



MALCOLM ARNOLD
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 3, Edition 22 Week Ending 29th March 2018

Dear Parents,

And so another busy and purposeful term draws to a close! The pupils have done really well to maintain their focus and drive right to the end. There is no better example of this than the performance of so many of our pupils at the Royal and Derngate at the DRET Music Festival. We had Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 pupils there singing their hearts out! Not only did it look great fun but the sounds the MAPS pupils made was clear for all to hear – it really was impressive. However, I was equally as impressed by their ability to concentrate and focus for so long. They not only sounded great but they looked great and behaved brilliantly. These are all fantastic lessons for life and it is really satisfying to see them start to master them at such a young age. Next term the pace does not decrease.

We have the Daily Mile starting on day 1. On day 2 we have swimming lessons for Year 3 starting, and of course we also have our extended enrichment programme starting for all pupils to attend. There is a wealth of different opportunities there for pupils to pick from, and all the DRET opportunities are free of charge. All we ask is that you respect your commitment to the club and make sure you attend each week it runs.

I hope the new calendar that you received in each pupils' book bag is a positive initiative and that it gives you an overview of what is to come. We expect a lot of our pupils, so please make the most of the holidays to not only relax, but also keep the maths and reading going – a little now and then really does make a huge difference and allows the pupils to hit the ground running at the start of next term.

Have a lovely Easter and a great break, and we all look forward to seeing you for the summer terms.

Simon Northcott

Parental Engagement: What a lovely end to this term, we had a spring concert, the DRET Music Festival and an Easter Celebration Worship. Once again, we would like to thank the parents for their continued support at these events. I am sure you all feel really proud when you see your child perform in front of an audience – I know we do!

The DRET Musical Festival held last night at the Royal & Derngate Theatre was a huge success! We are so proud of our year 3 and choir children for their exceptional behaviour and outstanding singing. For the last 2 terms we have been learning a repertoire of songs for the event and the children have taken on this task with enthusiasm and determination and it certainly paid off. Performing in front of a large audience, learning these pieces and being led by a professional and very charismatic conductor was an experience of a lifetime for our children. We could not have achieved this without the support of the DRET music department and MAPS staff! The event ran smoothly and very professionally and we would like to thank Mr Simon Toyne and his team for putting this event together. Thank you too, to all the parents and families that supported us and I hope that you enjoyed watching the children as much as they enjoyed performing for you.

Dates for your
diary

Monday 16th April

- Term 5 Starts
8.30am

Tuesday 17th April

- Year 3 Swimming
starts (pm)

Wednesday 18th April

- School Nurse -
Reception

Thursday 19th April

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Friday 20th April

Saturday 21st April

- FOM Car Boot Sale

Monday 23rd April

Tuesday 24th April

Wednesday 25th April

Thursday 26th April

Friday 27th April

- Theatre group in
school

Coming Up:

18th May - FOM Quiz Night
Our Christian Virtues



The Friends of MAPS: held a cake sale yesterday to raise money for the school, thanks to Year 1 for donating the cakes this time. The next FoM event will be the car boot sale on Saturday 21st April. If you would like to book a pitch, please pop into the office and complete a form.

World Downs Syndrome Day on the 21st March 2018: Thank you to everyone who sent their child/ren into school wearing brightly coloured socks. We raised £180 for the charity Ups n Downs.

Parents Evenings: Thank you to all parents who attend parents evening over the past 2 weeks. If you missed this opportunity and would like a discussion with the class teacher, please contact the teachers directly to make an appointment.

Book Fair: This week, we have had the travelling book fair in school. This was a great opportunity for children and parents to have a look at a selection of books, purchase books and support the school. For every sale, the school is given 40% of the takings to put towards books for our ever expanding library. Thank you to Mrs Brown for organising this.

FoM Easter Egg Winners: Congratulations to Sol, Oskars and James and in Year 1. Lucas, Kyron, Adelina and Daisy in Year 2, Scarlett, Freddie, Libby and Luke in Reception. Annabelle, Kaja, Haolin and Luca in Year 3. We had lots of entries – thank you to the children for showing off their artistic talent!

CLUBS: the information for upcoming clubs was sent out yesterday. Please have a look through and email clubs@malcolmarnoldprep.co.uk to book on, stating the name of the child, their class and which club they would like to attend. Places will be given on a first come, first served basis.

ESCO Holiday Clubs: a reminder that we are hosting these at MAPS during the first week of Easter. These clubs are highly subsidised and are only £13 per day. If you would like further information please visit www.northamptonesco.co.uk or see the information sent last week.

Warmer Weather: As we are entering the summer term, I would like to remind parents to apply 24 hour sun cream in the morning if we are due hot weather. Also, please ensure your child has a hat (clearly named) for sunnier days, we have very limited shaded areas on the playground.

Parking: Please can I ask parents/carers to refrain from parking inappropriately at the end of the school day. This includes not parking over the entrance to the school, not stopping and leaving your car to 'quickly pop in' or parking on the grassed area in the main MAA car park. If an emergency vehicle cannot pass easily then you should not park. During the Easter holidays, there will be double yellow lines and a boxed area painted on the roads on the campus, the rules are the same as any road markings – you must not park. Help us keep your children safe.

Smoking / E-Cigarettes: Please note, the campus is a Non-Smoking site. This includes e-cigarettes. Please ensure all cigarettes are extinguished before entering the campus and e-cigarettes are away.



Attendance (2 weeks)

Reception: 99%
Robins: 99.2%
Sparrows: 98.8%

Year 1: 98.4%
Hedgehogs: 97.6%
Squirrels: 99.2%

Year 2: 96.3%
Foxes: 96.9%
Badgers: 95.7%

Year 3: 96.8%
Lions: 94.6%
Tigers: 98.9%

**Whole School
Attendance:**

97.6%

**Year to Date
Attendance:**

97.2%

Attendance Winners:

RECEPTION : 99%

This week in Pictures: DRET Music Festival:

