

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This term there are a number of events that happen beyond the everyday curriculum; we have trips and visits outside of school; sporting competitions and yesterday our fabulous choir went and spent the afternoon with residents at Quince Court. It is really important that we take advantage of these opportunities as they teach the children the broader values as well as giving them the opportunity to role model their behaviour for others. Teaching the Values is key and each month we have a different focus - these are all at the top of the newsletter; the pupils know what these values look like and how to demonstrate them as well as the importance of adhering to them in different situations. It is always good to hear when a group or class return from a trip how they have been praised and it has been noticed by others that their behaviour and manners are good.

There have already been a large number of events that we have participated in this academic year, some with parents involved and some where the children take part. This list includes activities such as the Sandy Remembrance Parade, Christmas Light Switch On, Christmas Tree Festival, the Mayor's Carol Service, Sandy Carnival, choir trips as well as Open Afternoon, Carols on the Playground, Christmas and Easter assemblies, Proms in the Playground etc; so far this year, with parents attending events we have welcomed over 500 of you into school. And there is still more to come! We have groups of children taking part in sporting events this term, we have class trips to various locations, our Year 6 residential trip to PGL, Sports Days, a further open afternoon and other opportunities for the children to take part in things beyond the classroom. I am sure there will be updates on these in future newsletters so please look out for those.

Our youngest children spent time in Mulberries earlier this week celebrating St George's Day when they made flags and iced biscuits. It was a great opportunity for the children to recognise our traditional saints day and am sure will be some of the things they remember in years to come.



I hope you all have a good weekend.

Choir Trip to Quince Court

Yesterday the choir took a trip to Quince Court to visit the residents and sing the four songs that they have been practicing since the new year. They sang beautifully and with confidence and gusto.

The audience members were enthusiastic, clapped keenly and some happy tears were shed too. As a thank you surprise they put on a table of treats for the singers and these were devoured. The choir demonstrated excellent Maple Tree values and took the time to go and catch up with the residents. Everyone had a wonderful time and we look forward to going again in the future.



History at Maple Tree

At Maple Tree we provide a high-quality history education which helps pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. I have spent time talking to the children to discover what they have enjoyed the most this in their history learning, and what they are looking forward to finding out next.

History in **Reception** falls under Understanding the World in the Development Matters document. Specific statements that link to history are to comment on

In **Year 1** they have been talking all about the different explorers that they will be learning about to see if they already have knowledge. The explorers are Christopher Columbus, Mary Kingsley and Dame Ellen MacArthur.

"An explorer is when they go to places that are new to some people, I'm excited to learn more about it"
Matthew

Year 2 are beginning to learn all about the monarchy and what role they play. They have been enthused to discuss King Charles III and have had a surprising amount of knowledge about

"King Charles III is head of the armed forces, it is interesting to learn about his jobs"
Callum

"The Roman's invaded Britain because they wanted their household items and their valuables"
Moni

In **Year 3** they have been finding out about the Roman's invasion of Britain and the reasons behind this. They have looked at the chronology and have

"We have learned about the Anglo-Saxons and how they settled, and made their

In **Year 4** they are discovering when and why the Anglo-Saxons come to Britain. They are identifying where the Vikings came from and are using chronology to order events.

When was the event?	Who created the event?	The year that the event happened
Henry VIII by King Henry VIII	King Henry VIII	1509
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Year 5 have learned about the Tudor family tree and how the Tudor period began. They have looked at primary sources of evidence and the children have had to discuss whether King Henry V was a tyrant or a fair ruler.

The children in **Year 6** have been thinking about the significance of the people featured on bank notes. They have been discussing the contributions that the people have made in history and why they were selected.

"We have looked at the dates linked to the people on the bank notes and examined the signatures. We discussed why they were chosen"
Paige

Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for... **...showing perseverance**



Fir: ★ Sebastian	Yew: Sophie	Aspen: Bella ★
Rowan: Bodie Emma ★	Poplar: Abigail	Juniper: Luke ★
Sycamore: ★ Archie	Elder: ★ Gia	Well done to you all!

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 6th May** Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 8th May** Class photos
- Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May** Year 6 SATs
- Thursday 16th May** – Summer census day
- Friday 17th May** FoMT Break the rules day
- Friday 24th May** – Last day of half term
- Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th June** Year 6 PGL Trip
- Friday 14th June** FoMT Father's day gift shop
- Saturday 15th June** –Sandy Carnival and Parade
- Thursday 27th June** Year 6 transition day to Sandy Secondary School
- Thursday 4th July** Sports day (Reception-Year 6)
- Friday 5th July** Pre-school sports day
- Friday 5th July** FoMT summer fete
- Friday 12th July** Open afternoon and Proms in the Playground
- Friday 19th July** Last day of school year.

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

Attendance Awards

Week beginning 22nd April 2024

The best attendance award is presented to:

Poplar class!

Mulberries 92%	Fir (YR) 93%
Yew (Y1) 95%	Aspen (Y2) 95%
Rowan (Y3) 96%	Poplar (Y4) 97%
Juniper (Y5) 93%	Elder (Y6) 93%
Sycamore (Y6) 94%	Our target is 97%

Parents' guide:

Gaming advice to support Pre-school children

internet
matters.org



What to think about:



Research what games are available

Online gaming is increasingly popular with younger children so it's important to do a bit of research around the types of **age-appropriate games** that are available for your child.



Know your PEGI ratings

Learn more about what ratings mean to make the right choices on suitable games for your child to play and avoid games that involve playing with others online.



Review the cost of in-game purchases

With more and more 'free-to-play' games available featuring in-game purchases, **it's important to see what additional cost may be involved** to avoid getting caught out with a big bill. Setting controls to restrict in-app purchases can help as a tech solution.



Mix and match types of games

Keep them engaged and learning by giving younger children a varied diet of educational games that teach them basic maths to more fun games that feature their favourite TV characters. This can help them to develop their problem-solving skills and creativity.

ICKWELL FAYRE, SANDY
CARNIVAL & OUR OWN
SUMMER FAYRE



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