

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Unity	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Patience and Perseverance	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



MAPLE TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Climbing the branches of success

Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD

Since I have lost my actual voice (thank you to everyone for your patience over the last few days), I thought I would contribute to this week's newsletter. We have a number of parent events happening in the last two weeks, including Easter activities, visitors for Science week and parent forum.

Fir, Yew and Aspen class are holding a Easter assembly at 9:15am in the hall on Friday 31st March. FoMT will be offering refreshments from 9am, so do come along early! Mulberries are inviting parents to come and join them on Friday 31st March between 9:30-11am for Easter themed activities.

Children's Mental Health Week 2023 took place from 6-12 February 2023. This year's theme was Let's Connect. Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. All pupils and staff at Maple Tree Primary School each decorated a puzzle piece to show our school community as 'being connected' and these have been joined and displayed around the school corridors. Thank you to Mrs Pond for this wonderful display of our school connection.



Parent Forum—School Vision open to all

At the moment, we are looking carefully at our Vision statement which currently states:

As a welcoming, enthusiastic and outward looking school, Maple Tree Primary School provides a happy, safe, secure and stimulating learning environment in which all individuals will become numerate, literate, creative, curious and caring; valuing themselves and others. We work alongside others in the local community to ensure the further development of all and in doing so, endeavour to become a centre of excellence within our learning community.

It is important that the vision is something that is shared, and understood, by all stakeholders - pupils, staff and parents - as it should be the underlying principle at the heart of all we do so, whilst we are updating it, it is important that you have the opportunity to include your thoughts as part of the process. **With this in mind, our next Parent Forum session will be open to all parents who wish to attend.** This will be held on **Thursday 23rd March from 9-10am in Hawthorn** where we will discuss our vision and hopefully create an up to date version that reflects the ethos of Maple Tree.

We fully appreciate that working parents will not necessarily be able to join us at this time so we have created a [short survey](#) that we ask you to fill in ahead of the meeting so that we can include your thoughts into the planning session.

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Focus on PE

Last Friday, ten Year 5 pupils took part in a **Young Leaders Award** delivered by Paul Blunt (East Beds SGO – Schools Game Organiser).

The Award encourages young people to take responsibility and develop leadership skills such as organisation, communication and co-operation. The day started with a theory based session before focusing on delivering physical activities. After lunch, the award required the Leaders to run competitions for both Reception and Year 1 classes. The Leaders' confidence grew throughout the whole process and it was great to see them using their initiative to adapt and improve the experience for the younger children whilst demonstrating leadership traits.

The Leaders did a fantastic job and a wonderful time was had by all the participants.

The leaders have shown they are ready to support active sessions during lunchtime to engage children within different types of sports as well as potentially run activities for special charity days such as Sport Relief and sport's day, where they can further develop their skills.

Well done to the ten Leaders that took part:

Olivia, William, Archie, Krystal, Matthew, Ebbon, Megan, Jayden, Paige and Kornelia.

Mr Neill



Thank you from Sandy Rotary Club

Thank you to those who donated candles to be taken to Ukraine.

One of their members, Dudley, has just returned from Ukraine after delivering the candles. We are sharing his story here:

"I drove 1250 plus miles, travelled a further 800 miles by train and bus, visited or passed through 7 countries and stayed in 7 hotels, donated an SUV to the Ukrainian army and saw it depart for the eastern front and donated with the support of sponsors 4 large generators and Aid for 60 plus Rotary clubs in the Ukraine thrust upon them. To see Rotary at work in such difficult conditions is both humbling and inspiring.

Thank you to all the local organisations who donated to make this possible. I am assured it will be placed where it can do most good."

Science Week

Next week is Science week at Maple Tree. The theme for British Science Week 2023 is 'Connections', and one connection we're excited for young people to explore is their connection with science itself!

Across the week children will be spending extra curriculum time on Science.

There is a lot going on during the week including:

- STEM club every lunchtime
- Visits from people working in STEM jobs
- Teacher swap—teachers will teach another class Science
 - Poster competition
 - Science assembly
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We can't wait to showcase all the incredible things we will be doing, keep an eye on the newsletter for more.



Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are

being a good friend.



Fir Class:

Emily

Yew Class:

Reggie

Aspen Class:

Harper

Rowan Class:

Sophia

Poplar Class:

Isla

Juniper Class:

Max

Cherry Class:

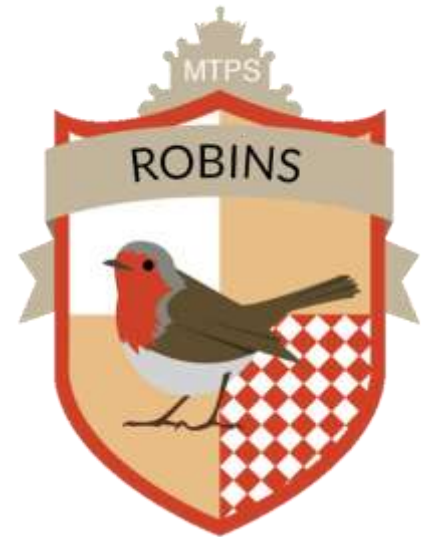
Frankie

Elder Class:

Amanda

Well done!

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 20th March Mulberries drop in 3:30pm

Thursday 23rd March Open Parent Forum - focus on school vision 9-10am

Friday 24th March Mulberries drop in 12pm

Thursday 30th March FoMT Easter Egg Hunt and Escape Room

Thursday 30th March Dance Club Showcase at Sandy Secondary School

Friday 31st March Reception and KS1 Easter Assembly for parents and Mulberries Easter Activity morning

Monday 3rd - Monday 17th April Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April INSET day

Tuesday 18th April - Term starts


Dates can also be found on our [website](#).

Attendance Awards

Our target is 97%

Week beginning 13th March

The best attendance award is presented to: **Rowan** class!

Blossom (Mulberries)	Berries (Mulberries)
91.5%	89.2%
Fir (YR)	Yew (Y1)
94.7%	93.4%
Aspen (Y2)	Rowan (Y3)
95.3%	96.8% 
Poplar (Y4)	Juniper (Y5)
92.3%	92.1%
Cherry (Y5)	Elder (Y6)
95.1%	93.4%