



Reaching for the moon

MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 1, Edition 3. Week ending 5th October 2018



Well done to the Year 4 football team who had their first fixture against Cedar Road yesterday evening. They played well and came out roughly even with Cedar Road. There is lots to work on in terms of team spirit and harnessing the talent we clearly have, and so we look forward to better performances in the future.

I was asked if girls could wear tailored grey trousers as uniform to school. This is something that is possible but my own personal view is that the MAPS uniform looks really smart when worn as intended. It is distinctive and shows the pupils off really well. This view is also held by pupils in all the surveys we conduct in school – they are really proud of their uniform, and also from conversations that staff have had with parents, who equally like it and appreciate it. So while it is a right for girls to be able to wear tailored grey trousers, I hope that we would keep our specific identity and uniform intact as much as possible. As the temperature drops girls may wish to wear tights, as they have done in the past, to ensure they stay warm.

Dogs: we have had more issues regarding dogs on site. As a country boy at heart I am sympathetic to those who have dogs and want to walk them to the school. However I also have a duty of care to the pupils here – some of who still seem to be approaching dogs without permission and the knowledge of their parents. To minimise this risk but still allow dogs, we will now operate a system where all dogs must be leashed in the area in between the two entry gates. This is a quieter area, away from the flow of children, and therefore reduces the risk of any potential accidents. Please can all dog owners take note of this and action this with immediate effect.

Forthcoming events:

Tuesday next week sees our school photographs taking place – so please ensure that your children are extra smart with neat haircuts (the weekend would be a good opportunity).

We also have our first parent's evenings coming up – your first chance to touch base with your children's class teachers to check all has got off to a smooth start. Please book on line via the parents evening booking system. You can access this through the MyEd app or visit

<https://malcolmarnoldprep.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Finally, we have our Friends of MAPS disco's coming up on 18th October. Please book your place if your child wishes to attend. You should find a flyer in your bookbag.

Have a lovely weekend! Simon

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Important Dates

Mon 8th October

- Choir Club (Y3-4)
- Soccer (Y1-2)
- Chess Club

Tuesday 9th October

- Yoga (Y1-4)
- Rugby (Y2-4)
- School Photographs taking place

Wednesday 10th October

- Gymnastics club (Y1-4)
- Open Events for Reception 2019 - 9am and 6pm

Thursday 11th October

- Squad Soccer
- Parents Evening

Friday 12th October

Monday 15th October

- Choir Club (Y3-4)
- Soccer (Y1-2)
- Chess Club

Tuesday 16th October

- Yoga (Y1-4)
- Rugby (Y2-4)

Wednesday 17th October

- Gymnastics club (Y1-4)

Thursday 18th October

- Squad Soccer (Y3-4)
- Shakespeare Club
- FOM Discos

Friday 19th October

End of Term

Camping: Year 4, Panthers braved the chilly weather last week to go camping. They had a great time, making egg bread and visiting the DRET farm. Not so great when a tent collapsed in the middle of the night!



House captains: A huge congratulations to Bianca, Oliver B, Princess and Roxanne for being selected for the role of House Captains.

School Councillors: This year's school councillors are Sarenur and Amos for Year 1, Iga and Myron in Year 2, Kyron and Willow M in Year 3 and Mia-Louise and Emily in Year 4. Congratulations!

Harvest: We will be collection donations of non-perishable food items for this year's harvest. Please can all donations be bought into school next week, ready for Receptions Harvest Festival on Thursday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Open Events: Are you aware of any nursery aged children who are due to start school next September? Please inform them about our upcoming open events on Wednesday 10th October 9am and 6pm or 1st November at 9am. The more the merrier!

Shakespeare Festival – Year 4: Please book your tickets online at <https://www.royalndderngate.co.uk/whats-on/ssf-2018/>



Gruffalo: I am sure your children have told you about our exciting new reading area outside the Year 1 classrooms. The children love coming to read in our new Gruffalo themed area.



Macmillan Coffee Morning: This year's coffee morning raised a fantastic £165.76 Thank you to everyone who donated and/or purchased cakes for this very important cause.

Attendance: Currently our year to date attendance stands at 98.1%. Keep it up!

★ Stars of the Session ★

Reception		
	Lawson - for his positive attitude	Agnes - for her super handwriting and presentation
Year 1		
	Ilia - for being an excellent role model	Ola - for her independent reading and being kind
Year 2		
	Israel for trying really hard	Mihaela for her consistent effort to improve her work
Year 3		
	Fadhil - working hard in extra hard in maths and tackling some tricky concepts	Ki-Anne - for clear explaining in science lessons
Year 4		
	Alfie for his helpful 'can do' attitude when camping	Russell for his independent work especially in maths

Well done to all of you for your vast efforts over the last 2 weeks.

Put in that extra effort and perhaps you could be the next star of the session?