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 EYFS/KS1 class have enjoyed a trip to Wells beach. Everyone had a great time, thanks to all the staff who made this a memorable experience.
Our thanks also go to Mr Ridgwell, our chair of governors, who has recently given a talk on Wells as part of preparatory work for the trip.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the bank holiday weekend and have some time together to rest and relax. The summer term is always extremely busy with events so please do keep your eye on the dates coming up.

Thank you for your patience with school lunches. Our meals are cooked at Holly Meadows and they are experiencing significant maintenance issues. We will keep you posted and hopefully normal service will be resumed soon.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 11th May – KS2 SATs week
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

The children have heard bible stories that demonstrate hope, hope in thought, deed and spirit. Each week they focus on one of our core values and this week it was koinonia. Koinonia means fellowship, partnership and sharing. It means following the word of God and being part of Christian community.
Key questions were: Do we follow the messages Jesus brought us? How do we do this? Where can we see this in action in school?
Bible quote: You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word. Psalm 119:114

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)

What a lovely week we've had with our learning in class, we have all worked hard and been great friends to each other too.

We have really enjoyed exploring fractions and thinking about the parts and the whole of a number or of a shape. You may have spotted our chalking on the courtyard this week as we found different ways to represent fractions.

On Wednesday we welcomed our special grown-ups to join us as we shared and proudly read our completed stories from last week. It was really lovely having a few moments of reading together - thank you for joining us.

On Thursday we had the most brilliant time at Wells together with the Harpley children. The children were impeccably well behaved and were an absolute credit to our school. They loved playing beach games in the sand, sketching, investigating nature, meeting the volunteers at the lifeboat station, exploring the woods and going to the look-out area, we even spotted a seal bobbing up and down in the water.









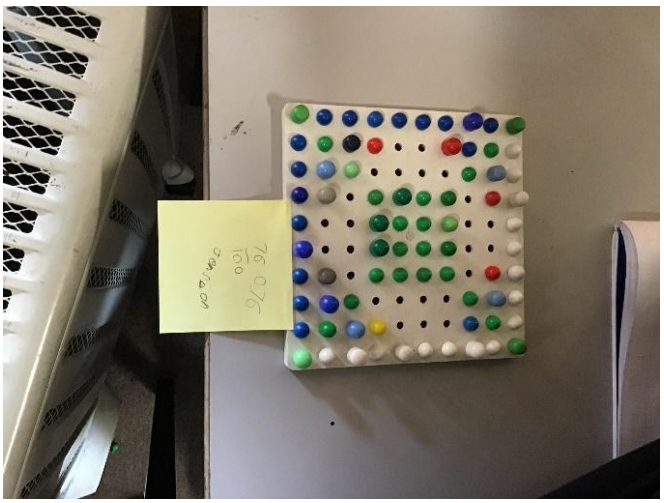


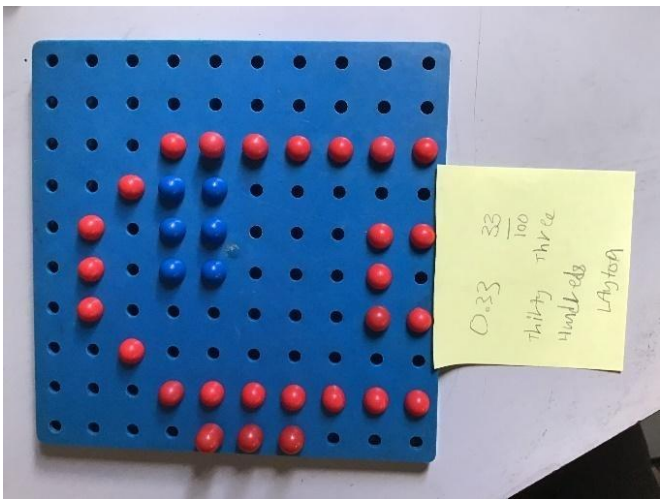

News from Years 3 & 4

This week we have done a lot of learning connected with the local area. In history we have been finding out why the town of King's Lynn is called this and what it used to be before. In Design and Technology we have been learning how to make a rotating mechanism and linking this to the history of King's Lynn by making our own carousels.

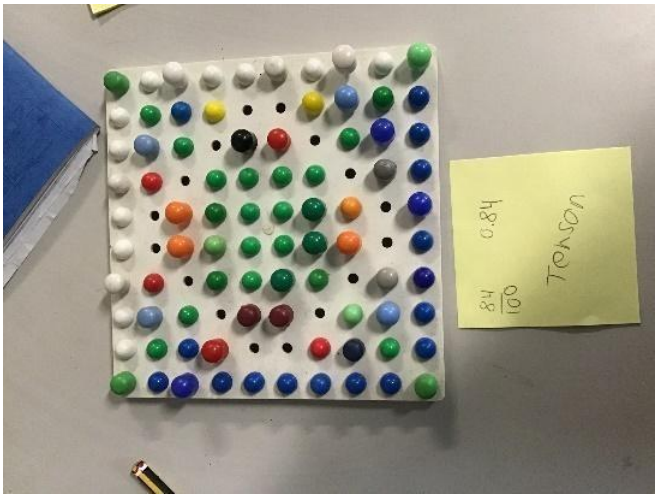
We have been continuing our science work on plants by planning and setting up groups investigations to see what happens when we take one of the things away that we think plants need. Last Friday we also designed our own grass people and animals by filling tights with soil and grass seeds. We will need to be patient, but over the next few weeks, if we look after them well, we should see them start to sprout some grass 'hair'.

We have also been working hard in our maths topic of fractions as decimals and are doing really well at understanding tenths, hundredths, halves and quarters.











News from Years 5 & 6

The year 6s have been busy getting ready for SATs this week, with lots of revision and practise papers. In SPAG sessions we have created a whole year group poster with all of our SPAG knowledge on it!

In art we have been practising different techniques for shading, ready to complete portraits next week. These have included different styles of hatching, stippling and ink wash.

In reading, we have been continuing with 'Letters from the lighthouse', thinking about what it would be like to be evacuated during the war. This fits in with it being VE day this week which we have learnt about and been celebrating with quizzes and crafts, such as origami spitfires!

In writing we have been finalising designs for our very own mars rovers, drawing scientific diagrams and showing off our wonderful writing skills with annotations.











Infants: All the Infants for their excellent behaviour and attitude on our school trip.

Years 3 & 4: Ralphy for working hard and trying his best in all areas.

Years 5 & 6: Lily for her excellent attitude to learning.

PE Stars of the Week: Alex, Polly & Elijah

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.

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