



Great Massingham CE Primary School  
Living, Learning & Flourishing

## WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week. The Federation Day was brilliant; we loved seeing new friendships develop across the schools and the children made us very proud. The first hand experiences the children received throughout the day perfectly complement our curriculum learning. It was a joy-filled day at both Great Massingham and Harpley (and the Juniors coped extremely well with the chilly temperatures). We thank the staff for the HUGE amount of effort they put into planning and delivering the Federation Day.

**We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Lings who kindly donated sports equipment (cricket sets and tennis rackets) to the school. You will be aware, school budgets are very tight and every little helps - we are very grateful, thank you.**

£275.50 has been donated for the Sponsored Read-a-Thon. Thank you! You can still add last minute donations by following the link below:

[https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor/R4G\\_SponsorPupilFindSchool1](https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor/R4G_SponsorPupilFindSchool1)

### MENU CHANGES

As you are likely aware, there is currently a national shortage of fresh salad items both in supermarkets and at wholesale. To avoid shortages and last-minute menu disruption, Norse have taken the decision to make some menu adjustments to the current menu to ensure all children still receive high-quality and nutritious school meals at lunch time. The below menu changes will come into effect from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**:

- **Packed lunch Menu** - replace Cucumber Sticks with Carrot Batons
- **Packed Lunch Menu Fridays** - Ham Salad Wrap will be Ham and Lettuce
- **Main Menu Week 2 Thursday** - Salad Sticks will be replaced with Baked Beans
- **Main Menu Week 3 Tuesday** - Mixed Salad will be replaced with Carrots and Peas

## Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

This week's learning highlights:

News from Infants (Reception, Y1 and Y2)

Federation Day with Reception

We had a marvellous federation day altogether. It was brilliant meeting new friends and welcoming them to our school. Bertie told us all: "I like saying welcome to Harpley friends" and we all agreed! Reception took a journey to India (we travelled back quickly in time for home time) where we sampled and made our own mango chutney, smelt Indian spices and tasted naan bread. We found out where India was in the world and discovered how long it would take to travel there by plane. We loved the Indian dancing too and continued to make the movements throughout the day during independent play. What a fantastic day.



We've had a really busy week but the highlight has to be the Federation Day on Wednesday with the children from Harpley. The children enjoyed taking part in a mock flight to India, making their own passports, fact finding, Bollywood dancing and making their own delicious Indian food. It has been really lovely to bring the two schools together and see the children all get along so well. Year 2 have written some wonderful persuasive letters to Mr Gumpy (based on Mr Gumpy's outing) and have become experts at recognising odd and even numbers. The children are continuing to make fantastic progress with their swimming and are growing in confidence every week.



The children finished their paintings in art and have begun to work on a (Y2) sewing and (YR & Y1) weaving project. Even though it is pretty challenging, the children are showing excellent perseverance! We look forward to exhibiting our work at the Fabulous Finale 😊.

## News from the Juniors (KS2 - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)

This week we had our Federation Day, the children had a great time at Harpley with the Juniors altogether. It was lovely to see them working effectively together in the different tasks and at break and lunchtime. The children embraced the tasks and even the cold weather and some snow did not put them off. They had a great time learning about Stone Age cooking and how this changed and they made flatbreads cooked on the open fire. The children practiced 'spear' throwing when they went 'hunting' and learned to be sneaky, to capture animals. They built shelters to protect them from a mammoth attack and the rain. They became Stone Age potters and created beautiful pinch pots inspired by prehistoric pottery techniques. The children had a wonderful day! We had lovely feedback and it was wonderful to see the children having so much fun with their learning. We look forward to the next Federation Day.

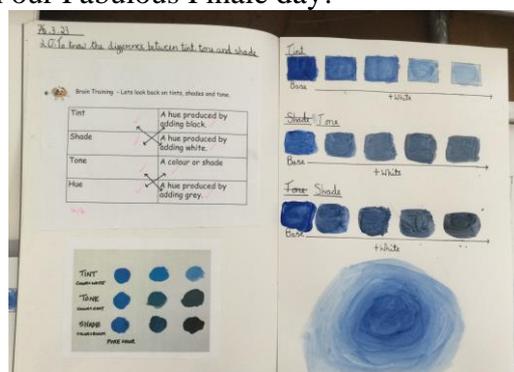


For Literacy this week, 3's and 4's have been working on extending their sentences effectively using adjectives and adverbs. They have also been making an effort to vary their openers with fronted adverbials. Well done Bethany for this fabulous sentence;

"Quickly, I stared at the beastly, monstrous, deadly creature as he stomped by me aggressively."

Children enjoyed consolidating their prior learning of multiplying two digits by one digit, using the place value counters to assist them with their grouping. Well done Jenson who completed all of his tasks independently!

KS2 worked hard during their Art sessions with Mrs Cross this week. Learning about tint, tone and shade and applying this to their work. Well done Year 6's who produced beautiful final sketches of their tools. Look out for these on our Fabulous Finale day!

