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,

We have one remaining week of swimming for our juniors at both schools. Pyjamas will be needed next week also as water safety and life-saving continues. This is a really important part of water safety learning and I know some children feel very anxious about it but please reassure the children that when these more challenging school activities are on, staff are there to support them and help them to give things a try. If they manage a whole task, or need help to try a task (in any subject), we are here to help.

Staff recognition scheme:
We all like to feel we are noticed and valued for the things we do in life and the contributions we make. With this in mind on our school website we have a link to a staff recognition scheme. If you feel you've had good service from a staff member and want to celebrate it please complete the online form. I've attached it here as well - see below. The form is linked to our school visions and values. Staff receive a letter from our chair of governors and a special mention.
https://forms.gle/nzGEmrVk229TLD1JA

WISE UP TO SWITCHING OFF

Free Digital Detox for Families
We're sharing this free, printable resource from WiseUp to support families in creating healthier, more balanced screen habits at home. *WiseUp to Switching Off* encourages positive conversations around screen use and wellbeing, helping children and parents find balance together.
Download here: https://team.wiseup-teambuilding.co.uk/landing-page-page

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 6th February – NSPCC Number Day. A day dedicated to numbers. Feel free to wear something number related. Please see separate letter for further details.

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/

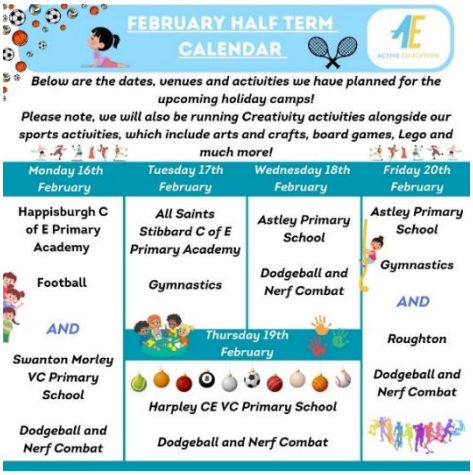
All absences must be reported to the school office, for each day of absence.

ATENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.			
Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
Janurary	95%	95%	95%

Active Education Half Term Activity Days





VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week children have been learning about respecting the Earth and everything that is in it.

Genesis 2:15 "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it".

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:





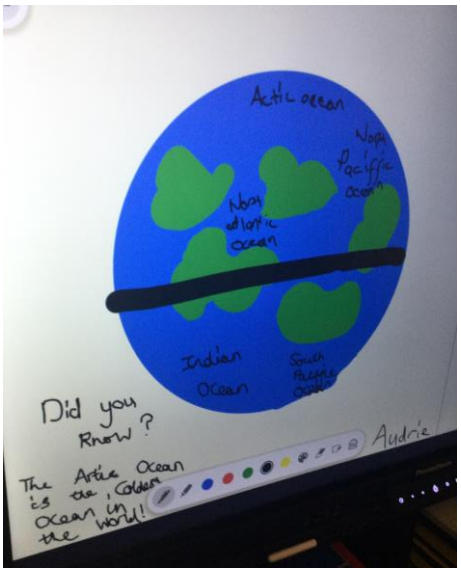
Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Myhill and the Great Massingham team

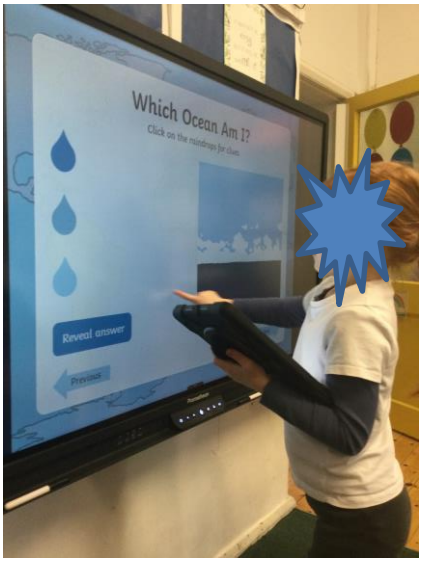
News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

We have spent lots of time playing and embedding our mathematical knowledge and understanding this week using the skills for totalling, addition and subtraction in all manner of activities. It is so important for everyone to have time to put these skills to use independently and have plenty of opportunities for problems solving and understanding mathematical concepts every day. Everyone really has been mathematical superstars! Earlier in the week, we welcomed Mrs Frazer into our class to share Bible stories with us as part of our R.E. learning and understanding of parables, with the focus on 'The Wise Man and The Foolish Man'. Mrs Frazer helped us to understand the parable Jesus told his friends as she retold the Bible story using sand, water, rocks and pictures of houses. We noticed how the house on the sand fell down when the water (rain) was poured onto it, and the house on the rock stood firm when it got wet. Mrs Frazer shared that Jesus used this parable to help his friends understand the importance of making right choices. We also learnt a song to recap the story and have had fun singing it to reflect on the importance of the message.

