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,

Well done to all our juniors for their water safety work. Pyjamas were a bit of a faff but we got there in the end. Next week is the final week of swimming for our juniors.

Please can we remind everyone that children's jewellery should be one pair of small studs which children are able to remove themselves (in the case of P.E.).

Break the rules day next Friday 13th February. Please check the flyer for this event so you know which rules can be broken. No jewellery or false nails for health and safety reasons please.

Value leaders
Our value leaders on both sites are working hard on small scale fundraising ideas to support the school. Some sales have already taken place at Great Massingham and Harpley children are preparing their ideas for after half term. The children have done an amazing job so far and been so organised.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 13th February – PFA 'Break the Rules' Day.
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Half term.
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day.

## REGULAR DATES

**Mondays:** Guitar lessons with Toby Rideout. To sign up please contact Toby via email toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk
**Tuesdays:** PE with Active Education – **All children to come to school in PE Kit.**
**Wednesdays:** Drum lessons with Tom Relihan. To sign up please contact Tom via email tomrelihan@gmx.com
**Thursdays:** Junior children swimming. **Please bring swimming kit in separate bag and name all items.** All children to come into school in PE kit,
**Fridays:** Afterschool Club, run by Active Education. https://activeeducation.info/

As we are now we are in the winter months please refer to the below link to see the NHS guidance on whether to send your child to school if they are unwell.

**https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/**

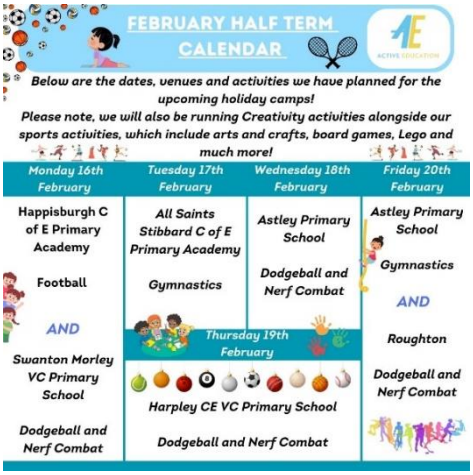
All absences must be reported to the school office, for each day of absence.

**ATENDANCE**

| **Our Attendance Target is 97%.** | | | |
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| **Attendance** | INFANTS | JUNIORS | OVERALL |
| **January** | 95% | 95% | 95% |

## Active Education Half Term Activity Days




**VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

This week in collective worship we have talked about self-respect and how important it is to like ourselves so we can love others. 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Mark 12:31 this is tricky if you don't have a positive view of yourself in the first place. Today we shared compliments about ourselves and others.

Our School Vision is: " I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8).

Our 5 Core Values:




Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Myhill and the Great Massingham team

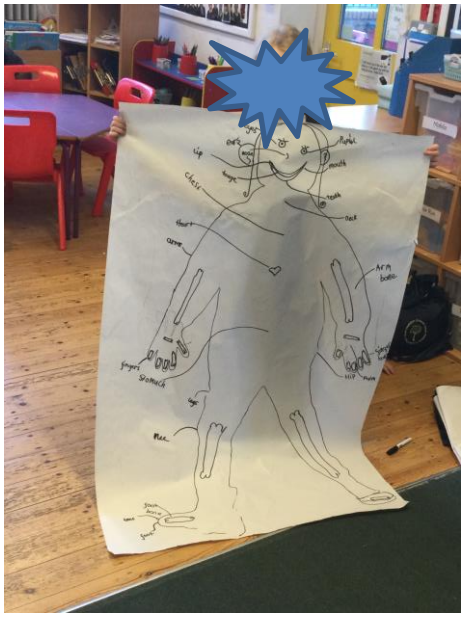
**News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)**

In our Science activity this week we have focused on mammals and in particular, humans. Everyone was given a set of clues to discover which mammal we were focusing on at the beginning of the activity and together we worked out the answers using our knowledge on the categories of living creatures from our topic. Our next focus was on the identification, naming and locating of human body parts. We sang a body part song and used actions to help locate their position on our bodies. We went on to work with a partner to draw around our body and label our outline with body parts, we had a lot of fun doing this.

The children have worked well in maths, practicing counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, recognising and making groups followed by creating arrays, ready for multiplication and division facts. Today we've had fun playing number games, solving problems and singing number songs as part of the NSPCC Number Day.

In English, the children have enjoyed reading and responding to 'What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday' in their own writing.

