



# MAPLE WALK PREP SCHOOL

## Friday 8th September 2023



What a great start to the year! There's been an abundance of sunshine and positivity at Maple Walk this week that has made our week whizz by. The children seem so ready for the move up and the teachers could not be more pleased to have their new class back in school and ready to get started. Thank you to all of you who have managed to make it to our Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many of you there and to welcome our incoming Friends of Maple Walk. We have been really impressed to see how the children have started back into their routines. Today, we had our first assembly and announced our for Value Winners and they have been invited to our first breakfast of the year, next Friday at 8:30am - don't forget!

### News & Updates

#### School Pets are Back!

Oreo and Argentina have enjoyed a marvellous summer holiday, visiting lots of children's houses - thank you to all the families who cared for them!

They are delighted to be back in their castle in school and have already been a great comfort to the children feeling a bit wobbly this week. There is nothing better than feeding a guinea pig some hay for a little bit of calm or a fun distraction!

Of course Oreo and Argentina would be lonely if they spent their weekends in school, so if you are happy to have some furry visitors one weekend this term, please sign up to take them - a sign up sheet will be sent via email next week!



#### Queen's Park Day

Make sure you pop down and support the Friends of Maple Walk on Sunday 17th September at Queen's Park Day! Cakes and bakes will be on sale all day with our lovely parent volunteers manning the stall. Thank you for baking and supporting! We look forward to seeing you there 12-5pm.

Fun Fact: This magical painting on the Queen's Park Day flyer was created by ex Maple Walker, Nancy!

### Celebrate Car Free Day 2023

FREE



Friday 22  
September



2:30pm - 4:30pm



Crownhill Road,  
Opposite John Keble  
Primary School, NW10

Join us in celebrating Car Free Day 2023!

#### What's happening?

We will be closing the section of Crownhill road outside of John Keble Primary and hosting an afternoon of fun cycling activities for school children and local residents who can enjoy a variety of stalls and activities including free smoothies, games and, cycle repairs.



If you need this information in a different language or format, such as accessible PDF, large print, easy read, BSL, audio recording or braille, email [design@brent.gov.uk](mailto:design@brent.gov.uk) or call 020 8937 1234.

## QUEEN'S PARK DAY

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

12-5:30 PM



50th QPARA Queen's Park Area Residents' Association  
Anniversary 1973-2023



## Reception

What a super first week we have all had in Reception! The children have loved getting to know each other and their new teachers and familiarising themselves with their new learning environment. We have already been super busy; building, creating, exploring and having fun in the sunshine. We can't wait for next week!



## Year 1

Year 1 have settled in amazingly well this week and have got stuck in to a number of exciting activities. We learnt about the countries in Africa and painted some flags! We played lots of games pretending to be reptiles, mammals, amphibians, birds and fish in our science lesson and created our own fossils. We also spent lots of time getting to know our new teachers; playing both inside our new classrooms and outside in the glorious weather. We hope our next week will be just as amazing!



## Year 2

Welcome back to school everyone! We had a wonderful and exciting first week back in the sunshine. We spent time getting to know our new classes, new teachers and what it means to be in Year 2. In geography we enjoyed researching maps and learning about keys and their symbols. In maths we got stuck into our place value learning. 'Not Now Bernard' is our first text in English and we can't wait to delve deeper into it next week. Enjoy your weekend in the sun!





### Year 3



Year 3 has started off brilliantly with both classes showing how excited they are at becoming part of Upper School as well as demonstrating a fantastic attitude to learning, we are so proud of them! They have thought carefully about their goals for the year both in and out of school which we can't wait for them to accomplish. We have also be discussing the importance of a growth mindset and how this is essential to our learning both in and out of the classroom. What a fantastic start to the year, well done everyone!

### Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the year. They have settled quickly into their new classes, making new friends and re-establishing old friendships. Hurrah! They have already completed some reading comprehensions, rounding numbers, learning about The Romans and some Atom Learning. They also got stuck into their homework routine and tried to remember to bring their new Homework Diaries to school with them each day. Super Start!



