



MAPLE WALK PREP SCHOOL

Friday 12th May 2023



We have really missed Year 6 this week but our super Year 5s have stepped up and helped out by taking all our visitors on tours. They appear to have returned from the Lake District with a wonderful attitude and plenty of determination and zeal.

We were treated to a superb assembly from Year 4 today and it made us reflect on the year so far, and then think ahead to our next steps at Maple Walk. Time is flying past and we have lots in store this term, so it promises to be very busy - do keep an eye on the dates at the end of the newsletter!

To celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week, we will be exploring this topic in our lessons next week. We have a Mindfulness Day planned for Monday, where the children will learn new skills with a mindfulness master and, amongst lots of other things, our new Wellbeing Committee will meet to think of ideas for the future...

Have a relaxing and calm weekend, everyone!

News & Updates



Maple Walk's Scooter Pool

You are now able to rent one of the scooters we won from the TFL STARS Micro Scooter competition for £1 for up to 2 weeks with a £5 deposit.

If you wish to rent a scooter for longer than 2 weeks please fill in the relevant paperwork that's in the folder in the office entrance and hand it to Miss Mara or Miss Marion.

If you wish to rent a scooter for longer than 2 weeks, please repeat the process of paperwork and pay another £1.

All proceeds will be given to 'The Friends of Maple Walk' at the end of each term.

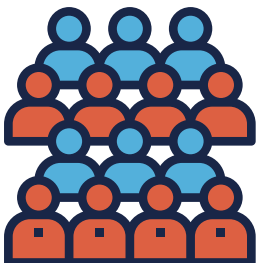


Class Assemblies

Upcoming class assemblies are as follows:

1AW - 19th May

1MW - 26th May



International Arts Evening

Tuesday 27th June at 5pm

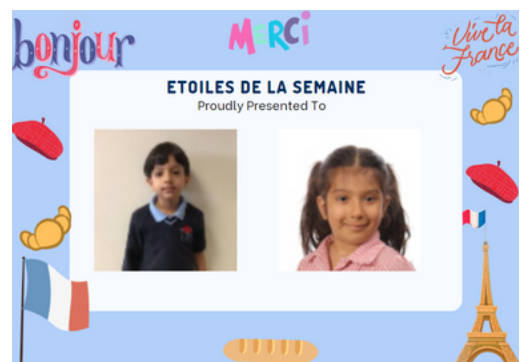
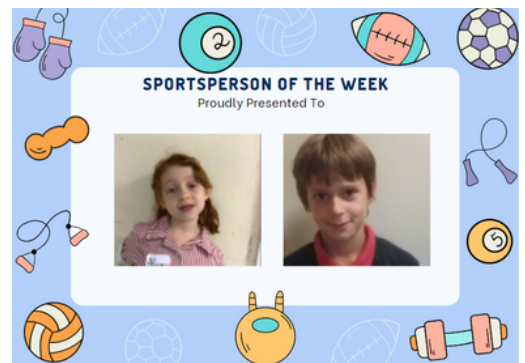
If you'd like to get involved, don't forget to sign up on the google form sent out today!

Mental Health Awareness Week

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>



Stars of The Week



In the lower school...

Reception

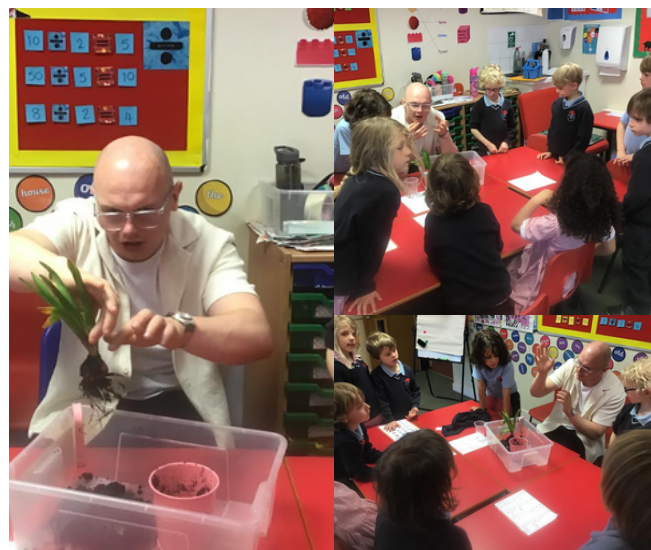
Our focus this week has been on wild animals and we started the week by looking at and listening to a soundscape on Henri Rousseau's 'Surprised' as part of a 'big draw' activity with Miss Kate. We are looking forward to creating some wonderful artwork over the coming weeks linked to this painting.

We are also having great fun in our music lessons with Miss Larkin where we are learning to control and manipulate symbols and sounds about the weather. We can't wait to do it again next week so that everyone gets a chance to conduct! In Maths we have been continuing our focus on numbers to 20 where we have enjoyed ordering numbers, writing and recognising them through a range of activities. It has been wonderful that we have been able to take our learning outdoors this week - long may the sunshine continue!



