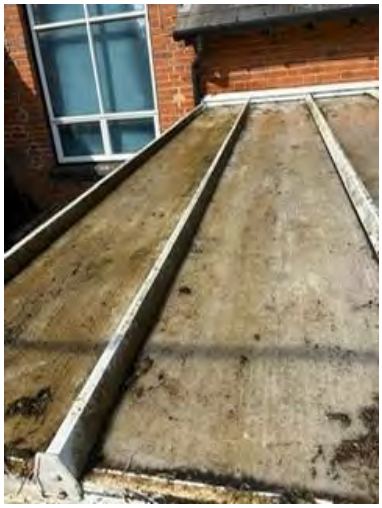
Great Massingham CE Primary School
Living, Learning & Flourishing

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,
A huge thank you to one of our lovely parents who cleaned the canopy outside our infant classroom. It looks great. Thank you Mark!







Well done to all of our year six children for completing their SATs this week. They have all been working so hard and were very sensible throughout. A huge thank you to all our staff and volunteers who enabled the test arrangements this year, including our chair and vice chair of governors; Mr Ridgwell and Mrs Allen, and Mrs Mehers (pcc governor), who came to support and monitor the process. Special thanks also goes to our year six parents for ensuring the children were organised and in early for the preparation breakfast.

Behaviour:
Following some concerns regarding behaviour in school I wanted to reassure everyone that the Federation's policy, procedures and approach are in line with local authority advice and guidance, and I have utilised the support and advice of all relevant departments within the local authority to support areas that are being worked on. In addition, the leadership team have reviewed our reporting and recording processes to ensure better communication when matters are followed up and that consequences are timely. Your feedback has supported this, thank you.

A date to hold:
Time for tea. A learning together and wellbeing event for the school community has been booked for Friday 3rd July at St Mary's church Great Massingham, in the afternoon. Time and details to be confirmed. There will be refreshments and the children will be working on a community task as part of their PSHE learning and our school vision and values. Parents and carers will have an opportunity to join in.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 19th May – Year 6 pupils at Harpley
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half Term
Monday 1st June – Back to School
Tuesday 2nd June – Federation Day. See separate letter for details.
Monday 15th June - Year 6 pupils at Harpley
Friday 19th June - Feast on the Field. 1.00pm, families welcome.
Tuesday 30th June – Sports Day
Friday 10th July – KS2 Performance, 2.00pm. Further details to follow.

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
April	95%	96%	95.5%

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP
This week the children's weekly mission was: How can we keep hope in our hearts when life seems to be going wrong?
Bible quote: *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you…* Isaiah 43:2

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



Infants: Alex for trying so hard with all his learning and showing a great attitude throughout.

Years 3 & 4: Bertie for working hard with his writing ideas and for improving his writing quantity.

Years 5 & 6: Elijah for his great focus and concentration





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

This week we have started our new text 'See Beneath The Sea' which is a non-fiction book linked to our theme. We have been amazed at the facts and have already discovered some interesting information. It led us to wonder what the history might be of some of the objects and treasures found under the surface of the waves. Mrs Ridgwell brought in some fantastic treasures and finds from the ocean for us to explore too. We looked at and handled pieces of old chain and driftwood and discussed how they got to be hidden in the sea. We thought the wood may have been from a shipwreck! This linked well into our science too this week as we continued our focus on materials and wondered if the ocean helped to change materials over time. We explored how different materials can be changed and repurposed and were given a challenge… How can you repurpose a piece of scrap paper? Everyone had one piece of A4 paper that was not needed anymore and instead of throwing it away in the bin, we have reused and recycled it into something completely different but purposeful.

The children got really stuck into their first game of rounders and did some fantastic throwing, catching and batting with several rounders thrown in.

We started to think about how to care for our teeth and look forward to learning more about this next week too.













News from Years 3 & 4

It's been another busy week in the Year 3/4 class with the children taking a morning room change in their stride to kindly make room for the Year 6 SAT's. The class have really enjoyed their work in maths, alongside the Year 5's as they have developed their knowledge and understanding on decimals, with a particular focus on ordering, comparing and rounding decimals.

In English, the children have continued to be captivated by the humorous characters in our class text 'Penguin and the Lost Treasure' and have enjoyed predicting the next events and drawing conclusions from the text about who has the lost treasure. Also in English the children have been planning and writing their own fantasy narratives based on the 'Thames and Tide Club' text.

In PE, the children had a brilliant time in their athletics session, learning the most effective ways to throw a javelin the furthest distance possible.

In Science, we have been studying our plants and seeing how they develop, with particular attention to learning about the function of roots.

We hope you all have a wonderful restful weekend, ready for the last week before the half term break.








News from Years 5 & 6

We have had a busy week this week with the year 6s completing their KS2 SATs. We have been so impressed by all of them for how hard they have worked both in the run up to these and during them. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves!

During the afternoons we have been following our usual lessons, including looking at how planets orbit the sun in science. The class had the challenge of finding hidden information around the classroom to try and work out the length of planetary orbits. They enjoyed hunting for the information and creating a table to show what they had found.

In RE we have started a new topic looking at how religion has influenced art throughout history. This week we have had a focus on Christian artwork. We have compared the different art that can be seen in places of worship and discussed the similarities and differences between these. We have thought about how art can be a good expression of faith and children have created their own stained - glass windows to show this.

In PSHE we have been thinking about how to manage stress and worry, particularly when starting high school. We have seen lots of different scenarios and thought about why these might make you stressed and what we can do to help this. One method we have talked about is being able to focus on calming sensory activities, including spending time outside with nature and animals. We have been lucky enough to have a visit from some Labrador puppies as an addition to this to allow some much needed calming time after such a busy week.







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.

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. – **This a weekly class each Thursday**
Sunday 7th June – Auction 1.00pm
Thursday 11th June – Trefoil Guild 7.00pm
Tuesday 16th June – Lunch Bunch, arrive at 12.30 to eat at 1.00pm £9.00
Wednesday 17th June – Creative Arts. 1.00pm
Thursday 18th June – Film Club 7.00pm
Friday 19th June – History Society 7.00pm
Saturday 27th June - Football club presentation night and Disco 8.00pm
Tuesday 30th June – Coronation Club 2.00pm

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