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,

Polite reminder:
If a child/children are to be collected from school early, this requires previous agreement with the headteacher. Please make contact with the office in these instances who will liaise for you.

Staff recognition:
Congratulations to Mrs Hurcomb who has received a nomination of staff recognition. The chair of governors has written to her personally to thank her for her hard work. Mrs Hurcomb was nominated for her welcoming and friendly manner and being helpful to our families.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 27th April – Year 6 Crucial Crew visit.
Thursday 7th May – Infant Federated trip to Wells next Sea.
Monday 11th May – KS2 SATs week
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half Term
Monday 1st June – Back to School
Tuesday 30th June – Sports 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.**
Afterschool Football Club, run by Active Education. https://activeeducation.info/
Wednesdays: *Year 3 & 4 Children to come to school in PE Kit.*
Thursdays: *Infant children to come into school in PE Kit,*
Fridays: *Year 5 & 6 children to come into school in PE Kit.*

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

ATENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.			
Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
March	**97%**	**90%**	**93.5%**

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week the children have been learning about stories of hope from the old testament, including Moses leading his people to freedom. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:5

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)

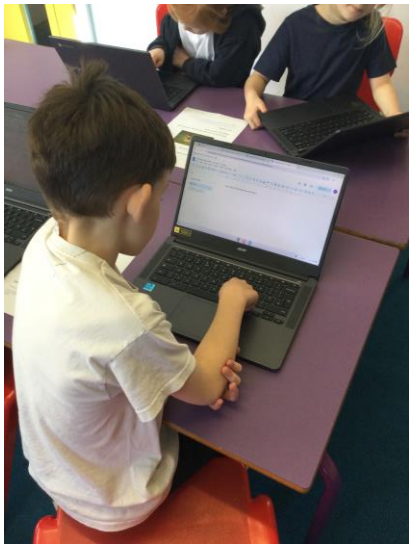
We have had another great week together in the infants, with our theme running through our play and learning. Money has been our maths focus for Year 1 and 2 and there have been quite a few seaside ice-creams sold and bought during play with some fantastic mental calculations to work out costs and change to be given. Someone was observed charging £100 for a seaside shell but the customer only had 50p so some bargaining was had!

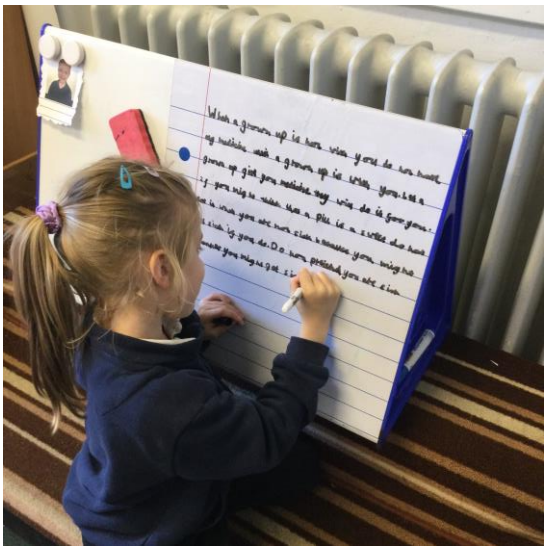
Reception's maths focus of equal groups has lent itself to brilliant independent exploring of what 'equal' means, particularly when sharing out the ice-creams! As always, what a great way to independently build on skills and problem solving through play.

Our book 'Ocean Meets Sky' has brought about some wonderful imaginative writing from everyone too with some insightful ideas on what might have happened to the main character 'Finn' if the ocean really did meet the sky. In R.E. we used our five senses to help us gain a better understanding of faith by using the senses together. We used our sense of hearing, smelling, sight, touch and finally taste to explore a chocolate biscuit to support our discussions on religious beliefs.

In Learning for life we thought about safely using, storing and applying medicines, we made posters, role played a doctor's surgery and tested out using syringes, bandages and writing out first aid slips.

In PE, the children had a great time on the field testing out how far they could hit the balls with a tennis racquet, there were some impressive distances covered!











