



MAPLE WALK PREP SCHOOL

Friday 30th June 2023



All my thanks this week go to the brilliant parents and children who performed and brought dishes for our International Evening on Tuesday. What a Joy! It also made it clear what fantastic staff we have at MW, who do so much to make events swing into action and squirrel away behind the scenes to get stuff done. Ms Cuesta, Miss Kabrielian, Ms Mara, Mr Derqui, Mr Connors, Ms Herring, Ms Sinclair and Ms Curbishley... what a delightful cast of players. I really do feel lucky to have them on my team. So, with just one full week left, we have a fair few events ahead - please make a note of the dates below - we look forward to you joining us for them if you can! The **Dance Spectacular** is for all the children Miss Pippa teaches in Reception to Year 4 and for the children who go to her Dance Clubs. Parents are invited please arrive at 2:30pm on 5th July.

News & Updates



At the end of term we say goodbye to Ms Laura Thurlow and Ms Frankie Grech, who have been wonderful teaching assistants here at Maple Walk. Ms Thurlow has been at Maple Walk for 8 years and has had so many roles, not least gymnastics coaching which the children have really enjoyed. Ms Grech has been our guinea pig teacher and we have been so grateful to have her help us as our little recruits have settled into school life. Both Ms Grech and Ms Thurlow leave us to continue their training. Ms Grech is embarking on a teaching degree and Ms Thurlow is training to become a Play Therapist. We are also saying farewell to Ms Becky Hancox, who is moving away to Bristol and taking on a SENCO role. We will be really sad to see them go but also know that they will be wonderful in their new roles too. Enjoy!

July	
Monday 3rd July	Year 6 Business Fair 2-3pm for pupils Year 5 Songwriting Competition 2:30pm - parents invited
Tuesday 4th July	Years 3-4 Girls Football Festival
Wednesday 5th July	House General Knowledge Quiz for pupils gam Dance Spectacular - Parents invited 2:30pm - 3:30pm Reception - Golden Time - Auction Prize
Thursday 6th July	Year 6 Art workshops with Kate
Friday 7th July	Reception Graduation gam - parents invited Reception 'move up' to Year 1 event for pupils Reception - Forest School
Monday 10th July	Move up morning for Years 1-5 9-10am Winning House Celebration event 10:30-12pm Y6 - Play 6pm - parents invited
Tuesday 11th July	8:50am Drummers perform - parents invited Awards Assembly (just pupils) Carnival event in Roundwood Park - picnic lunch
Wednesday 12th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly 11-12pm Half Day - 12pm collection
Thursday 13th July to Monday 4th September	
Summer Break (school closed)	
Monday 24th to 3rd August	
Multisports Summer Club	



Clubs, Clubs, Clubs

Parents, make sure you check your emails and see what is on offer for Autumn Term at Maple Walk!

... the rumours are true, there is a late care option with 5:30pm collection :)

MULTISPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

Mr Derqui ← → Mr Connors

@ Maple Walk School
24 July to 3rd August / 9am - 3pm
Reception to Year 6 welcome

FOOTBALL - CRICKET - ATHLETICS - DODGEBALL, TABLE TENNIS and many more games and activities, so come along and enjoy.

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SPACES AVAILABLE FOR MAPLE WALK STUDENTS, SIBLINGS, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES (DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND MW). FOR MORE INFORMATION COME AND SPEAK TO US OR SEND US AN EMAIL.

We are really pleased that in September we will be welcoming some fantastic new members of staff to our Maple Walk team...

Mr Paul Costello – New Class Teacher – Paul is an experienced teacher with a wealth of experience across the Primary years, with Secondary and Specialist-schools background too. He is a keen sportsman, Spanish speaker (he lived in Spain for a number of years), qualified lifeguard and he is a chess player too!

Mr Edwin Appiah (Eddie) - is an experienced Teaching Assistant as well as a qualified and accomplished Artist, creating art for a number of school settings, international galleries and for private commissions too. He is a people person and loves supporting children's learning.

Mr Stephen Wright (Steve) - Class teacher working across KS1 and KS2 – Originally from New Zealand, he is an experienced teacher, having been in his previous school in NW6 for 10 years. He is hard working and creative, loves travelling, and sports, especially running.

Mr Barry Kurdi – A skilled TA, who has been working in schools for a number of years, as well as previous knowledge gained working for the National Autistic Society. He is a Law graduate with interests in films and museums. He is keen to join the team.

Reception

The highlight of our week has been the arrival of our beautiful butterflies. We watched with wonder as they emerged from their cocoons and stretched out their wings. We have been learning lots of fantastic facts about butterflies and looking after them carefully before setting them free. We loved our visit to The Wetland Centre and had a fantastic time pond dipping, playing in the mud kitchen, visiting the otters and exploring.



