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,

This week the infants at both schools have shared some wonderful writing with me and their peers. At Great Massingham, the infant children have written stories to make into their own books. These were full of intrigue and exciting vocabulary choices. At Harpley, the infants have been writing a letter home from the snail in the story 'The snail and the whale'. Their use of adjectives and the details they included from the story, were excellent. As a federation we are working hard on raising standards in writing and this is a good example of the hard work of our staff.

Staff recognition:
Congratulations to Miss Warner who has been nominated for always goes above and beyond to make the classroom a fun and engaging place to learn. She nurtures, encourages and rewards the children to help them achieve their best potential.
Miss Warner will be receiving a letter from the chair of governors in recognition of this.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 7th May – Infant Federated trip to Wells next Sea.
Monday 11th May – KS2 SATs week
Monday 18th May – Year 6 pupils at Harpley.
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half Term
Monday 1st June – Back to School
Monday 15th June - Year 6 pupils at Harpley.
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
April	95%	96%	95.5%

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week the children have heard stories about keeping hope in your heart when the odds are stacked against you. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1-3

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)

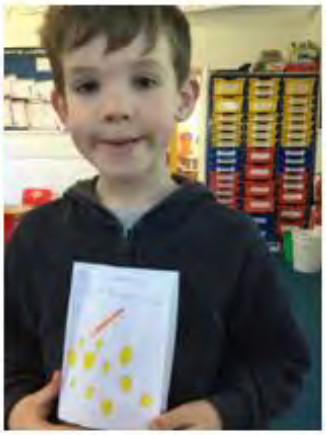
This week in the infants we have immersed ourselves in story writing, from the planning and research stages to writing with fluency and energy, to finishing off with illustrations and a blurb. We are so proud of how dedicated and committed the children have been to complete their books and we're looking forward to sharing them with our special grown up next week. Our Science this week was a very messy exploration of mixing materials and wondering how we might be able to change their 'state'. We thought about and predicted what might happen when we mix water and flour together. We did not use specific measurements, we just completely explored and experimented independently - adding more flour or water if desired to see if the mixture changed any at all. It was a wonderful way to independently explore and discover how materials can change state and become something new.

In computing, the children are growing in confidence with their word processing skills and learning how to use the different keys effectively on the keyboard to produce their own word document in the form of a poster.

In PE, we enjoyed being on the field again and really focussed hard on our hand eye coordination to hit the ball with a bat, some great fielding skills were demonstrated too.







News from Years 3 & 4

The Year 3 and 4 class have made the most of the sunny weather this week, enjoying the field for lunch times and PE.

In Maths, the children have blown us away with the understanding of their work on decimals by learning about tenths as decimals, fractions and on a place value chart, the children are looking forward to learning about hundredths next.

In English, the children have continued reading 'Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure' and have enjoyed making predictions as to where the treasure might be located by creating their own maps of possible clues. They have also created character profiles and thought about which they would choose to be their friend and why.

We had a great time in PE as the children practiced their batting and fielding skills, we had some huge hits, I think we have some potential cricket stars for the future!

In Learning for Life we thought about all the factors that make up a healthy lifestyle and we talked about the importance of daily exercise, eating the right foods, drinking water and the value of sleep.

We hope you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday.















News from Years 5 & 6

We have been enjoying the sunshine this week, taking some of our lessons outside, including art and science. In art we have been looking at portraits, and this week we have started practising techniques to make sure our drawings are as accurate as possible. We have tried using a grid to make sure our drawings are in proportion, and tested out lots of different shading techniques.

In reading, we have been continuing our class book: 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. The children have been working in character to write a diary entry from the main character's perspective. They have produced some amazing writing, showcasing lots of techniques we have learnt, such as fronted adverbials, hyphenated adjectives and using semicolons in the place of a full stop.

In computing this week we have been working on the skills needed for movie making. We have looked at different filming techniques, such as camera angle and how to get the best audio quality. We have spent time practising these techniques and finding out which will work best for our video that we will be making later in the term.











Infants: Mia E for building confidence and friendships.

Years 3 & 4: Layla for her brilliant writing.

Years 5 & 6: Dexter for his great attitude to learning this week.

PE Stars of the Week: Jaxson, Albie & Grace.

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 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