

MAPLEWELL NEWSLETTER

Preparing for Adulthood

Children In Need 2024

We raised the fantastic amount of £357.07 for Children in Need this year, from selling Pudsey Bear biscuits and donations received for our non-uniform day.

Thank you to everyone that donated and spent time making and selling the biscuits.



Year 11 Students Excel in DofE Bronze Expedition

In October, 12 Year 11 students took up the difficult challenge of completing the Expedition Section of their D of E Bronze Award.

They all did extremely well in cool damp conditions, walking for six hours each day with an overnight camp on the school Kitchen Garden. The students displayed amazing teamwork and resilience as well as used all the other skills they had learnt during their training.

Well done to all involved!



Physical Education Trip

13 students competed recently in The Inspire Together Athletics against 9 other schools. There were 6 different events for them to participate in, hi-stepper, standing long jump, chest push throw, target throw, speed bounce and soft javelin. All our students demonstrated great perseverance and team spirit through out the day.

A number of students also won individual badges:

Bronze- Ellis, Fin and Troy

Silver- Kellam and Liam

Maplewell came 1st overall and have now qualified to the finals next month.



Meadow Barn View Shares Re-Mind Programme with Post 16 Students at Maplewell

This month we were delighted to welcome Alison and Jess from Meadow Barn View to our Post 16 site. They introduced us to their incredible Re-Mind Programme, designed for individuals aged 18 and over with learning disabilities who want to explore new skills in horticulture or cooking.

The Re-Mind Programme offers two exciting course options:

Horticulture Course:

Students learn to operate garden equipment safely, identify and care for plants, and practice sustainability within a work environment. The course covers health and safety, garden maintenance, weeding, pruning, pest management, customer service, and cash handling. Alongside these practical skills, participants gain confidence working as part of a team.

Hospitality Course (6 weeks):

This course focuses on food and kitchen hygiene, health and safety, food preparation and presentation, customer care, front-of-house service, and cash handling. It provides valuable experience to help students develop teamwork and customer service skills.

Both courses are packed with practical learning opportunities to support students in finding employment or volunteering roles. For those on the cookery course, there's even a chance to gain work experience in Meadow Barn View's working café!

We're so grateful to Alison and Jess for sharing this inspiring opportunity with our students. If you'd like to learn more about the Re-Mind Programme, please let me know.

carmenblades@maplewell.leics.sch.uk

The café is open to the public Monday –Thursday 8.30am – 5.00pm and Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm so why not go up and have a look for yourself:

Meadow Barn View
368 Church Lane
Coalville
LE67 5DL



Meadow Barn View



9AR Christmas Enterprise

9AR have working hard crafting glittery reindeer dust as part of their Enterprise project. Each bag is available for just 50p. Check out the poster for more details!



Maplewell CAN Enterprise

Maple Crafts, this years Young Enterprise group, have been busy working to produce Christmas gifts in their workshop at Coalville CAN.

We have fillable/refillable Advent Calendars at £20.00. Please contact j.booth@maplewell.leics.sch.uk asap if you would like an Advent Calendar, almost in time for Advent! Payments to be sent FAO Jacqui Booth at Post 16 prior to order, all orders will be sent home with your student. We only have a few so get your orders in quickly!

Secondly we have been making Wooden Reindeer from reclaimed wood, including old broom handles and twigs from our very own school grounds! As with the Advent Calendars, these are limited edition and will be available to purchase for £30.

Also available are Christmas Trees and Festive Candles made from upcycling books into available to you for £5.

And finally we have Melting Snowmen, Paper Angels, Christmas Cards, Gingerbread Kits (including a recipe card, hand printed apron, cutters, spoon and rolling pin), and hand printed wrapping paper.

We hope to see you at the school fair on 7th December, where we'll have a stall full of Christmas gifts. Any remaining stock will be available from the Post 16 Reception.

Many thanks & Merry Christmas

Jacqui B, Deb and all at Maple Crafts, the 2024 Young Enterprise Team



Post 16 FoodWise Group

The Post 16 student FoodWise group received a challenge to complete. They were requested to make a dish and see how they could economise on the ingredients in the recipe. They students worked in small groups making some incredible dishes which were shared for lunch!

Their menu was;

Spaghetti Bolognese with homemade pasta and homemade garlic bread.

Sweet and sour pork with egg fried rice and vegetable noodles.

Marinated chicken burgers in homemade buns with homemade coleslaw and macaroni cheese.

Mediterranean fish stew with homemade garlic bread.

They came up with some great economising skills as well as fantasit food.



Developing Literacy Skills at Maplewell

We know that developing literacy skills is essential in order for our students to be successful at Maplewell and in their lives outside of school. It can be difficult to know how to support them with developing these skills at home, so to support with this, [here is a link to our monthly literacy newsletter](#). Once a month we will share what students have been focusing on in reading time, as well as suggestions for things you can do together at home.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact me via email:
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Mrs Durrands
Head of English

Sparx Leaderboard

Sparx Reader		Sparx Maths	
1	Chloe C	1	Cameron W
2	Grace H	2	Danyal M
3	Max H	3	Aaron F
4	Colton B	4	Alfie S
5	Summer W	5	Izzy S
6	Amy W	6	Samuel E
7	Amelie B	7	Ruby-Rose R
8	Fergus F	8	Dollie G
9	Shumasia A	9	Gregory G
10	Natasha L-G	10	Shya N

News & Information



MERRY SPARX READER

Christmas

THIS DECEMBER, WE HAVE PRIZES AND SUPRISES IN STORE FOR YOU...TO ENTER ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS READ!

The more Sparx Reader points you have, the higher your chance of winning!



MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 7TH
DECEMBER 2024
11AM - 3PM

SANTA'S GROTTTO, STALLS,
CAKES AND MORE!

MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL




Coffee Morning
Post 16
All Parents/Carers
Welcome!



When: Thursday 12th Dec
Where: Maplewell post 16
Time: 9.30-10.45am

Lots of supportive information, meet new parents, share ideas.
Tea/Coffee/mince pies & light refreshments

Please contact Paula/Deb/Helen if you have any queries
01509-891906 or 01509 890237
We all look forward to seeing you

Maplewell In the Snow 2024



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024
School Closes - Friday 20th December
School Reopens - Monday 6th January 2025

Key Dates

Christmas Fair - Saturday 7th December
Christmas Jumper Day - 12th December
Year 11 Mock Exams - Monday 2nd December -
Friday 6th December
KS3 Christmas Dinner - Tuesday 10th December
KS4/Post 16 Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 11th Decembr