



MAPLE WALK PREP SCHOOL

Friday 22nd September 2023



We all enjoyed wearing our jeans today to support Great Ormond Street hospital and learn more about how our genes make us who we are. The children have also been **exploring** in all subjects, showing us how they can be independent and curious in a variety of ways! We also heard from Year 6 as they shared their hopes for the year. They have been such great ambassadors for Maple Walk already this term, so we are really excited to see what initiatives they introduce. Georgia, our Year 6 school council lead announced the class reps in our assembly. Big congratulations to Jack, Reza, Evie, Audrey, Ernest-Wren, Daria, Iris, Jackson and Zara, who all join the council to represent the views and ideas of their peers. Today, our Mindful Mice will be packed up and taking their first weekend trip to a family in each class... We hope that the questions they ask bring on a healthy debate over the weekend - enjoy!

News & Updates

Queen's Park Day



Drumming Lessons

Our brilliant drumming teacher, Nathan, has toured the world with lots of different artists, like Basement Jaxx - Elton John - Lily Allen and many more. But most importantly, he also teaches the drums at Maple Walk. We already have some superb drummers here and all relish the assemblies when they perform!

"Drums are a great and fun instrument to learn. I make the lessons enjoyable beginning with introducing the basics of drumming to students so they can familiarise themselves with the instrument, learn basic drumming techniques and rhythms."

Nathan is at Maple Walk on Thursdays.
Rates £20 per 20 minute lesson
Structured but very fun

Students must have their own pair of drum sticks (7a vicfirth) which cost around £10 a pair and ear protectors

If you are interested please contact the school office and they will put you in touch with him.

Uniform Sale

Thank you to all those who donated uniform and helped out on the second hand uniform stall this afternoon. It is a great way to recycle and reuse - every little helps!

Final call for any 'old style' uniform as this will be shipped to the Dream Children's Home in Nairobi very soon.



In the lower school...

Reception

We have been talking more about our own homes and looking at different types of homes. The children really enjoyed making houses out of bricks, sticks and straws just like The Three Little Pigs! We also had so much fun building dens in our outdoor learning area.

In phonics we started learning our first letter sounds, singing the songs, learning the actions and trying to write them.



Year 1

We've had another exciting week in Year 1 with lots of arty activities! We pretended to be tour guides in Geography and filmed an advert to persuade people to come to Africa and see the beautiful, natural sites. We played a guessing game in science where we pretended to be different animals through dance! We learnt about woolly mammoths and tried our hand at drawing them! We also got to practise our acting by getting into groups and creating a zoo. We're in full swing with our writing in English and have started writing our story! In maths we have been having even more fun with lots of practical counting activities. We can't wait for next week!



Year 2

We are very impressed with all the hard work the children in Year 2 put in this week! In art we made monsters ready for our animations in computing next week, which we can't wait for. We loved making our own post-it animations in computing. In maths, we started estimating numbers on the number line and filling in the gaps. We enjoyed doing this outside and sorting ourselves into a number line. In English, we looked at point of view and recognised that 'Not Now Bernard' is written in third person. See you next week!



In the upper school...



Year 3

This week in Science, the children in Year 3 have been enjoying identifying the main parts of the human skeleton. Did you know there are 27 bones in one of your hands?

We have also looked at vertebrates (animals with a backbone) and invertebrates (animals without a backbone). Both classes worked in groups to classify animals by their skeletal structure. Did you know an octopus was an invertebrate? Excellent work, Year 3 scientists!

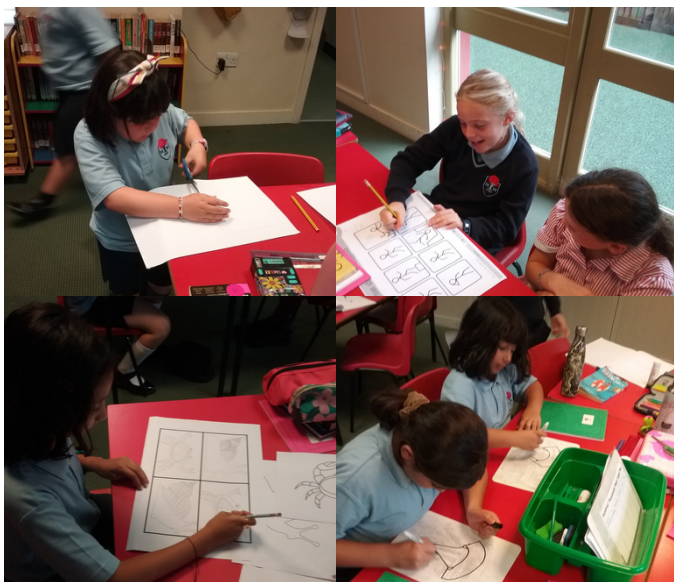
Year 4

Another busy week in Year 4 with lots of amazing learning. In Math, the children continued working with four digit numbers, representing and partitioning as well as solving reasoning challenges. In English, we have written fabulous diary entries as a stationary object and what transpires in a busy day in the classroom. We have also written a diary entry from the point of view of Lucy, the main character in Secret Friends. For art, we took the outlines we created last week and incorporated pastels to start bringing them to life. Science has been fun again with the children looking at different ways to classify an animal.



Year 5

This week started with the Year 5 children completing their graphic scores in music. They displayed creativity with their representations of different actions and sounds. In art, the class began designing their animal prints using a variety of mark making styles. They have planned an experiment to test different features of a parachute, making sure to only change one variable to ensure fair testing can occur. In PSHE, we discussed the negative impact of stereotyping and how we can challenge people who believe negative stereotypes about different groups of people.