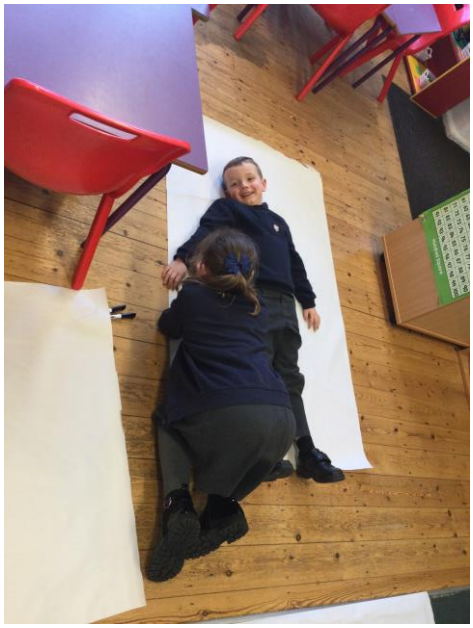
All the children have loved completing their models in design and technology and began to evaluate their designs.













**News from Years 3 & 4**

This week we have been busy writing a sequel to The Winter's Child. The main character Tom will meet the child of spring and we are thinking about the adventures they could have. We have already included some wonderful descriptions in our opening paragraphs and once we have written our first draft we will be publishing these as picture books. The children have also produced some fantastic written work in response to their reading text, making predictions on the next part of the story using the text to support their ideas.

We have been impressed by everyone's excellent work on finding the perimeter of shapes and solving challenging problems.

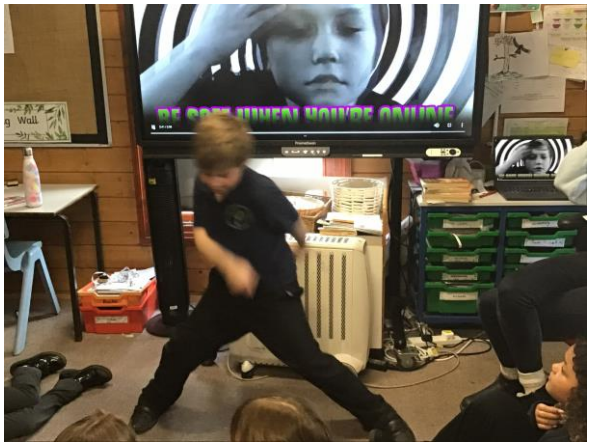
The children also had lots of fun adding movements, actions and signs to their song 'Being Safe Online.'

Just a quick reminder about our Design and Technology lessons. We have now finished tasting and cooking seasonal dishes (see the photos below!) To tie in with our Geography work on the use of plastics, recycling and sustainability, our new design project has been to build a room for a bug hotel using as much recyclable resources as we can. We designed these last week and the children were set a homework task of gathering what they'll need for the big build in a week's time!













**News from Years 5 & 6**

We started this week by continuing with our science topic looking at light. We have been investigating how shadows are formed and can be changed based on the distance and angle of a light source. We have carried out our own investigation using torches and objects in the classroom, and used our findings to create a shadow puppet show. There were some great stories and different characters being created from shadows!
We have started a new topic in maths looking at the place value of decimals. Everyone has been working really hard and shown excellent understanding of a new topic. We will be moving on to area, perimeter and volume next week.
In reading we have been enjoying imagining what the characters might have been thinking and feeling throughout the story. We have role-played scenes and thought about what might be going through the characters' heads in these moments, including when they were met by a stranger in the forest!








Infants: George for his enthusiasm and brilliant writing skills.

Years 3 & 4: Leo for sustained concentration and positive attitude in class.

Years 5 & 6: Finley for his great perseverance, particularly in maths.

PE Stars of the Week: Henry, Belle and George R.

GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

**Build Your Own Burger** Saturdays 4.00-9.00pm. **Norfolk Pie Hole** First Wednesday of each month 7-9.30pm

Bar open:
Wednesday – Friday 7.00 – 11.00pm
Saturday 4.00 – 11.00pm
Sunday 12 Noon – 6.00pm

6th February- Bingo. Doors open 7.00pm
14th February – Tapping House Bingo. Doors open 7.00pm
17th February – Lunch Bunch. £8.00. Doors 12.30pm. Lunch served 1.00pm
18th February – Creative Arts. 1.00pm
24th February – Coronation Club. 2.00pm
27th February – Elvis Tribute Act. 8.00pm. Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the door.