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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Value Leaders



Our value leaders will be leading some small scale fundraising at lunchtimes this term. They will be working with the PFA, a huge thank you to Mrs Marshall who came in to support them getting started. This was a really valuable experience of working with others and learning about money.

The value leaders will be selling small items on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. Children can bring in small amounts of money (no more than a couple of pounds), and they will be able to buy fidget toys on Mondays, bracelets on Wednesdays and sweets (to be eaten at home), on Fridays.

Swimming

The children have started their weekly swimming lessons at Oasis in Hunstanton. Due to the timings of when we can have a slot at the pool, children return late for lunch. This is the same as it has been every year as we were unable to change our slot. The children get the same amount of time to eat but a shorter playtime so we are ready for afternoon lessons. This is also the same as it has been every year. Obviously, the children have an almost half hour journey there and back to relax and chat on the bus etc. We are experiencing children becoming very challenging about the reduced playtime. This includes the way they are speaking to staff about it. I have spoken with the children today about this. Please support this at home. Our collective worship theme this half term is respect and this is very much a whole school priority. We are supporting children in communicating with each other, and everyone, with respect and kindness. A big thank you in advance.

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.** Afterschool Club, run by Active Education. https://activeeducation.info/
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%.			
Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
December	**98%**	**91%**	**94%**



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

The children are learning about respect and how to think about their actions and words and the impact they have on others.

Bible quote: Golden Rule, precept in the Gospel of Matthew (7:12): "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you. . . ."

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 the infants this week it has been really great to see everyone take such an interest in their research into the world in preparation for writing a report. We have discovered some fantastic facts and have been amazed by the different wonders of the world. It linked well with our science too as we found out about continents and researched animals that lived there, wondering why a penguin's natural habitat is unlikely to be on the continent of Africa and classifying the animal groups. Our learning through play opportunities have enabled us all to develop independent thinking, problem solving skills and pursue particular interests within our theme… which is what learning is all about! We've particularly enjoyed exploring the internet to gather facts as part of our research - Why not have look together at home too: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv.

Everyone has worked so hard embedding number bond skills needed to add and subtract with 100 (Year 1 and 2) and knowing what 'total' means (Reception). Making up a few songs and dances to help us remember number facts has really helped… Which ones can you show off at home?













News from Years 3 & 4

Life in the Year 3 and 4 cabin has been as busy as ever. It has been great to see everyone using their previous multiplication skills to explore efficient methods and find ways of multiplying 2 digit numbers.

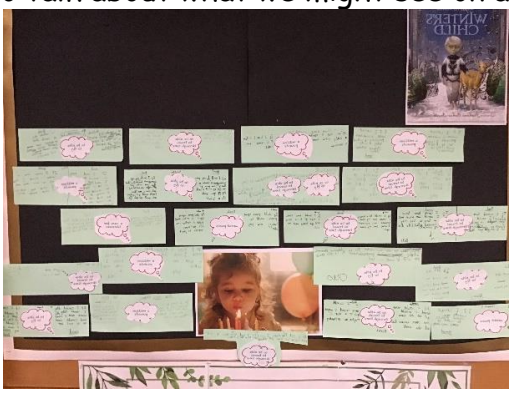
On Monday we made some really interesting predictions about our new book Winter's Child. We have thought about the consequences of wishes as we discovered that Tom in the story wished winter would last forever. We thought about what it would mean if this wish should come true. Some of us were worried all the snow would cause avalanches, while others thought it would be a brilliant excuse to drink lots of hot chocolate!

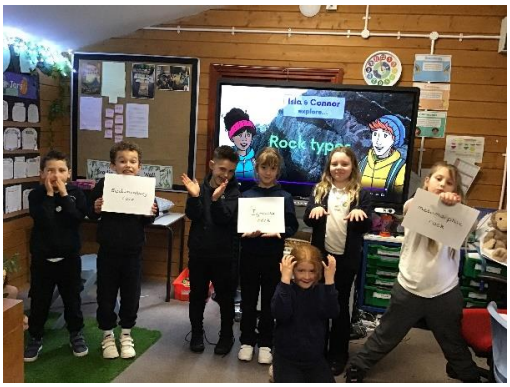
January has brought many new topics throughout our curriculum and it has been lovely to see everyone tackling these with enthusiasm.

In science we have started to explore different rocks and have been using actions to help us remember the three types of rock and how they are formed.

We have begun learning about sustainability in Geography and how we can make choices to support this. In Design and Technology we are thinking about how we can eat seasonably so that we can help the environment and enjoy fruit and vegetables when they are at their tastiest. We began by designing some seasonal fruit and vegetable plates and this week we have prepared and tasted some seasonal vegetables. I think some of us were surprised by how tasty they could be!

We have also enjoyed beginning our coding project using Scratch, whilst in French we have been learning ways to talk about what we might see on a farm.













News from Years 5 & 6

Everybody has settled back into school this week, with new topics and activities now well under way.

In science we have started a new topic looking at light. We have been looking at different light sources and why light is important. The class have come up with some amazing questions that we are going to investigate over the next half term.

We have had a busy week with both years completing a full set of assessments. All the class have worked really hard and shown great perseverance and should be incredibly proud of themselves!













Infants: Eden for enthusiastically joining our class and for trying so hard to make secure friendships.

Years 3 & 4: Polly for enthusiastic learning and being such a positive and happy member of our class.

Years 5 & 6: Teddy for showing great perseverance throughout the week.

