



# Maple Infants' School

June 2022

Newsletter No. 9

## Diary Dates:

**2022**

## SUMMER TERM DATES:

### **SUMMER TERM 2:**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June – Fri  
22<sup>nd</sup> July

**(Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July is an  
INSET day)**

### **Autumn Term 1**

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Sept – Fri 21<sup>st</sup>  
Oct

### **INSET DAYS:**

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Sept  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct**

### **Half term:**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct

### **Autumn Term 2**

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Fri 16<sup>th</sup>  
Dec

### **Winter break:**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec– Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jan 2023

### **Spring Term 1**

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Fri 10<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 2023

### **Inset:**

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023**

### **Half Term:**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb  
2023

### **Spring Term 2**

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 31<sup>st</sup>  
Mar 2023

### **Spring break:**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April  
2023

### **Summer Term 1**

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 2023

### **Half term:**

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>  
June 2023

## Together we celebrate!

It was truly wonderful to be able to come together as a school community to celebrate our sports day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We have waited a long time to be able to hold this event and after weeks of planning, we are delighted that everything ran smoothly – even the sun shone for us! We really could not hold these fantastic events without the support of our families and so I would like to thank everyone who joined us and cheered the children on. We are particularly grateful to our team of parent helpers who also supported the children throughout the event, walking to and from the park and counting all of those all-important scores.

I would also of course like to thank Miss Wright and our staff team. In her role as PE lead, Miss Wright has worked incredibly hard organising and leading this exciting event. In her vision for the morning, Miss Wright was keen to ensure that there was not just a focus purely on the competitive elements of the event. In addition to this, she wanted to promote the key skills of **perseverance, determination, resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship** and I am sure you will agree that we certainly saw all of these in use throughout the morning. Huge thanks also go to our dedicated staff team, who work tirelessly to ensure that the children have valuable learning experiences, which help them to develop such a love of learning.

All of our teams were of course winning teams, and as you can see, the results were VERY close! However the team with the highest number of points was the **RED TEAM!**

5<sup>th</sup> **Yellow team** : 188 point  
4<sup>th</sup> **Orange team** : 204 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Blue team** : 207 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> **Green team** : 222 points  
1<sup>st</sup> **Red team** : 225 points

## Congratulations Everyone!

Mrs. Barwell

## Year 2 Zoolab & Walk in the Woods

Year 2 welcomed some unusual visitors into school.... Guided by an expert Zoolab Ranger, the children met a menagerie of mammals, insects, amphibians and arachnids.

We have been learning about animals and their habitats in our science lessons and our special visitors helped us to see up close how animals adapt to their environments. We then visited a local woodland to observe what plants and animals can be found in our immediate environment. Both of these special events have helped the children to compare our locality with forests in other countries.



**Mrs Gowers  
Y2 Class Teacher**

**Inset:**  
**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Summer Term 2**  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jun – Fri 21<sup>st</sup>  
July 2023

**Inset:**  
**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

### **Y1 Walk in the Woods**

The Y1 classes had a super learning walk around the local area last week. Our visit had an art and geography focus and so we were really trying to observe things in our local area more closely, drawing what we saw so we could really notice the details. Our walk took us along Maple Road and up to St Andrew's Square and we took time to sketch the Victorian houses spotting the detail on each building.

Thanks very much to our parent helpers who made the trip possible. We really enjoyed this learning experience.

**Mr Hide**  
**Y1 Class Teacher**

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### **Reception Theatre trip**

Reception were very excited to visit Richmond Theatre to see 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The children enjoyed joining in with the interactive performance and have been acting out the story in class since our visit!

Reception took part in a workshop in school, 'Discover Your Body!' with a trained actor who was very impressed with Reception and their use of scientific vocabulary during the session. The children found out more about the inside of their bodies, talked about the five senses and explored different ways of keeping our bodies healthy.

**Mrs Banks**  
**Early Year Leader and Class Teacher**

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### **Y2 Country Dance**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Maple Infants' School were incredibly happy to take 34 of our Year 2 students to take part in the Kingston Borough Country Dance Festival.

