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,

Thank you to everyone for supporting your children during this very hot week. My thanks also go to the staff across our federation who have been working hard to keep classes cool and keep children learning safely.

Community event - Time for tea in church with Reverend Josh and Great Massingham School. The children and staff at Great Massingham will be in church on the afternoon of Friday 3rd July 1.30-3.30pm. The children will be making hygiene boxes for those who may need support in accessing these items during the cost-of-living crisis. There will also be time for tea, cake, chat and to share some simple mindfulness activities. All parents and carers are invited to join us and share in the activities. Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Norfolk County Council has alerted schools to a new, free, health initiative. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter. The Gro health programme is a free programme where you can learn all about healthy eating, getting active, good sleep habits and mental health support. Gro Health is available as a digital and face-to-face support programme so you can get support in the way that works best for you.

Toby Rideout - Our guitar teacher Toby Rideout may be able to offer some drumming lessons. If you are interested, please contact Toby on toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk . If there is enough interest, early, he may be able to accommodate them from this coming September.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 30th June – Sports Day 1.15pm. Please enter the school field via the public footpath.
Friday 3rd July – Learning together & wellbeing event. St Mary's Church. Further details to follow.
Friday 10th July – KS2 Performance 1.30pm at Great Massingham Village Hall.
Thursday 16th July – Federated School Trip to Holkham Hall. Further details to follow.
Friday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Service. 2.00pm at St Mary's Church. All welcome.

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, stating the reason for the absence.

ATENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.			
Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
May	96%	96%	96%

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week the children have been thinking about what abilities they have that they are thankful for. **Bible quote:** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, …And be thankful. Colossians 3:15

Our 5 Core Values:



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

Infants: George for your fantastic ideas when problem solving.

Years 3 & 4: Rogan for being amazingly helpful!

Years 5 & 6: Freddie for showing excellent behaviours for learning.

PE Stars of the Week: Freyja, Jack & Lillie.

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

Another wonderful week together in the infants at Great Massingham School! How completely proud we are of the fantastic kindness, friendships and enthusiasm everyone has shown each other.

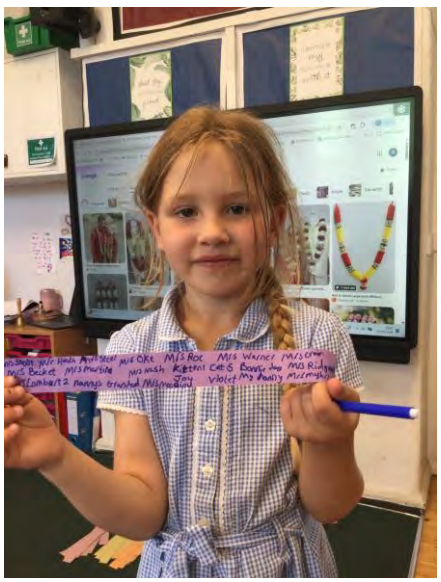
The hot weather can often make things a little more challenging however it has not stopped us from enjoying learning through play and being together. The warm weather coincided very nicely with our maths learning this week as we explored capacity and volume through play and in particular using water and even ice to help us cool down. Thanks to our outside classroom shelter we were able to continue our learning in the shade and breeze. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed this maths focus and we have observed some fantastic maths learning too. Iris told us "My bottle has lost half its capacity when I drank it!" and Audrie has explained "The capacity of the jug must be more than the pot because it's so much bigger...and taller." It has been great to see all the children working together to solve mathematical problems using this focus, with brilliant independently organised teamwork challenges to explore how many litres of water is needed to fill a tub!

How wonderful it has been to see such enthusiastic teamwork and discussions too, with everyone working together and building their understanding and confidence. In other learning everyone has made huge efforts to edit and improve their writing this week across all areas of learning. Once again, we are incredibly proud of everyone's efforts even though we have all felt rather warm! The infants have most certainly followed our new saying of the week: "Keep calm to keep cool"









News from Years 3 & 4

Due to the hot weather our news this week comes from the cooler hall rather than the cabin!

We have been super busy showing everyone what we have remembered and learned throughout the year with some independent maths, grammar and reading activities. All the adults have been super impressed by the level of concentration shown in this during such temperatures.

Using the book FarTHER as inspiration we have made design drawings for our own fantasy flying machines and thought about the purpose of each part.

We have also been learning about coordinates and really getting stuck into play rehearsals.

Keep learning those words as we won't be using scripts next week!

In this heat we have also managed to squeeze in some calming activities to help us all cope with the weather.