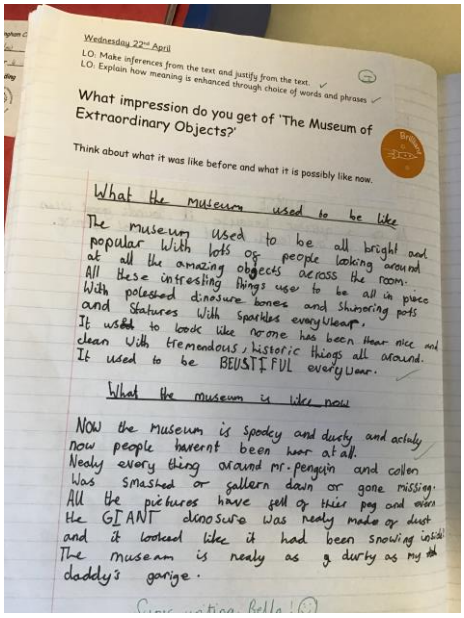


News from Years 3 & 4

We have been making the most of the recent sunshine and doing lots of outside learning this week. We have begun our new science topic on plants by exploring the school garden and we also spent some time visiting the bug hotels that we made last term to see if anyone had moved in!

Our writing focus this half term is based upon the book The Thames and Tide Club- a fantasy and mystery story about a group who go treasure hunting (mud larking) on the banks of the river Thames in London. We have really used our imaginations to write back stories to some mud larking finds and make predictions about the mysterious events that have been happening so far in the story. We even had a go at being garden mudlarks- looking for unusual finds left behind by others in our school garden.

We have continued our maths topic of time and have become increasingly confident at matching digital to analogue times and understanding AM and PM times. We have also started to explore a computing topic on creating audio and podcasts.



Wednesday 22nd April

LO: Make inferences from the text and justify from the text.
LO: Explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases

What impression do you get of 'The Museum of Extraordinary Objects?'

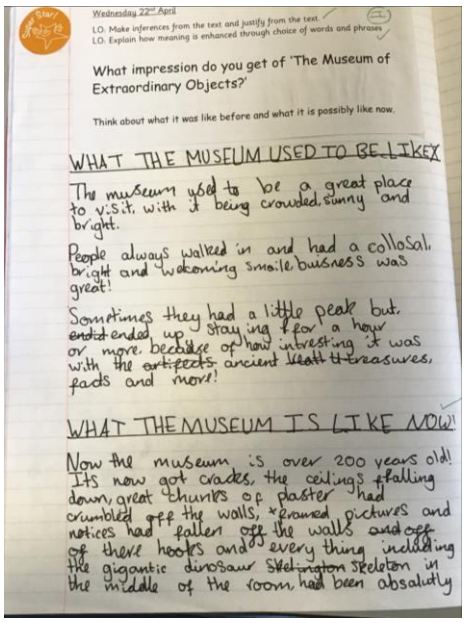
Think about what it was like before and what it is possibly like now.

What the museum used to be like

The museum used to be all bright and popular With lots of people looking around at all the amazing objects across the room. All these intresting things use to be all in place With polished dinosure bones and shimering pots and statures With sparkles everyWear. It used to look like noone has been thear nice and clean With tremendous, historic things all around. It used to be BEUSTIFUL everyWear.

What the museum is like now

Now the museum is spoocy and dusty and actuly now people havernt been hear at all. Nealy every thing around mr. penguin and collen Was smashed or gallern down or gone missing. All the pictures have fell of thier peg and even the GIANT dinosure was nealy made of dust and it looked like it had been snowing inside! The museum is nealy as g durty as my daddy's garige.



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WHAT THE MUSEUM USED TO BE LIKE X

The museum used to be a great place to visit, with it being crowded, sunny and bright.

People always walked in and had a collosal, bright and welcoming smaile, buisness was great!

Sometimes they had a little peak but, ~~endid~~ ended up staying for a hour or more, because of how intresting it was with the ~~artifects~~ ancient ~~Veall~~ treasures, facts and more!

WHAT THE MUSEUM IS LIKE NOW!

