



MAPLE HAVEN NEWSLETTER




Beach Week with The Llewellyn School.



This year marked an exciting milestone for Maple Haven as we proudly joined The Llewellyn School for our very first Beach Week—and what an unforgettable adventure it turned out to be!

For a week, our classrooms were swapped for the great outdoors as we spent our days exploring the beautiful coastlines of Minnis Bay. Every day was packed with new experiences, laughter, learning, and plenty of opportunities for our pupils to build confidence while connecting with nature.

One of the biggest highlights was crabbing. For many of our pupils, this was a completely new experience. At first, there were a few nervous faces and some hesitation about getting close to the crabs.

However, with encouragement from staff and watching their friends have a go, those nerves quickly turned into excitement.

Before long, everyone was eagerly peering into buckets, proudly showing off their catches and

sharing huge smiles. It was wonderful watching their confidence grow throughout the activity.

Of course, no Beach Week would be complete without a memorable moment from our staff! Our fantastic team member, Gem, was so enthusiastic about crabbing that she even climbed (fell) into the water to swim alongside the crabs, much to the delight and amusement of the children. It certainly became one of the week's most talked-about moments!

Throughout the week, our pupils enjoyed a fantastic variety of activities including promenade art, beach scavenger hunts, music in the dip, a traditional Punch & Judy show, sports activities, and, of course, well-deserved ice creams in the sunshine.

Every activity offered opportunities for creativity, teamwork, communication and, most importantly, fun.

Towards the end of the week, we visited Betteshanger Country Park in Deal, where the children spent several magical hours immersed in nature. They explored the woodland, built dens, discovered hidden pathways, and thoroughly enjoyed getting muddy in the mud kitchen. Watching their imaginations come to life was truly inspiring.

The experience at Betteshanger was particularly special. Staff were amazed by the children's engagement, curiosity and communication throughout the visit. Many pupils who can sometimes find it difficult to express themselves were eager to share their discoveries, work collaboratively with friends and communicate confidently with adults. Their enthusiasm and positive interactions exceeded all expectations and demonstrated just how powerful outdoor learning can be.



ACORN CLASS



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Class Reading Books

This term, our children have enjoyed sharing the stories *The Rainbow Fish*, *Sharing a Shell*, and *The Snail and the Whale*. Through these engaging class books, they have been developing their listening and comprehension skills while learning to recognise key characters and sequence events in each story. The children have thoroughly enjoyed retelling the stories and building their confidence as early readers.

Our Beach Week was a fantastic success, filled with exciting activities and lots of smiles! Pupils enjoyed exploring the shoreline while crabbing, creating colourful chalk art, and taking part in Music in the Dip, where everyone had fun singing and making music together. The scavenger hunt encouraged teamwork and keen observation as children searched for a variety of beach treasures.

Back at school, everyone was entertained by a traditional Punch and Judy show, full of laughter and excitement. To round off a wonderful week, the ice cream van paid us a special visit, giving everyone a delicious treat to celebrate an unforgettable Beach Week.

Our **Maths Magicians** have been continuing to build their confidence in recognising and counting numbers 1–5 while consolidating their understanding of numbers 6–10. Using fun beach-themed resources and lively number songs, the children have enjoyed practising their counting skills through engaging, hands-on activities that make learning both meaningful and enjoyable.



BONSAI CLASS



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Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Rhain for being our Superhero of the Term! He has worked incredibly hard, made fantastic progress and formed strong, positive friendships throughout the term. We are very proud of him!

WHAT WE LEARNT



Maths

In Maths, we practised counting to 20 and explored different shapes, including finding shapes in our classroom and the wider environment.



Literacy

In Literacy, we focused on developing our reading skills and practised recognising and writing our own names.

Phonics!



Beach Week!



During Beach Week, the children enjoyed a lovely trip to the beach. They explored the seaside, played games together and spent time taking in the sights and sounds around them. One of the highlights was having a go at crabbing, where everyone showed lots of curiosity, patience and excitement. The children enjoyed looking closely at the crabs they caught, noticing their different features and movements, before carefully returning them safely to the water.

The children had a brilliant time taking part in Sports Day, showing great effort, teamwork and encouragement towards their friends. They also enjoyed exploring and learning outdoors during Forest School. Another highlight was a fantastic Punch and Judy puppet show, which kept everyone entertained and brought lots of smiles and laughter.



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WHAT WE LEARNT

Learning through play

During our Learning Through Play sessions, we have created engaging Numeracy, Literacy and Sensory areas for the children to explore. It has been wonderful to see them independently enjoying phonics-themed tuff spots, magnetic tiles, electronic alphabet toys, and size-ordering activities while developing their confidence and curiosity through play.

Sensory Regulation

The classroom continues to support children in exploring their senses and developing self-regulation. We have recently introduced a hammock and a stretchy hug box, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

We have also added more messy play activities, including gloop, slime and chia seeds, encouraging the children to explore and develop their tactile senses.



Our Topic!



Developing Engagement

The children had a fantastic time taking part in Sports Day, showing great determination, teamwork and encouragement towards one another. They also loved exploring and learning outdoors during Forest School. Another highlight was the exciting Punch and Judy puppet show, which had everyone smiling, laughing and thoroughly entertained.

This term our topic has been By the Sea. The children have enjoyed listening to and watching video stories about the beach and underwater sea creatures. These included beach vocabulary videos and rainbow fish.

The children have also enjoyed exploring messy play with sea creatures frozen in ice and developing their fine motor skills using kinetic sand tools.

Beach week was amazing. The children loved exploring the sand, sea and rock pools.



FUNDRAISERS



We had two amazing fundraisers this term raising money for Louie's Helping Hands.

A Huge Thank You to Kyle McNeill!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Kyle McNeill for taking on the incredible challenge of the Brighton Marathon in support of Louie's Helping Hands. Kyle completed the full 26.2-mile marathon with determination and dedication, raising an outstanding £1,770 for our charity. His generosity, commitment, and hard work will make a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful for his support.

Thank you, Kyle, for inspiring our school community and helping us continue to support children and families through Louie's Helping Hands. Congratulations on such an amazing achievement!



A huge thank you to Aaron Lowery for taking on the epic Chase the Sun cycling challenge in support of Louie's Helping Hands. Aaron pedalled an incredible 205 miles across the country, that's a lot of time in the saddle! His determination, endurance, and fantastic sense of adventure helped him raise an amazing £2,640 for our charity.

We are so grateful for Aaron's support and generosity. Every mile he cycled and every pound he raised will help make a real difference. Congratulations on an incredible achievement, Aaron, and thank you for going the extra mile (or 205 of them!) for Louie's Helping Hands!



Our fantastic staff from Llewellyn and Maple Haven certainly know how to have fun while fundraising! They came together for a brilliant karaoke night, raising an amazing £500.01 for Louie's Helping Hands.

We also welcomed our local community to a fun-filled quiz night, which raised a further £463.00. A huge thank you to everyone who sang, quizzed, donated, and supported these wonderful events, every penny raised will help make a real difference!





HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM THE MANAGERS & ALL THE
STAFF AT MAPLE HAVEN SCHOOL,
WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL
SUMMER HOLIDAY & WE ALL LOOK
FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU ALL IN SEPTEMBER

