



Maple Infants' School

May 2023

Newsletter No.7

Diary Dates:

Summer Term 1:

Mon 17th Apr – Fri 26th May

Half term: Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June

Summer Term 2:

Mon 5th Jun – Fri 21st Jul

INSET DAYS:

Mon 5th June

Fri 21st July

Our Coronation Day was a very special event at Maple and we hope that it really helped to explain to the children the meaning of the coronation and the relevance of it in an age appropriate way. It has been wonderful to hear all of the children's reflections, what they experienced and saw, from all of the celebrations taking place. Being able to observe 'living history' as it is happening is quite a special experience!

Mrs Barwell

School Website

It is really important to us, that we share with our families all of the learning that your children are accessing at Maple. Our ambitious curriculum has been carefully designed with a strong intent to ensure that our children become successful and confident learners throughout their time with us.

We know that it is essential for children to regularly review their learning, so that they can build on what they know and can do already, in order to make good and better progress and ensure that they are well prepared for the next stage of their learning.

The weekly overviews are shared with you, so that you can see what your child will learn in the week ahead, however you can explore the full curriculum offer which your child receives at Maple on our school website.

If you are interested in finding out more, please do take a look at the **Teaching and Learning** section as this will be able to show you the curriculum offer at Maple either within each year group or across the school in each subject area.

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National Assessments

As an infant school, we have a number of statutory assessments that we have to complete with the children at specific times of the school year.

Year Two – end of KS1 Assessments

During the month of **May**, children in year 2 take part in the end of key stage assessments. These statutory assessments support the teacher assessments which are made and reported to parents towards the end of the children's time in year 2.

Year 2 parents have already been invited to a workshop to explain more information about these assessments, but if you have any further questions, please do speak to your child's class teacher directly. The results of the teacher assessments are also shared with relevant authorities/organisations including the local authority and the Department for Education – to find out more about how pupils' personal data is processed, please see our Parent Privacy Notice: http://www.mapleinfants.co.uk/uploads/2/6/0/0/26005667/parent_privacy_notice_june_2022.pdf

Year One and some Year Two pupils – Phonic Screening Check

All children in year one will be taking the Phonic Screening Check in the week beginning **Monday 12th June**. The check will also be taken by some of our year two children (those who have not taken the check before or those who did not meet the threshold in year one)

EYFS Profile

As the children in Reception reach the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage, they will be assessed by staff within each of the 17 areas of learning against national requirements (Early Learning Goals – ELGs). Parents will be informed as to whether their child is 'emerging' or 'expected' within each of the areas. Children are defined as having reached a Good Level of Development (GLD) at the end of the EYFS if they have achieved at least the expected level for the ELGs in all of the prime areas of learning and the specific areas of mathematics and literacy.

Results of all of the above assessments will be reported to parents in the children's annual school reports.

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 achievements and general progress that your child/children has made throughout the year as well as their attendance record. 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

Wednesday 12th July: Celebration of Achievement Evening (5.00 – 6.00pm)

We would like to invite **ALL** children and their families back to school on this special annual 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.

Please be aware that if your child attends Maple Stars, then you will need to collect them from the club at 5pm so that you can attend this event with them – Maple Stars staff will be unable to visit the classes with the children.

We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting event and celebrating your child's successes and achievements.

Social Media Communication

We know that class WhatsApp groups and similar can be a wonderful way for parents to keep in touch with each other and can be used really effectively. Whilst the school are not party to any of these communications, we have recently been made aware of a number of inappropriate communications that are being sent.

Families have raised concern with the school and we are therefore reminding our parent community to ensure that **any** communication is respectful and appropriate and if there are any concerns regarding school, that these should be reported directly to the school as soon as possible so that we can take any necessary actions.

Attendance

At Maple, we promote excellent school attendance for **all** pupils to ensure that they reach their full potential and as part of this commitment, we have previously held an ambitious attendance target of 97% or above (Reception – Year 2). We have set a target of 96% this year to help us to work towards achieving this target again.

As we move into the summer months, we are seeing attendance slowly improving overall, which is really positive (it is now 94.8%). However, we are still receiving a number of requests for absences and so we would like to remind families that as outlined in our school policy 'the head teacher will not grant any leave of absence to pupils during term time unless they consider them to be exceptional circumstances'.

In addition to this, if a pupil's attendance is already at or below 90%, then any leave of absence, except for medical reasons, will automatically be unauthorised.

Job Vacancies at Maple

We are currently advertising on eTeach and our Maple Infants' School website for the position of a Class Teacher and a Teaching Assistant to provide 1:1 support for a pupil. Please use this link should you wish to apply or pass the link to someone you feel would be interested in this position.

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/maple-infants--school-jobs-21377/?oo=ag>

Students at Maple

Many of our families will have noticed that we have a number of teaching students in and around school at the moment.

We are always delighted to be able to welcome teachers at the start of their professional career into Maple to be able to learn from the expertise of our staff within our infant school setting.

All of our students work with the support and under the guidance of the class teacher, so although you may see our students welcoming the children into school at the beginning of the day, our team are always close by so please do ask to speak to your child's class teacher should you need to do so.