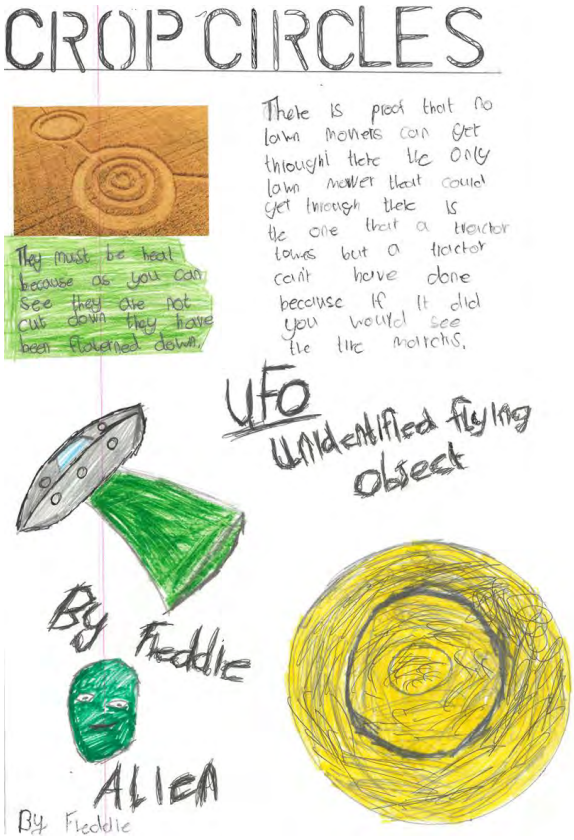
News from Years 5 & 6

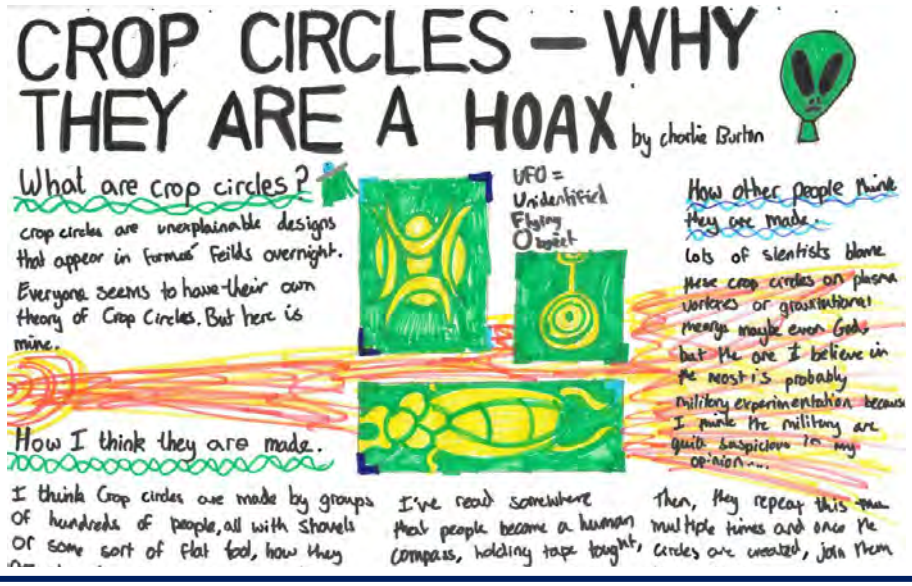
This week the year 5s have been working hard on their assessments both in literacy and maths. They have all put in excellent effort and should be incredibly proud of themselves, especially for getting them done in the heat!

In geography this week we have been looking at interpreting OS maps using symbols and grid references. We have played map symbol bingo and discovered grid references of our favourite places around the village. Next week we will be using these skills to go out into the village and explore both natural and man-made features.

In RE this half term, we have been exploring the impact of religion on art and music. We have been exploring Islamic art, making our own patterns and discussing where you might find these art pieces. We have listened to a variety of music and thought about how they make us feel, representing these using patterns made with watercolour paints.

In reading, the children have continued their learning about real life mysteries. They enjoyed a class debate about the authenticity of crop circles and made posters to display their reasons for and against.





GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

Build Your Own Burger Saturdays 4.00-9.00pm.
Bar open:
Wednesday – Friday 7.00 – 11.00pm
Saturday 4.00 – 11.00pm
Sunday 12 Noon – 6.00pm

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

Saturday 27th June - Football club presentation night and Disco 8.00pm
Tuesday 30th June – Coronation Club 2.00pm
Thursday 9th July – Harpley School play 1.00pm
Thursday 9th July - Trefoil guild 7.00pm
Friday 10th July - Great Massingham School Play 1.30pm
Friday 10th July - Bingo 7.00pm
Wednesday 15th July - Creative Arts 1.00pm
Wednesday 15th Film Club – 7.00pm
Thursday 16th July - Polling station all day
Friday 17th July - History Society 7.00pm
Saturday 18th July - Silent Disco 7.00pm tickets available from Becky Mills / village hall
Tuesday 21st July - Munch Bunch Lunch £ 9.00. to order contact Deb on 07493406501
Thursday 23rd July - Quiz 7.30 pm
Sunday 2nd August - Park opening/ Family day from midday






Norfolk County Council
12 MONTHS
FREE
ACCESS
Make your move towards a healthy weight!
Get FREE access to tailored health education, 2000+ healthy recipes and activities to help you eat smart, get active, support your mental health, and reach a healthy weight.
To get started
1 Scan the QR code, or go to grohealth.com/norfolk
2 Complete the form to check eligibility.
We'll contact you to help you get started!
SCAN ME!
Need help? Email us at support@grohealth.com Call us on 0330 133 0307 (8am-6pm Mon-Fri)


Pupils' Personal Development Graded Outstanding by Ofsted April 2022
Year 6 Open Evening
Thursday 24th September 2026 5.45pm (6pm start) - 8.00pm
Ofsted Good Provider
A P H S
Alderman Peel High School
We are committed to inspiring learners for the future through a vibrant, innovative and supportive school environment where all students make excellent progress.
We offer an extensive range of leadership & extra curricular opportunities that are second to none.
To find out what makes Alderman Peel High School the school of choice for parent/carers in North and West Norfolk we strongly recommend attending our Open Evening (no bookings needed) or our "School in Action Tours"
For more information about Alderman Peel High School visit the Join Us section of our website www.wensumtrust.org.uk/aldermanpeel


MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday 19th September 2026
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2-4pm
Great Massingham Village Hall