Year 1

This week we have been inventing and reporting on our own Pokémon's! In Math's, we have begun using money and identifying the value of different coins. We have had a great time exploring the wildlife of Nairobi as well as learning about when Britain had no Monarch and the return of Charles II. In PSHE, we have taken the time to discuss our feelings about moving to Year 2, learning about all the exciting things we are going to do but also that it's okay and normal to feel nervous about the transition. What a wonderful week, we are ready for our final full week in Year 1!



Year 2

What a busy week we have had! In Maths we have been learning all things statistics. We made tally charts and learnt how to present data in tables. We even got to make tables on our tables. In English, we finished our creative writing and produced amazing pieces of work. We enjoyed the Year 6 enterprise on Monday and were able to recognise our coins! We had such a fun school trip to Mountfitchet Castle on Tuesday. We loved travelling back in time to the Norman Village and it was so much fun to spend time with the animals who were roaming around. See you next week!



In the upper school...

Year 3

We have been busy this week! 3CA enjoyed eating the fruits of their labours, baking scones at St. Claudine's. We hosted both Y1 classes and enjoyed a reading session together. They relished the Y6 Business Fair and all the activities the Y6 companies had prepared so wonderfully, another visit Monday the 3rd. They worked well in their houses for the first heat of the House Quiz. Well done to our winners; final Wednesday the 5th! We have all thoroughly enjoyed all our Mystery Readers this term; Thank you volunteers!



Year 4

Have completed their DT project on making torches this week. They researched, planned and finally made their own torches using plastic bottles and equipment found in the Science cupboard. The children used their knowledge of electrical circuits to make a circuit with a bulb and placed this inside their torch. A switch made from paper fasteners and a paper clip was added to the outside and, after a bit of adjusting, all of the torches worked! In English, Year 4 have been doing lots of writing: a set of instructions on how to survive on a desert island, a recount of their trip to Hindleap Warren and now they are planning their own story based on Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. In Maths, we have started the geometry unit and already learnt lots about angles and shapes. All of this hard work has been broken up with fun activities such as visiting the Year 6 business fair and the immersive theatre experience!



Year 5

This week, we acted out the final battle in the story of Macbeth - luckily only a couple of us ended up with our heads on spikes! In Geography we played bingo with ordnance survey map symbols. We have been completing our textile landscapes in Art - we are starting to see the Lake District taking shape before our eyes.



At the top of the School...

Year 6

Thank you to all our friends across the school who came to enjoy our business fair – we hope you had a great time! We have been busy toasting and topping waffles, sprinkling doughnuts, organising taste tests, skewering marshmallows, melting chocolate, setting up ball challenges, tie-dyeing t-shirts, tattooing cool designs, being blasted with eggs and sponges, loading jars with sweets and dipping strawberries into chocolate - and that was just at the fair itself! In preparation, we budgeted, branded, publicised, shopped, designed, made and baked, and afterwards, we checked our interim profits and made adjustments to strategies and stock. We'll be preparing over the weekend for our final business fair on Monday and look forward to welcoming everyone again!



Sports and PE



Art

Here are some interesting pencil self portrait/ portrait drawings from Thursday portfolio club.



French

We've had a very fun week in French with **Reception** telling me all the things they've enjoyed in French this year.

Year 1 were completing some sections in their book and remembering words they have learned for insects and small animals.

In **Year 2** the children started to learn some people words.

The **Year 3** children learned the words for more animals.

In **Year 4** we played a version of pass the parcel and they were stretching their memories to remember all the vocabulary they had learned in Years 3 and 4.

Year 5 were writing sentences about travelling to school.



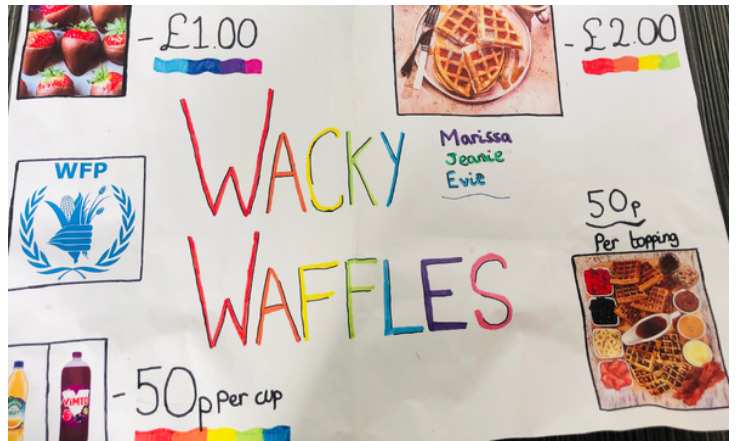
International Evening



Immersive Theatre Shows



Year 6 Business Fair
Monday 3rd July



The business fairs will take place in the afternoon on these Mondays during school hours. Year 6 children will be selling products and providing activities for the younger children as they come and visit each stall.



Children can bring a maximum of £5 to buy from our amazing Y6 stalls.



Please tell your child's teacher if you do not want your child to go to a particular stall or you have dietary requests you'd like us to monitor for you.

