

MAPS Newsletter

January 2019

Well done to our Year 4 pupils who took part in a **DRET**
netball masterclass with England netball star Natalie



Panagary who also captains the Loughborough Lightnings. They worked hard all day on their skills and then played in a tournament against other Year 6 pupils. Suffering from a height disadvantage they more than made up with it with their effort. They came out undefeated and did really well. Great effort.



Greek Wow Day in Year 3: well done to all of Year 3 and especially their teachers, who had a Greek day in school. They came dressed up and had all sorts of Greek food, and wrote in the Greek alphabet as well as other activities. Judging by their faces they had a superb day. Well done!





Please do ask your children about the **Inter House Singing Competition**. They have to learn two songs so any help you can give to them to learn these songs would be a great help, be it as singing along with them or just being the audience!

We will be hosting the competition on the final day of term in our end of term assembly to be held in the MAA theatre. (15 February 2.15pm tbc)

Please can parents be aware that our **staff car park** is just that - it is not intended for parents to park up there in the mornings or afternoons. The car park is generally full now that our staff is growing, and there is ample parking in the main car park or on the road, although we would encourage as many of you as possible to walk if at all possible. If you have a disability sticker then by all means please do use our disabled spaces which are reserved for disabled drivers only. All of this is topical because we have had parents coming in, driving way too fast, and almost hitting children. We would much rather put in preventative measures, than deal with the aftermath of a nasty accident. Many thanks.



Film Night Friends of MAPS are hosting a film night on Wednesday February 6th - it will run directly after school (3.30) and run until 5.30pm. If you would like your son or daughter to attend and watch the film and have film night treats (hot dogs, popcorn, drinks) then please see the Friends of MAPS team who will be selling tickets, in the school reception area, at the end of the day today and also at drop off and pick up times on Monday. Please note that these tickets are NOT available to purchase from the school office Prices are **£3.50 per pupil**.

Well done to our pupils who took part in the **hotshot competition** (kicking a ball into the goal and measuring the speed). Our overall winner in Year 4 was Daniel who recorded 44 mph, and Kyron in Year 3 who recorded 32 mph. Well



done to Ariadna in Yr3 and Kaja in Yr4 who also did particularly well in their year group.



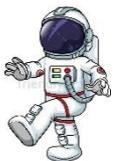
Candlemas - Friday 1st February

Leopards represented our school brilliantly at the Northamptonshire Church Schools Candlemas service today at St Matthews Church. They sang their hearts out and our readers did a great job too.

Enrichment Day: in a new initiative, we are holding an Enrichment Day when the school goes off normal timetable and does some exciting activities - these may be on site or off site. We are holding our first on **February 14th** and the following Year Groups have this in store:

Reception: A Kings and Queens day - dressing up a 'must'!

Year 1&2 are combining for a 'Gratitude Day' being thankful to those who help us and are joining forces hopefully with the Fire Services, Police and St Johns Ambulance crews



Year 3 are off to the fantastic Think Tank centre for a day of stimulation.

Year 4 are off to the Space Centre in Leicester.

Netball Tournament: Seven Year four children competed in a High 5 tournament this week at Malcolm Arnold School. The children worked really well as a team and persevered against several other teams that were 2 years above them! The children managed to come third with some matches being very close. Their determination and enthusiasm throughout the tournament was recognised by other schools. The children should be very proud of themselves and I know they will continue to train hard for the upcoming matches!

Well done to all involved!



Chess Competition: The inaugural Malcolm Arnold Prep School Delancey Chess Challenge is now into its third week of competition and the children have responded brilliantly to the intensity of tournament play.



Several young players have made fine starts and Milo, Elliott, Iga and Scarlett, from Year 2, should all be really pleased with themselves. Equally successful in early rounds have been Dylan from Year 4 and Thomas from Year 3. However, there are just 3 players with perfect records so far. David, Jamie and Ariadna who have won all three games played and lead the way with 9 points.

The next four rounds will take place during Terms 3 and 4, with all successful players receiving an invite to a local megafinal.

Delancey Chess Challenge: Spring 2019						
Position	Name	Year	Wins	Draws	Loses	Points
1	Ariadna	3	3	0	0	9
1	David	4	3	0	0	9
1	Jaemie	4	3	0	0	9
2	Dylan	4	2	1	0	8
2	Scarlett	2	2	1	0	8
2	Thomas	3	2	1	0	8
3	Alfie	4	2	0	1	7
3	Elliott	2	2	0	1	7
3	Iga	2	2	0	1	7
3	Micah	4	2	0	1	7
3	Milo	2	2	0	1	7
3	Oliver	3	2	0	1	7



Numbers Day - Friday 1st February

We have been celebrating Numbers Day in school and many of the children (and staff) dressed up in digits. Thank you for the donations of which we have raised £222. We will be donating half of this to NSPCC and the other half will go towards our Inspiration Fund.

In school, we have been busy completing numbers activities and we wrote a MAPs story of 1 to 10 which we celebrated in worship.

Ask your child to share their numbers day story and activities with you at home.

Outward Bound learning for life:

Just so parents are aware and can budget accordingly we are putting in place a cycle of outward bound opportunities for our older pupils. The format will run roughly along these lines each year going forwards. All trips need to be self-financing, hence the advance warning to all parents. These costs will include transport and all meals.

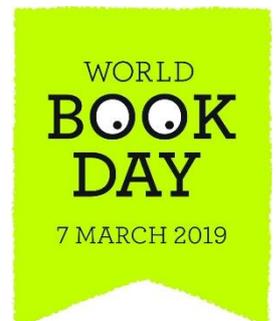
End of Yr 3/ Start of Yr 4		1 night away at the DRET farm	Approx £40
Year 5	May?	2 Nights away with an academic theme	Approx £180
Year 6	July	3/4 nights away with outward bound theme	Approx £400

MAPS book club

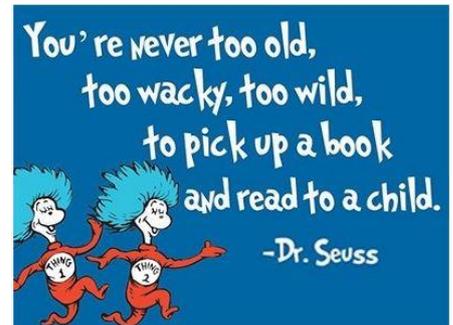
This term, our book club members have met in the library after school every Thursday and have had a great time sharing their favourite books, giving each other recommendations and have even set up a book swapping service! They would love more people to get involved with book swapping - more details will follow on the run up to World Book Day on 7th March.



We have had a delivery of lots of non-fiction books for the library and there was a real buzz of excitement as we unpacked some of the boxes and started putting them out on the shelves. Do you like Minecraft, cooking or sport? We have books to suit everyone! Keep your eye on the library shelves to see the new books arriving every week.



Did you know that 99% of pupils at MAPS said that they enjoy listening to an adult reading a story? We read as often as we can in school and LOVE to hear about the stories you've been reading at home. Just sharing a book with your child for as little as ten minutes a day can have an enormous impact on their learning, so pick up a book today!



Dates to note down:

1.00 7 February Northampton DRET X Country meet at Kings Heath

2.30-3.30 12 February Year 3 Poetry Recital in the Hall

2pm 15 February - end of term celebration in MAA theatre + Inter House Singing

3.30 15 February - End of Term

8.30am Monday 25th February - Term 4 starts