Year 1

This week we have been exploring the different parts of plants, we even got the opportunity to dissect our own plant. In Maths, we have been exploring fractions for the first time, halving and quartering shapes as well as discussing the functions of the numerator and the denominator! This week in English, we have been focusing on adverbs and using them to describe the way that we do things. We enjoyed an adverb hunt around the classroom, adverb charades and improving our model text by adding adverbs.' We are so impressed in Year 1, KEEP IT UP!



Year 2

Another lovely 4 day week, with lots of learning! On Tuesday, we enjoyed a drop everything and draw session with Miss Kate. In Maths, we started fractions and used playdough to make parts of wholes. We then looked at halves and we look forward to learning about quarters and thirds next week. In Science, we experimented with different materials to make our own boats. We then tested them out in water to see if they actually floated! We also had a lot of fun in our Drama workshop. Thank you to our mystery readers too, we had a great time listening to the funny stories about our bodies. Well done to the Year 2s, who represented Maple Walk in a football tournament on Friday!



Year 3



We have had an action-packed week. They enjoyed another wonderful workshop with Miss Kate where they explored a painting using different drawing techniques inspired by sound and action. In Science, they put their scientific knowledge of parts of a flower into practice as they dissected flowers to find the stamen (male) and the carpel (female) parts of the flower to better understand how seeds are made to start the new life cycle of the plant. They will be able to further their knowledge when we go on our school trip to Kew Gardens next week. Great work Year 3!

Year 4

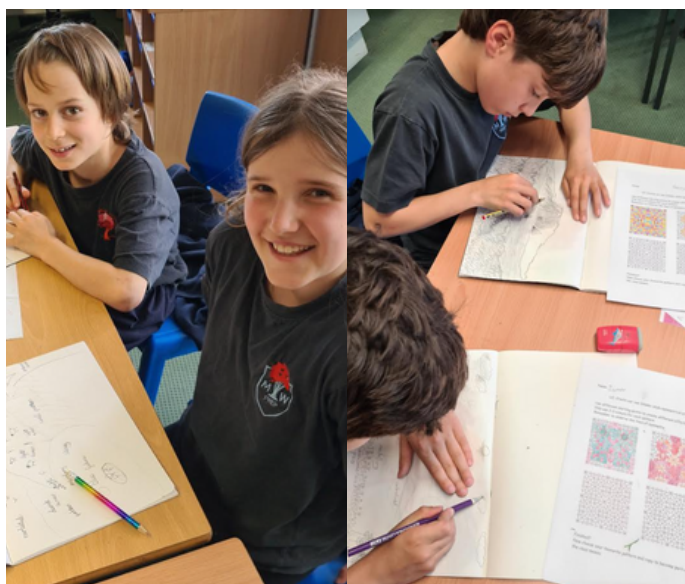
We had a very busy start to the week with the Big Draw on Tuesday morning. They used a range of techniques and participated in a discussion on feelings and how to show these in art. This was followed by the Cross Country tournament on Tuesday afternoon where everyone who participated did extremely well.

In Science we started our science unit - sound on Thursday. We proved that sound is made when things vibrate and explored a number of experiments such as making water jump, string telephones, playing 'baby shark' by water pouring and looking at the vibrations on stringed instruments. Huge huge well done to all for learning lines and writing their own assembly!



Year 5

After a fantastic week in the Lake District, the children have quickly settled back into the classroom routines. In English, they have been drafting recounts of their field trip and in Art they have begun to design textile landscapes, inspired by the beautiful landscape we explored.



Sports and PE

Y3-4 represented Maple Walk on Tuesday in the Brent Cross Country. Congratulations to all students that took part. You were all fantastic persevering during the entire race, giving your best. Some Year 2s have taken part today in the U7 ISA football competition. Amazing performance from all of them. We are super proud of you!

In our PE lessons we have started practicing for sports day. First try outs completed successfully. We are all looking forward to such a special day! Stay tuned, more sports fixtures to come next week!



French

Year 1 started learning a new song: 'Qui est la, dans la maison?' (Who is that in my house?)

In **Year 4** the children started learning words for sports and we realised they were almost all cognates (apart from two....)

Year 5 can now describe what there is in their classroom, their backpack and their pencil case.

In **Reception** are now very good at singing the rainbow song, and should be able to say six or seven colours in French.

Year 2 started a new topic of transports and they might be able to remember the words for bus, train, aeroplane, car and boat.

Year 3 enjoyed a game of loto using the numbers 1-16.

Huzzah

Huzzah Performing Arts Camp comes to Maple Walk for May Half Term!

Looking for something to challenge and encourage your little one this half term? Our Creative, Calm & Confident camp is just the ticket.

May 29th - June 2nd

**Daily/ weekly bookings available
10am - 4pm**

(or extend hours from 9am - 4.30pm)

For all children Reception - Year 6

What do we do at Huzzah?

Every day your child will play drama games designed to increase socialisation and self esteem, learn fresh choreography, and stretch their singing skills learning songs they won't know from school choir.