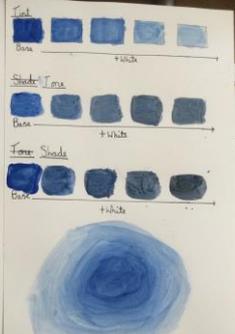
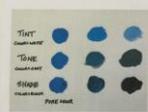


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2.3.21 To know the difference between tint, tone and shade.

Brain Training - Let's look back on tint, shade and tone.

Tint	A hue produced by adding black.
Shade	A hue produced by adding white.
Tone	A colour or shade.
Hue	A hue produced by adding grey.



## VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we explored faith. We learnt how Nicodemus, a Jewish pharisee, stood up for what he believed to be right once he developed faith in Jesus. We took time for deeper thinking and thought about 'big' questions we would like to ask. 'How did the world begin?' 'Why is the world here?' were a couple of questions the children asked and discussed.

We continue our Value for Life: FRIENDSHIP

Our 5 Core Values:



## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

**Year R & 1:** Rogan for always showing kindness.

**Year 2:** Elijah for being so kind and welcoming to our visitors from Harpley

**Years 3/4:** Bethany for fabulous attention to detail with her punctuation and spelling

**Years 5/6:** George for great work in his maths this week and good use of his problem solving skills.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning, with a Mothering Sunday theme, is being held in St Mary's Church on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am**. Please bring children along to make posies - flowers will be provided. All welcome.

### EASTER SERVICE

Parents, family and friends are warmly invited to attend our Easter Service on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 9-10am** in St Mary's Church.

If your child is in the Junior class, you are welcome to walk back to school with us after the service, have refreshments and then stay for the KS2 Fabulous Finale!

FABULOUS FINALES - families are invited to join their child's Fabulous Finale and celebrate the children's learning from the term.

Year Group	Title	Date & Time
Reception and Ladybirds	'Off on an Adventure'	<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> 2:15pm onwards
Butterflies and Year 2	'Join our Journey'	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> 2:15pm onwards
KS2	'A Moment in Time'	<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> 10.30-11.30am

## NON-UNIFORM DAY - FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH

You may be aware, the church clock is needing repair. As a Church of England school and a fabulous way to help our village, we've decided to do our bit and help kick start the fundraising!

For a kind donation of just £1 the children can come in non-uniform. (Please note, it is a PE day)

Many thanks for your support.

Jo

## REGULAR DATES

**Monday:** 1.00pm to 2.00pm Music with Estelle from the Music Service

**Tuesday:** 3.30pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons

**Thursday:** Infants are swimming this morning - please come to school in PE kit. Please make sure that your child brings their swimming kit: suitable swimwear (no bikinis please) and towel.

1.00pm onwards Stef Judd, piano and guitar lessons

**Friday:** PE (Juniors and Infants) with Rob from ICS Coaching - children to come to school in PE kit.

## SWIMMING

All Infants swim on Thursdays (23rd February to 30th March). Please ensure your child has appropriate swimwear (no bikinis) and a towel on these days. Thank you.

## CLUBS

Day	Club	Who	Time
Monday	Art	KS2 Juniors (Mrs Stephens)	3:20pm - 4:20pm
Tuesday	Mini Builders	Infants (Mrs Nash)	12:30pm - 1:00pm
Thursday	Yoga	Infants (Mrs Oake)	3:20pm - 4:20pm
	Book Club	Y5 & Y6 (Mrs Robson)	3:20 - 4:00pm
Friday	Football	All (Rob)	11:45am - 12:15pm
	Football	All (ICS Coaching)	3:20pm - 4:15pm

## ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is 96%

	Infants	Juniors	Overall
February	94.7%	96.5%	95.2%
January	94.6%	96.8%	95.9%
December	92.9%	95.2%	94.3%
November	97.8%	96.9%	97.3%

## Message from the PFA

Dates for the cake raffle

24<sup>th</sup> March

100 Club Winners

The winners of the February Draw 2023

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Mrs P Sillis

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Dot Ford

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Caroline Boyden

## BOOK WEEK CONTINUED...EXTREME READING CHALLENGE

Thank you for the lovely extreme reading photos you have been sending in. Do keep them coming!



## SEND Spotlight



### Making Sense of SEND FREE INFORMATION FAIR

 **Weds 29 March 2023**  **10am-12pm**  
 **Swaffham Community Centre**

**For parents and carers of children aged 0-25 with SEND. Information stands will include:**



**Optional talks to attend: "6 tips for supporting autistic people" and "an introduction to Kooth/Qwell"**



**Free refreshments will be provided, and you are welcome to stay for as long as you'd like.**

**For more info and to book your free place through Eventbrite, scan the QR code**

**SCAN ME**

Click the link below to find out more and book a free place

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/making-sense-of-send-205549>



The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun is a Norfolk County Council scheme delivered alongside our partners Active Norfolk with funding provided by the Department for Education. It helps your child to be more active, eat well and have fun.

The scheme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 in Norfolk. If your child is 4 years old but they are in school, they can take part.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Easter is now open for bookings. Activities run from 3 -17 April.

There will be a mix of paid for and free spaces. The free spaces are for children who are eligible for means-tested free school meals. Our [free school meals page](#) lists the benefits you need to receive to be eligible.

Follow the link to book:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/big-norfolk-holiday-fun>

Keep warm and have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team

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