These children have been learning a selection of dances over the last 10 weeks at our weekly Country Dancing club and were incredibly proud to display their skills and their hard work at this fabulous event.

We loved watching the children smiling and laughing as they swung their partner round and do-si-doed. The sun was shining - most of the time; but even so, a fantastic time was had by all and we loved dancing in the warm rain.

A massive congratulations to all of our Country Dancers for a spectacular performance and to Mrs Smith and Miss Dyke for running the weekly club, spending so much time teaching and practicing the dances as well as organising the costumes and ensuring the day ran smoothly, it was a triumph!

We would also like to thank all of our parent helpers and our large group of parent spectators. It was amazing to have so much support and we loved seeing you all get involved with the parents dance.



**Miss Wright**  
**Y2 Class Teacher**

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### **SUPERBLOOM PROJECT**

Reception and KS1 are continuing to monitor the Super Bloom planting in the playground and have noticed that some buds are appearing and we can see blue petals about to flower! The children are excited to see what the flowers will look like.

Nursery are growing their sunflowers at home and report that they are growing fast too.

You can keep up with the Super Bloom at the Tower of London on their website <https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/whats-on/superbloom-at-the-tower-of-london/#gs.ldaij1>



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### Y2 Lifecycles

We have been learning about lifecycles and enjoyed watching our caterpillars grow into butterflies.

This week we have released them into their natural habitats. The children have really enjoyed watching the lifecycle in action and comparing this to a plant life cycle.



**Miss Smith**  
**Y2 Class Teacher**

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### Jubilee Celebrations



After a day's learning all about the Queen and how important the jubilee celebrations are, the whole school came together to celebrate with a 'street party' in the playground. The children really impressed us with all of their knowledge and were able to successfully answer all of the questions to our quiz, which shows just how much they had remembered. We were also treated to a special performance from our Country Dancing Club.

**It was a day to be remembered!**



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### After School Clubs – Autumn Term

The after school clubs list will be available, and open for bookings, from 4:30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. A Parent Mail will be sent to you soon with full details.

Please use the booking details on the list to request a place at your chosen club(s). All after school clubs run from 3:15-4:15pm Monday to Friday and will start **w.c. 12<sup>th</sup> September**.

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### Dates for your Diary:

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June: Year 2 Swimming Gala** (10 children invited to take part will already have received all of the information)

**July: Annual School Reports (ALL year groups).** All parents will receive a written report before the end of the summer term. This report will highlight the progress your child/children has made throughout the year. Should you wish to discuss your child's report with their class teacher, you will be able to arrange a meeting with them following receipt of your child's report.

### **Y2 Class Leavers' Show – 'Magic Travel Machine'**

There will be two performances of each show and all children are encouraged to participate in **both of them**.

We will be holding one morning performance and once evening performance for each class shown on the dates below:

<b>Rowan Class</b>	<b>Sycamore Class</b>	<b>Silver Birch Class</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> July 9:15am	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July 9:15am	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July 9:15am

Tickets will not be issued for these events, but we please ask families to bring a maximum of **2 guests to each showing.**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Reception end of year picnic – school event/volunteers welcome**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Year 1 to Hampton Court Palace – volunteers needed**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Nursery Celebration Picnic- school event**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Celebration of Achievement Evening ALL year groups (5.00 – 6.15pm)**

We would like to invite children and their families back to school on this evening to visit their classes and their current class teacher to share and celebrate the children's hard work and success throughout the year. Children who are remaining at Maple next year will also have an opportunity to visit their new classroom. We look forward to welcoming you to this event and celebrating your child's success throughout this year.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Reception to Godstone Farm**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Year 2 to Littlehampton**

**END OF THE SUMMER TERM**

As we have an INSET day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July so the summer term ends for the children on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July and school will close at 2pm.**

Please ensure your children are collected promptly at this time.

There will be no afternoon nursery on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. **The last afternoon Nursery will be Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.**