Now the museum is over 200 years old! Its now got cracks, the ceilings ffalling down, great chunks of plaster had crumbled off the walls, framed pictures and notices had fallen off the walls ~~and off~~ of there hooks and every thing including the gigantic dinosaur ~~Skelington~~ skeleton in the middle of the room, had been absalutly







News from Years 5 & 6

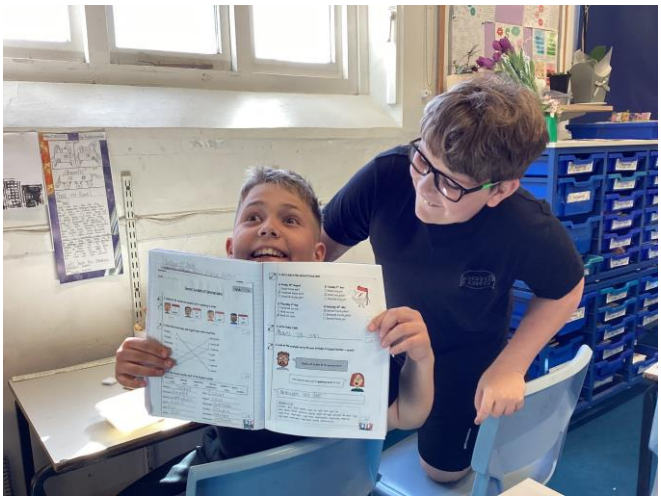
We have had a busy week this week, getting stuck into lots of new activities.

In science we have been looking at the planets in our solar system and coming up with ways we can remember these. We created posters with all the information we already knew and came up with some great questions we would like to answer over this topic.

In French we have looked at how birthdays are celebrated in France. We then had our own celebration with baguettes, orangina and of course birthday cake!

In PE we have been practising our throwing skills with shot put and javelin in athletics and bowling techniques in rounders. The class have been enjoying having PE on the field now that the weather is warming up!

They year 6's have been working hard this week completing their last set of practise SATs papers before their SATs. They have done really well and we are all looking forward to SATs being over at the end of half term!











Infants: Ottilie for working hard on her writing skills.

Years 3 & 4: Jenson L for exceptional reading and understanding of new vocabulary.

Years 5 & 6: Ava for her excellent effort in writing.

PE Stars of the Week: Noah, Willow & Henry.

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

Membership is now due - £15 for the year and many of the events are then free.

Thursday 30th April - Mind Body and Soul pamper night 6.00pm. Free entry.
Friday 1st May - Bingo doors open 7.00pm
Sunday 10th May - Auction
Wednesday 13th May - Creative Arts 1.00pm
Friday 15th May - Football Club Bingo doors open 7.00pm
Tuesday 19th May - Lunch Bunch, arrive at 12.30 to eat at 1.00pm £9.00
Friday 22nd May - History Society
Saturday 23rd May - Abba Music night 8.00pm
Thursday 28th May - Yoga classes 11.00am.



Interested in becoming a childminder?

Norfolk County Council, Early Years Learning and Childcare, is encouraging local residents to consider becoming a childminder and supporting children and families in our community.

If you are thinking about registering with Ofsted as a childminder in Norfolk, there are two types of registration to choose from:

Childminder

A childminder is someone who is paid to care for at least one child for more than two hours per day. Childminders usually work from their own home but may also work some of the time from approved non-domestic premises.

Childminder Without Domestic Premises (CWDP)

A CWDP is paid to care for at least one child for more than two hours per day but cannot work from their home at any time. Care takes place in approved non-domestic settings such as church halls or community centres.

Becoming a childminder is a rewarding career, but there are several things to consider and steps to take before and during the registration process. To support you, Norfolk County Council offers a free, comprehensive pre-registration support package, which includes:

Access to a 40-minute pre-recorded video "Thinking of Becoming a Childminder?", covering:

Ofsted registers

Adult-to-child ratios

Training requirements

DBS and other checks

Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements

And much more

A step-by-step guide to registration, including supporting documents and helpful links

A phone call or online meeting with an Advisor, where you can ask questions (please note you must watch the video and review the supporting information before this meeting)

If you would like to request access to the recording, the guide, and book your follow-up call, please email: earlyyearschildcare@norfolk.gov.uk