

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 21st October 2022

This week's House
Winners



Congratulations!

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD

I would like to start by reflecting back on this half term— what a busy one it has been! Thank you to our wonderful staff for their hard work, making Maple Tree a great place to learn and work and thank you to the children for their excellent efforts. We hope that everyone has a lovely rest this half term holiday.

We ran two successful and well-attended parents' evenings this week , one virtual and one face-to-face. We hope that these evenings provided you with useful information about how your child has settled in this year. We feel that a hybrid approach suited the mixed needs of our families and will endeavour to keep this for next time.

To mark the end of the Autumn term, KS2 held a Harvest Assembly today showcasing singing, ocarina music and facts about Harvest Festival. The children also baked sweet treats to sell, along with tea and coffee to raise money for their classrooms. Instead of collecting food items this year, we collected 'copper' coins with all proceeds being donated to 'The Need Project'. On last count we had raised £62 and we have since collected in many more. A big thank you to Mr Bygraves for baking our Harvest loaf . You can't tell from the photo but due to its large size we were able to share a piece with every child in KS2! We look forward to running a similar event in Easter for KS1.



Have a great weekend and half term.

Read this half term!

If you can do anything with your children this half term, let it be reading.

Did you know that if a child reads at home for 20 minutes a day, they will hear on average 1,800,000 words a year and they will have read for 851 hours by year 6?

If you want to know more about how we support reading at Maple Tree, come to my **Reading Parent Workshop on Monday 7th November at 6pm.**

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Poetry

The poetry competition closed this week and Miss Hyde is busy judging the whopping 44 entries submitted! An anthology of the poems will be on display in the school foyer after half term. Here is a sneak preview of an entry by Theo in Poplar class:

Trees

The wind outside shakes the trees
Its starting to feel like 5 degrees
The rain falls down harder and harder
Now our school playground looks like a harbour
The leaves start to fall and there's no more honeybee
So for now we will keep warm here inside Maple Tree



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Houses at Maple Tree



Why we use a house system:

The house reward system is a creative and fun way to encourage healthy competition in the school. It provides a platform for all children to make positive contributions throughout the school day. Our school houses are bird names and have their own colours (as above). Children are sorted into houses upon their entry to school and siblings are kept in the same houses.

We believe that acknowledging greatness (big or small) is key to building confidence in our children – so let's have some fun doing it!

How can you find out what house your child is in?

The teachers have stuck a photo of your child's house badge on the back of their first reading or homework diaries. If you are unsure what house your child is in or the badge is missing, please ask your child's class teacher.

What do you need to know as parents?

The key thing is that your child will need to wear a t-shirt in their house colour on sports day in the summer term. We announce the house winners for each week in our celebration assembly on a Friday morning and also report it on this newsletter—so you could celebrate at home when your child's house wins.

How do pupils win house points?

House points will be given out for good behaviour, polite manners, hard work, and all manner of other good deeds and achievements. The teachers are only allowed to give out up to 3 house points for any single thing but sometimes Mrs Bainbridge and Miss Hyde break those rules!

Points are also earned on sports day, these are added to the yearly total to find out which house has won that year!



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!





Attendance Awards




Research shows that there is a close link between attendance at school and a child's achievement. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day. Children learn better, they make friends, they are happier, they have a brighter future. Let's check out how our classes have done for the last two weeks!

Our target is 97%

Week beginning 10th October 2022


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

Blossom (Mulberries) 80%	Berries (Mulberries) 92%
Fir (YR) 93%	Yew (Y1) 94%
Aspen (Y2) 99%	Poplar (Y3) 94%
Rowan (Y4) 100% 	Juniper (Y5) 94%
Cherry (Y5) 97%	Elder (Y6) 97%

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Week beginning 17th October 2022

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

Blossom (Mulberries) 93%	Berries (Mulberries) 70%
Fir (YR) 90%	Yew (Y1) 94%
Aspen (Y2) 91%	Poplar (Y3) 95%
Rowan (Y4) 94%	Juniper (Y5) 100% 
Cherry (Y5) 98%	Elder (Y6) 92%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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 Forum

Thank you to the reps who have come forward so far.

We still have **vacancies in Years 4, 5 and 6** and would love to have a fully represented school.

Please email in if you are interested before our next meeting on Thursday 17th November.

WE NEED YOU!

