day of Summer 1 term
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day
<b>June</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Summer 2 term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 residential
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos & Year 6 leavers photos
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 residential
<b>July</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sports day – EYFS & KS1 am and KS2 pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Flying High Partnership Awards Evening
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent picnic
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	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