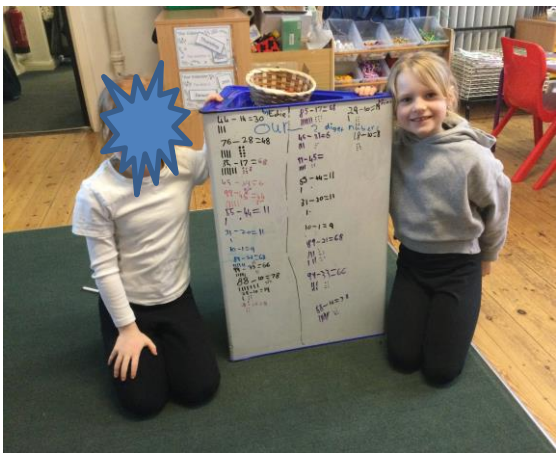
Throughout this week we have written up our stories from our own plans, based on bravery. We have been truly astounded at the details, descriptions and well-thought out ideas for the stories. Everyone has really enjoyed sharing their stories together too. We most certainly have budding authors in the infants!













News from Years 3 & 4

The children have shown great enthusiasm with our new measuring theme in maths, learning how to measure in millimetres, centimetres and metres. They have found out how to convert the measurements, understand which units are best for measuring different items or distances and solve problems involving measurements. In English, the children have started to plan and write their first paragraph for their sequel of 'The Winter's Child' whilst using conversational language. In 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' they have explored new vocabulary and created their own detailed plans of the story so far.

In Life Skills we thought about the purpose and value of money for buying things we need, how to budget and save towards special items or emergencies. In geography, the children have been exploring how energy is used in our school and carried out their own surveys on this. They have discussed ways that we could be more efficient and sustainable with our use of energy and created posters to promote their ideas in school.







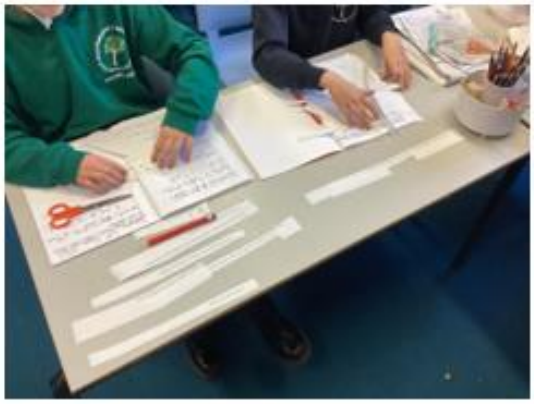

News from Years 5 & 6

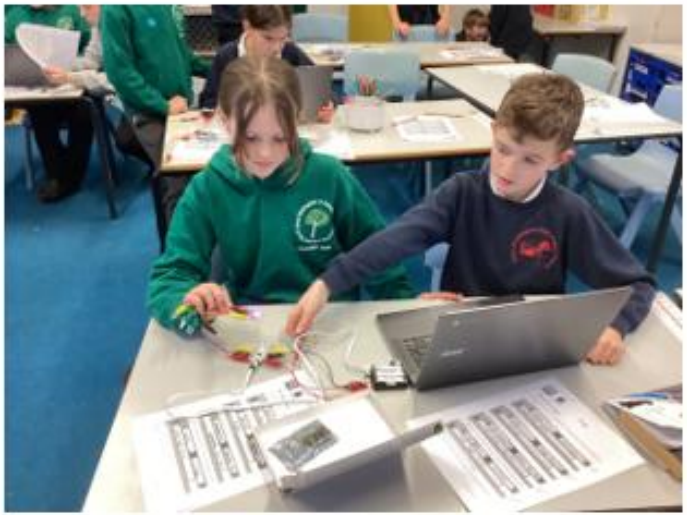
In computing we have been working on our physical computing skills, learning how to program micro bits. We have created different sequences and patterns of flashing lights, adding buzzers and switches to control our output components.

The class are enjoying our PSHE topic on internet safety and spent time this week looking at the use of AI for altering pictures. We have looked at original and edited pictures and identified what changes have been made and why this may have been done.

In RE we have been thinking about what it means to be human. We have looked at different religious beliefs about the purpose of life and considered what we think our purpose is. This week we have looked at the humanist idea that happiness is the greatest purpose in life and thought about what we can do to live a happy life. The class came up with some great ideas so we can all try to live the happiest life possible!







Infants: Henry for your fantastic focus when story writing.

Years 3 & 4: Belle for her amazing attitude and fantastic vocabulary.

Years 5 & 6: Charlie and Elijah for showing a great attitude to learning.

PE Stars of the Week: Well done Ottilie, Otto and Lillie N

GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

Build Your Own Burger Saturdays 4.00-9.00pm. **Norfolk Pie Hole** First Monday 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.

PFA 100 Club Winners

December 2025
1st Joules Lodge
2nd Deborah Reeve
3rd Judy Platt

January 2026
1st Caroline Seaman
2nd Jennifer Darlow
3rd Carly Molyneux