Year 6

Our House Captains were delighted to lead our first house meetings this week. We received great feedback from members of staff in each house, saying what a marvellous job we did and how much the children across the school had enjoyed the meetings. We loved sharing an overview of our special roles and responsibilities in assembly today and hope we have inspired the children in our Maple Walk community in lots of different ways. We look forward to putting all our plans and ideas into action! This week, we did our first mock exams and impressed our adults with our focus and positivity. Of course, we still found time to create some impressive art work, inspired by the Impressionists' response to the Industrial Revolution!



Specialists, Workshops and Events

French



Reception were learning the animals lapin, poisson and chien! **Year 1** had a special treat this week with their favourite French story from Reception; 'Le Grand Monstre vert'. **Year 2** have started learning seven weather conditions with a poem. **Year 3** were learning to ask the question, 'Où habites-tu?' and replying, 'J'habite à Londres'. **Year 4** were discussing the use of gender with all French nouns, they know that they have to use un /une with all nouns. **Year 5** learned that when describing a noun, the adjectives must agree with the gender of the noun, a tricky concept! **Year 6** continue to work on school subjects and can now say which ones they like / dislike / love / hate!

PE & Sports

It's been an amazing week for Upper School. Our pupils continued their journey in mastering basketball and football. With enthusiasm and dedication, they have made so much progress not only on their passing, dribbling and shooting also on their team work skills.

In Lower School, our pupils have been focusing on their agility, balance and coordination through fun and engaging games. These activities help the students to develop their physical fitness and valuable skills such as discipline, teamwork and perseverance.

Next week we will have our first outings. Year 2 will represent Maple Walk at the Brent Cross Country event and the Boys from Y6 have the Brent Football tournament on Friday. Good luck to all of them.



SHOUT OUTS

Congratulations to the following children who showed great EXPLORATION this week...

Class	Name	Reason
RAC	Wren	For drawing a wonderful picture about her family and doing some writing too
	Nancy	For trying all the different activities and asking lots of questions
RAM	Nesan	For some great independent reading and writing - a super start to Reception!
	Zayd	For having a go at all the different activities with great interest and enthusiasm.
1EM	Rafe	For getting on with his writing straight away yesterday, concentrating for the entire lesson and even asking to do extra writing work!
	Esme	For always being willing to get involved and explore every topic we learn about!
1MC	Jago	For his wonderful writing in English and always taking his time and staying focused!
	Ivy	For her self exploration creating a piece of abstract art during our colour rainbow paint lesson.
2PC	Asher	For amazing accuracy and speed in his weekly Maths challenges! Amazing! Well done!
	Tom	Super speed and accuracy in Maths this week - 2 and 5 times tables! Great Work!
2EC	Archie	For his amazing work in phonics and all the lovely writing he has produced.
	Huck	For using resources to help assist with his learning and exploring different ways of reaching an answer!
3AW	Daria	For her consideration of adjectives when showing not telling.
	Erin	For constantly showing curiosity across all lessons. Erin always asks deliberate and well thought out questions that help her to access a deeper understanding in all subjects.
3MH	Flynn	For his wonderful fight scene between Theseus and the Minotaur using lots of powerful adjectives and verbs!
	Izzy	For her enthusiasm for learning, her fantastic questions to find out more and suggestions to improve things, well done!
4FL	Jonah	For his super impressive 3D interactive homework on trees. Well done!
	Iris	For her enthusiasm towards reading. She reads about 5 books a week and loves talking about what she reads - encouraging others.
4CA	Jaicob	For his impressive homework, researching trees. He used impressive research and art skills to execute a wonderful poster!
	Serena	For always having a positive attitude and showing enthusiasm towards her learning.
5RG	Theo	For showing fantastic leadership in your group when planning your air resistance investigation. You also wrote a very clear explanation for why we need to keep variables the same and a great prediction! Well done!
	Imogen	For consistently looking at problems from a unique perspective.
6SH	Henry	For his excellent response to poetry: writing well-structured points, providing evidence from the texts and justifying his points with clear explanation,
	Mia	For a super exploration of the world of AI for her current events presentation.

Dates for your Diaries...

September	
Monday 25th September	Y2 Cross Country / Fun Run
Friday 29th September	Y5 & 6 - Football Fixture Christmas Card making
October	
Sunday 1st - Tuesday 31st October	Black History Month
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th October	Dyslexia Awareness Week Kindness Challenge
Wednesday 4th October	11+ Parent Information Evening 5-6pm
Thursday 5th October	World Teacher Day National Poetry Day
Friday 6th October	3MH Assembly (parents invited) Y5 & 6 - Football Fixture Christmas Card making
Monday 9th October	KS2 - The Body Happy Workshops
Friday 13th October	3AW Assembly (parents invited)
Monday 16th October	Parent - Teacher Meetings by appointment (4pm - 7pm)
Tuesday 17th October	Y6 - William Morris Gallery Parent - Teacher Meetings by appointment (4pm - 7pm)
Wednesday 18th October	Y5 Trip - Dr Johnson's House Parent - Teacher Meetings by appointment (4pm - 7pm)
Thursday 19th October	Y4 Trip - London Mithraeum Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 20th October	Harvest Festival (9:30 - 10:30am)
HALF TERM - 23rd October to 31st October (inclusive)	

