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| 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 14th October 2022

This week's House
Winners



Congratulations!

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week I want to share our school priorities with you for this academic year. Our School Development Plan (SDP) is our strategic plan for improvement.

- It allows the whole school community to understand the school's areas for development within the context of our school vision
- It provides everyone with a clear understanding of the school's goals and how they will be achieved
- It contains timescales for implementation to ensure accountability
- It allows the school to determine how to effectively use resources to meet goals
- It helps the school to budget and determine spending priorities
- It clarifies the key priorities the school believes are the most important to address at this time

We constantly review everything we do based on self-evaluation (SEF), assessments, observations, feedback and the needs of our pupils. These reviews help us to identify priorities and form the core of our SDP.

We believe it's important to allow everyone the chance to contribute ideas for school improvement. We ask parents, staff, governors and our children to share their ideas through action planning, questionnaires and via the school councils. Staff members play a key role in determining our priorities and ensuring their success. Staff development forms a large part of our school improvement process, with staff encouraged to undertake training throughout the year, both internally and externally, and INSET days are planned to enhance teaching and learning.

Once the SDP is agreed, we review it at least **termly** to ensure we are meeting expectations and are on course to deliver our promises. I report to the Governing Body to allow the Governors to understand the progress that is being made; subject leaders' Action Plans are also considered alongside this document; linked Governors work alongside staff members to allow progress in individual subjects or areas of responsibility to be identified.

Our priorities for this year are:

- Improve outcomes in reading and writing, particularly at KS2 by: developing and embedding higher-order reading skills; developing accuracy in grammar and creating more opportunities for extended writing.
- Continue to develop the curriculum with a specific focus on: developing foundation subjects, including assessment; whole school knowledge and understanding of the EYFS framework.
- Continue to develop leadership at all levels within the whole school community by: making ready use of tools available to strengthen succession planning for governors in order that a skilful execution of strategic responsibilities is maintained; developing the part pupils play in leadership and development; the development of peer coaching and succession planning.
- To ensure all children make accelerated progress towards a Good Level of Development (GLD) at the end of Reception.

I look forward to sharing more about how we are achieving this over the coming weeks. Have a good weekend.



A HUGE THANK YOU in helping to raise **£483** at our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. We gratefully received many cake/biscuit donations from families/staff from across the school in support of this event. A big thank you to Poplar Class who helped to set up, serve and clear away - they are a credit to the school and their parents!
Mrs Pond and Mr Renzi

FREE Cycle Safety

On Thursday 20th October, Sustrans will be coming into school and attaching a bike light to any child's bike or scooter that is left in the bike shed area. This is to ensure they are seen in the dark. This is a **free** event and a great way to stay safe this winter.

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Anti-Bullying at Maple Tree

We are excited to announce that we have signed up to the Anti-Bullying Alliance's school award programme called 'United Against Bullying'. It supports schools to reduce bullying and improve the wellbeing of all children, focusing on those most at risk.



As part of this programme, the school, led by Miss Hyde, are going to be reviewing our approach to Anti-bullying in the following areas:

- **Anti-bullying policy** - review our current policy and update with input from pupils, parents/carers and staff.
- **Reporting and recording bullying** - review how bullying is currently reported (how and to who) and how it is recorded and monitored by school leaders.
- **Prevention and awareness**—consider how the school teaches children about bullying in order to raise awareness and prevent it from happening.
- **Acting on reports**— explore how we support children experiencing bullying—both those being bullied or being the bully.
- **Staff training**—review how staff across school are trained in relation to anti-bullying by assessing their current subject knowledge.
- **Focus on vulnerable groups**—explore how the voices of all pupils are included and how we can best support our most vulnerable pupils.

What is happening first?

Monday 14th November is the start of Anti-Bullying week. During this week we will be launching the theme for this year, which is 'Reach Out' through a whole school assembly. Monday 14th is also 'odd socks' day where the children are encouraged to wear odd socks as an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

During Anti-Bullying week, in class, we will be teaching about what bullying is and undertaking lessons on how to combat bullying. We will be asking them for their views on anti-bullying at school, creating a new whole school pledge and then finally showing off our learning on an open afternoon.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information about this as we move through the programme.



Creating a new Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

Thank you to the nine parents who got into contact over the last few weeks, expressing an interest in starting up a new PTA. We are holding an initial meeting on Tuesday 1st November at 6pm in school to discuss our next steps. Anyone who would like to be involved is welcome to come (parents, carers and grandparents).

Open invitation meeting: Tuesday 1st November at 6pm at school.

Join the PTA!



Headteacher Awards

This week the award is for... **...showing quick thinking!**



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| Fir Class: Christopher | Yew Class: Callum | Aspen Class: James |
| Rowan Class: Iris | Poplar Class: Frank | Juniper Class: Maja |
| Cherry Class: Remi | Elder Class: Morgan | Well done! |



The COPPER Challenge

Instead of collecting food items, we would like to collect 'coppers' - those small brown coins, which fall to the bottom of your bag, or are an annoyance in your purse! We will count them up after Harvest Assembly and then donate the total to the Need Project. Please bring your 'coppers' to school from now on until the Assembly to place in the class collection jar.



PE kit reminder

A gentle reminder that on PE days, pupils need to be wearing the correct PE kit. Our PE kit in the winter is plain blue or navy jogging bottoms (or shorts), a yellow t-shirt and a plain blue or navy jumper, plus suitable trainers for outdoors. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform and see the school office if you need support with this.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wednesday 19th October** Virtual Parents' Evening
 - Thursday 20th October** Face-to-face Parents' Evening
 - Friday 21st October 9.15 - 9.45am** KS2 Harvest Assembly
 - Monday 24th to Friday 28th October** Half Term
 - Thursday 3rd November 10am** New Parent Tour
 - Thursday 10th November 10am** New Parent Tour
 - Monday 14th November** Anti-Bullying Week
 - Thursday 17th November 9am** Parent Forum
 - Friday 18th November** Anti-Bullying Open Afternoon
 - Friday 18th November 12pm** Blossom drop-in
 - Monday 21st November 10am** New Parent Tour
 - Wednesday 23rd/Thursday 24th November 3.30pm** Berries drop-in
 - Monday 28th November 10am** New Parent Tour
 - Christmas Class assemblies to be held at the end of the term. Dates and times to follow.**
- Dates can also be found on our [website](#).

Parent Shout Out!

A big thank you to Mrs Thompson and Mrs Trainor for their hard work last week refreshing the small garden at the front of the school, we look forward to watching it grow.

We are keen to work on the rest of the garden between the car park and entrance to the school office, if you feel this is something you would like to be involved in moving forward please contact the school via the office@mapletreepriamaryschool.com email address, we would love to hear from you.