We take breaks outside in the fresh air and place a huge emphasis on making new friends and being kind.

More details and booking available now at:

<https://www.huzzahperformingarts.com/book-now-london?category=Maple+Walk>



Year 6 Residential Trip

Our residential on the Isle of Wight has been a roaring success! We loved setting up home in our little row of cabins and we have shown ourselves as wonderful friends, neighbours and team players. Our days and evenings have been packed with fun activities and new experiences, from climbing ever-increasing gaps on the vertiginous Jacob's ladder, taking brand new dragon boats out on their maiden voyage, riding the adrenaline rush of the giant swing and the zipwire, and tackling all kinds of challenges in the laser tag, matrix and survival zones. The silent disco was spectacular and Miss Larkin's friend's ice creams (delivered to the door!) were such a special treat. Our families will be so proud of our adventurous spirits, the unique contributions we each make to our community and our growing independence and resilience.



SHOUTS OUTS

Congratulations to the following Maple Walkers for their hard work and effort this week.
The value for the week was **perseverance!**

RAC	Buster	For his wonderful maths work this week.
	Jiseong	For his fantastic effort during maths activities this week.
RAM	Leah	For some wonderful independent writing imagining what she would do if she was The Queen.
	Leeyaan	For her super effort and showing perseverance in maths this week.
1AW	Vincent	For his awesome letter formation! Vincent has been working hard to keep his letters the correct way around.
	Casper - Mr Griffin	For his excellent perseverance throughout our assembly practice. For being unbelievably patient with our ever changing music ideas to accompany our class assembly.
1MW	Caspian	For his neat and detailed diagrams in Science for our plant unit.
	Bruno	For his patience and effort in all his work!
2EC	Zuri	For her descriptive writing homework on the artwork 'The Surprise'. Zuri also independently researched the artist.
	Joy	For showing great perseverance during our boat building activity in science. Joy never gave up and uncovered lots of learning during our experiment.
2EM	Ernest-Wren	For amazing innovation of Traction Man; Ernest-Wren has really got stuck in with our English topic and is taking on board her targets. Well done Ernest-Wren!
	Isaac	For showing amazing perseverance when making his boat in our science lesson. He also helped other students to make theirs and showed incredible patience and kindness.
3CA	Ruby	For her wonderful work on finding change in Maths!
	Isaac	For his amazing attitude to learning and his helpful manner every day this week.
3MH	Iris	For including a lovely description of a forest using different adjectives in her story.
	Elvis	For his wonderful perseverance in his work and trying his best, well done!
4FL	Sophia	For her wonderful letter from Gran, persuading Michael's family not to sail around the world!
	Zara	She has been leading the class in our songs for our class assembly brilliantly and persevering with her maths work!
5RG	Finn Gabriel Isabella	For coming top in Lake points last week - demonstrating all the skills needed for the John Muir award.
	Sandali	For showing great perseverance Ghyll scrambled in the Lake District despite feeling nervous to give it a go.
5GS	Eamon	For coming top in Lake points last week - demonstrating all the skills needed for the John Muir award.
	Nathan Miss Sinclair	For quietly getting on with things and just having a go in the Lake District, despite feeling a little unsure. For juggling all the things, always volunteering to help and solving technical issues!



Dates for your Diaries...

May	
Monday 15th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 16th May	Y5 & 6 - Boys cricket
Wednesday 17th May	Y3 & 6 - Gymnastics Y6 - Girls and boys football
Thursday 18th May	Y3 - Kew Gardens
Friday 19th May	Y1AW - Class Assembly Y4 - Forest School
Monday 22nd May to Friday 26th May	Art Week Walk to school week
Monday 22nd May	YRS 4/5/6 Athletics (Only selected students) Art Workshops with Darcy Turner
Tuesday 23rd May	Y5 - TFL Interactive Workshop
Wednesday 24th May	Y6 - French Trip to BFI
Friday 26th May	Y1MW - Class Assembly Thank a Teacher Day International Arts Show Reception - Forest School
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June	Summer Break (school closed)
June	
Monday 5th June	School opens Y6 - Trip to Parliament
Friday 9th June	World Oceans Day SPORTS DAY at WILLEDEN SPORTS CENTRE - Finish at 12:00pm, pickup from venue
Tuesday 13th June	YRS 5 & 6 - Brent Athletics
Wednesday 14th June	Y2 - Multi Skills Festival
Friday 16th June	Y6 - Sleepover Y4 - Forest School
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st June	Y4 - Hindleap Warren, Surrey
Friday 23rd June	Y6 - Cricket (Only selected students) Reception - Forest School
Tuesday 27th June	YRS 3-6 - Girls football Festival International Evening of Entertainment - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 29th June	Immersive Theatre Shows
Friday 30th June	Reception visit - WWT London Y4 - Forest School
July	
Wednesday 5th July	Dance Spectacular - 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday 7th July	Reception Graduation Reception - Forest School
Monday 10th July	Y6 - Play
Wednesday 12th July	Half Day - 12:00pm
Thursday 13th July to Monday 4th September	Summer Break (school closed)