### Year 5

Year 5 has had a wonderful and busy start to the year! We have been investigating forces in science, seeing how air resistance and gravity affects the falling speed of different objects. In history, we imagined we were Scottish or English nobility, debating the positives and negatives of creating a United Kingdom of Great Britain. We also took some time to focus on mindfulness and practised our belly breathing.



## Year 6

Wow! What a great start to the year we've had in Year 6. We have jumped straight into the curriculum - extending our place value skills, responding to poetry and delving into health and nutrition. We have begun to explore the nineteenth century, focusing on the Impressionist art movement and industrialisation. In addition, we enjoyed writing letters to our future selves - not to be opened until the last day of school!



## Specialists, Workshops and Events



### Sports and PE

We are thrilled to welcome all students back for another year of fun challenges, team sports and healthy competition. At the heart of our PE Plan for the year is the promotion of a healthy lifestyle and the importance of staying active on a daily basis outside of class. All students have started amazingly, with lots of energy, kindness and happiness. To stay informed about upcoming events and important dates, make sure you read the newsletter.

### French

Year 1 loved being introduced to the new group of toys whose adventures they will be following throughout Year 1. In Year 2 the children practised all the things they learned last year and we started learning a new song. Year 3 were keen to show off all the words they know from the first part of our book, Salut Céline et Antoine. In Year 4 we revised all the animals they know so far and sung some songs from last year.

Year 5 all completed a sheet showing all that they have covered so far in French, and it was great to see how much they have retained.

In Year 6 we started the new topic of school subjects, and they began to create a display to demonstrate that.

**These children are invited to  
breakfast on Friday at 8:30am  
in the wellbeing space.**

**Well done!**



### Value of the Week: KINDNESS

Class	Name	Reason
RAC	Ethan. A	For showing kindness to his new friends and sharing really well
RAM	Buddy	For setting a wonderful example and showing kindness to all his friends and teachers
1EM	Wylder	For being so kind to all of his friends in year 1 and his new teachers!
1MC	Reza	For being so kind to everyone in the class and always offering a helpful
2PC	Lydia	For helping fellow pupils (and her teacher!) to settle into Maple Walk
2EC	Mats	For asking people how they are and for always helping out
3AW	Margie	For being a wonderful welcoming face for her peers!
3MH	Azaria	For being so kind and helpful to everyone, even collecting the lunch boxes for the whole class!
4FL	Jonah	For showing amazing maturity and kindness to his peers and teachers.
4CA	Oscar	Making a great effort in class to be kind to all and asking to be able to check in on how his sister is settling in.
5RG	Sanjana	For settling into year 5 so quickly, and immediately being a huge asset to the class, offering to help and participating lots!
6GS	Harry	For always being kind and helpful to everyone.
6SH	Sandali	For being kind and generous.



# Dates for your Diaries...

September	
Wednesday 13th September	Roald Dahl Day
Tuesday 19th September	Y1 & 2 Storytelling Girls Football
Friday 22nd September	Jeans for Genes Day
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	Y5 & 6 - Football Fixture Christmas Card making
Monday 9th October	KS2 - The Body Happy Workshops
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)	
November	
Wednesday 1st November	Children in School
Wednesday 8th November	STEM Day
Thursday 9th November	Autumn Term - Times Table Rockstars Day
Tuesday 14th November	Y2-5 Highland Games
Monday 13th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week Y5/6 Girls Football Fixture
Thursday 23rd November	Y3 Trip - British Museum
Monday 27th November	Book Fair in school
Thursday 30th November	Reception Trip - Polka Theatre
December	
Friday 1st December	Y3/4 Football Festival
Sunday 3rd December	Christmas Fair
Monday 4th December	Reception Play at 2-2:30pm
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas Carols Service 9:30-10:30 Boys Football Fixture - Hendon
Wednesday 6th December	Y1 Play (2-3pm)
Thursday 7th December	Y2 Play (2-3pm) Christmas Jumper Day
End of Autumn Term midday Friday 8th December	