

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



Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025

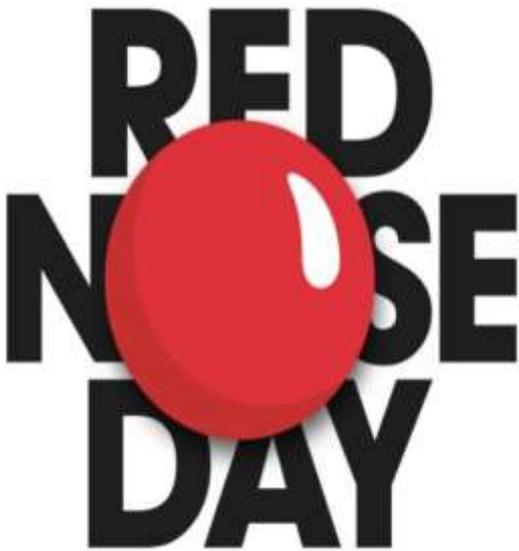
MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD

It has been another busy week in school with our first (and hoping to be annual) Spelling Bee, a year 3/4 football competition at Robert Peel and all of course, all of our normal learning.

Attached with this newsletter are the minutes of our latest parent forum. Thank you to the reps.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Comic Relief and MTPS' Got Talent



Last Friday we held our annual fundraiser for Comic Relief. Thanks to your generosity we raised a great £103.50.

We also saw the return of our fabulous talent show—MTPS' Got Talent.

Children from years 1 to 6 bravely auditioned in front of a panel of School Parliament members on Wednesday. They showcased a wide range of talents—the only thing missing was a dancing dog! (Who knows—next time?).

Then on Friday we were all entertained to song, dance, martial arts and puppeteering—to name a few!

School Parliament, along with Mrs. Jacobs and Mr. Neill, judged the children based on performance, preparation and likeability. The winner was Darcey with an amazing twirling performance.

Well done to everyone who auditioned and took part. You really showed the value of courage and perseverance.

Finally, apologies to those of you who tried to donate via Just Giving. There was a problem with the payment processing which I brought to their attention. Somehow, they do not know how, the page I created was done so in their 'staging' area.



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Maple Tree Primary School **SPELLING BEE**

Over the course of the week all children have taken part in our 2025 Spelling Bee. The top 10 spellers from each key stage went through and competed in our semi-finals on Tuesday afternoon. The top 5 in each group then progressed on to the finals held yesterday. We have been so impressed by not only the incredible spelling skills on display, but also how the children have shown their school values through this competition.

Semi-Finalists

Years 1-2	Years 3-4	Years 5-6
Dhian	Sophie	Veer
Mikolaj	Charlotte	Leah
Malachi	Callum	Noah
Annie	Imogen	Ellis
Freddie	Evie	Georgia

Finalists

Place	Years 1-2	Years 3-4	Years 5-6
1	Layla	Harper	Lottie
2	Harry	James	Torben and Oliwia
3	Alfie	Sam	
4	Christopher	Tom	CJ
5	Sebastian	Ralph	Reuben

A massive well done to our winners:





ROUNDERS AND CRICKET CLUB

WITH MISS CORNFOOT

KS2

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm

Thursday 29th April- Tuesday 20th May

£4 a session with booking through parentmail

Pupils come in PE kits
Pick up from the playground

KS2 FENCING CLUB

LIMITED PLACES



Begins: Tue April 29th
every Tue 3.30 - 4.30pm

FUN, SAFE and AWESOME!
Come and experience something new!

Need:
A drinks bottle and a desire to learn new skills.
All equipment is provided (foam swords and masks).

To Book:
Please use Parentmail
£3 a session

Location:
Hall - pick up from external double doors.



Gardening Club



Come along and get your hands dirty learning how to grow your own food.

Years 1-6 Limited to 12 children.

£2 a session. Please use parentmail to book your place.



Bring in spare clothes/shoes that are okay to get dirty and you may want to bring gardening gloves too!

Pick up from the playground.

When?
Starting WB 26th March for a 7 week block.

• 26th March	• 23rd April	• 7th May
• 2nd April	• 30th April	• 14th May

Wednesdays
3:30-4:30pm

Please note that this club is being run by a grandparent volunteer and is being overseen by school. All costs will go towards equipment for the club minus a small administrative fee.

FRIENDSHIP AND CAMARADERIE

KS1 MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

WHERE:
OUTSIDE ON THE PLAYGROUND OR FIELD
COLLECT FROM ROWAN

NEED:
WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHES AND A DRINKS BOTTLE

BEGINS: THURSDAY 24TH APRIL
EVERY THURS. 3.30PM -4.40PM

TO BOOK: £3 A SESSION - PLEASE BOOK THROUGH PARENTMAIL.



Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for... ..being a fantastic help to others.



Fir: Alyssa	Yew: Evelyn	Aspen: Sophie
Rowan: Libby	Poplar: Lily-Rae	Juniper: Leah
Elder: Torben	Well done to you all!	★

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

Weekly totals:

Buzzards 247	Robins 160
Doves 106	Ravens 315
Kingfishers 241	Swallows 288

Celebrations and Weekly Wins!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tue 1st April – Rocksteady concert
 Weds 2nd April - Mulberries drop-in 9-10am
 Thur 3rd April – Easter assembly (R+KS1) 9.15am
 Fri 4th April – Last day of term
 Tue 22nd April—INSET day
Wed 23rd April—First day of term
 Fri 25th April—FoMT Chocolate Bingo Night
 Wed 7th May—Class photos
 WB 12th May—Year 6 SATs week
 Thur 15th May—School Census day
 Fri 16th May—FoMT Break the rules day
 Thur 22nd May—Parent Forum
 Friday 23rd May—Last day of half term.
 Mon 2nd June—INSET day
Tues 3rd June—First day of half term
 Tue 22nd July—Last day of school year

Term dates for **2024-2025** can be found [here](#).

Attendance Awards

Week beginning 24th March 2025

The best attendance award is presented to:
Elder class this week for most improved.

Mulberries 90%	Fir (YR) 95%
Yew (Y1) 96%	Aspen (Y2) 96%
Rowan (Y3) 97%	Poplar (Y4) 97%
Juniper (Y5) 98%	Elder (Y6) 95% ★

SafeguardED

Most parents & carers think their children and young people spend too much time on devices. **DON'T FEEL BAD!** Lots of it is perfectly healthy anyway. Instead, follow these tips to keep them safe, happy and healthy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or video calling Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? What about safe search and Youtube? See parentsafe.lgfl.net for more.



Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced - they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** reviews.



Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel - there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.



Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).



family



CHOCOLATE BINGO

Friday 25th April
doors open at 4:30pm,
eyes down at 5pm

BYOB



£5 per person
£8 per person with hot food

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