Zoolab Y2

On Thursday 4th May, Year 2 welcomed some unusual visitors into school. The children met a selection of rainforest creatures including a Giant Snail, Millipede, Cockroach, Snake and a Tarantula.

Some of our brave rainforest adventurers, even chose to stroke or hold the creatures with the expertise of our Zoolab ranger.

We learnt a wealth of facts about what these creatures like to eat, how they move, why they love to live in the rainforest and how they may survive when there are predators around!

The Year 2 team would like to say a big well done to all the children for being so quiet, calm and sensible during this visit to give these animals the best possible care.

Miss Wright – Class Teacher

Crown Workshop and Competition

We had a fantastic time celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. Our Coronation workshop was well attended by our families with lots of people commenting how much they enjoyed making the crowns, wishing only for a little more time to get them assembled! Over 155 crowns adorned our school hall and it was wonderful to see so many parents join in for our Coronation Walk.

Thank you all so much for making this event so memorable for all the children.



School Parliament were delighted to be invited to judge the Coronation 'Design a Crown' competition with Mrs Barwell and Mrs Fortune. It was a really hard decision as they all looked FANTASTIC!

We will be announcing the winners shortly.

Mrs Fortune – Art Lead and Class Teacher



The Friends of Maple Infants' School – Coronation Cake Sale

Wow, what a success! Firstly, we would like to thank all of the amazing parents who donated towards our cake sale -we definitely do have amazing bakers in Reception and Year 1.

Thank you to all the parents that waited patiently in the line, we were nearly sold out by the end of the day. I can happily say that we reached over £400 in sales and extra donations that will be going towards The Friends of Maple.

Lastly, massive thanks to Mr & Mrs Barwell and our amazing class reps who helped to share the word around and volunteer to help on the day.

Tania Rodriguez - Chair of Friends of Maple Infants School

Natural History Museum Trip

The Year 2 children had a wonderful visit to the Natural History Museum.

While exploring the museum, the children were able to deepen their knowledge and understanding of animals, living things and their habitats.

They showed just how much they have learnt in our science and geography topics through their questions and by sharing facts as we toured the museum.

The interactive workshop about the ocean habitat was the highlight of the visit and we were all so proud of the children for participating with enthusiasm.

Thank you very much to our parent volunteers for accompanying us on this enriching day out!

Mrs Gowers – Class Teacher



Street Tag

A massive WELL DONE to all those families earning points on street tag!

Maple Infants School is currently in 3rd place on the current leader board with 1,289,170 points!

Let us celebrate our top 10 scoring accounts from this leader board. (Scores taken on Thursday 11th May)

johnnyf - 418,170 points

nicolaf - 279,675 points

liamliam - 156,860 points

maloneye - 85,795 points

rickaby - 56,150 points

for*** - 49,850 points

jhaugh87 49,690 points

daphn***** 15,630 points

phillipfamily 6320

vallinnapod 3070 points

We look forward to seeing who else joins the street tag team!

Miss Wright – Class Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 22nd May: School Health Team in school – Reception Height and weight

Wednesday 24th May: Sports Day (morning only)

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June: HALF TERM

Monday 5th June: INSET DAY (children not in school)

Wednesday 7th June: (reserve Sports Day – morning)

Monday 12th – Friday 16th June: Phonic Screening Check Week (all of the children in year 1 and any children required to take the check in year 2)

Wednesday 14th June: Welcome meetings for parents of children joining us in September 2023 (6pm Nursery Welcome Meeting, 7.15pm Reception Welcome Meeting)

Monday 19th June: Peter Pan Drama Workshop (Rec & KS1)



SATURDAY 1ST JULY: THE FRIENDS OF MAPLE INFANTS' SCHOOL WILL BE HOSTING OUR MAPLE SUMMER FAIR



Tuesday 4th July: Year 2 Country Dancing Festival

Tuesday 4th – Tuesday 11th July: Various stay and play sessions will be taking place for children joining us in the Nursery or Reception from September 2023 – families are already aware of their individualised dates.



Wednesday 12th July: CELEBRATION OF ACHEIVEMENT EVENING 5 – 6.00pm (whole school)

Thursday 13th July: Reception to The Rose Theatre (Zog)

YEAR 2 SHOW DATES:

To celebrate the success of the children's time at Maple, they will be taking part in our traditional end of year show! The children really shine throughout these events and it is a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase how their **success**, **confidence**, and **responsibility** has grown as they reach the end of their time at Maple and prepare for the new adventures ahead of them.

To be able to accommodate our families in the hall, which has limited capacity, each class will be presenting their show on the following dates and times. There will be a morning and an evening performance for each class on the same day and so we will be asking families to return children back to school in time for their evening performance. Each family will be allocated two tickets for each performance.

- **ROWAN CLASS:** Thursday 13th July – 9.15am and 6pm
- **SILVER BIRCH CLASS:** Monday 17th July – 9.15am and 6pm
- **SYCAMORE CLASS:** Tuesday 18th July – 9.15am and 6pm

Wednesday 19th July: Reception Picnic

Wednesday 19th July: Year 2 to Little Hampton

Thursday 20th July: End of the summer term for the children. Children to be collected at 2pm.

Friday 21st July: INSET DAY (children not in school)