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A NOTE FROM MRS MYHILL

"Welcome to the first edition of Harpley's school magazine, put together by the value leaders. I hope you will agree it is an enjoyable read and possibly the start of some journalism careers.
Many thanks to Enid, Tillie, Sam, Kolney and Teddie for their hard work."

HARVEST FESTIVAL

What did we get up to?

On Thursday 15th October, our Harvest Festival was held at St Lawrence Church, Harpley. Thank you to all of the parents, carers and/or relatives who attended our Harvest Festival and celebrated with us.

Thank you for all of the fabulous and generous donations. These have been taken to King's Lynn Food Bank.





DON'T MISS...

KEY DATES FOUND IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6TH NOV
School Photos
Tempest Photography

WEDS 11TH AND THURS 12TH NOV
Parent Consultations (3.30-5.00) - book slots on ClassDojo

MON 30TH NOV
Federation Art Day

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GALLERY















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STAFF INTERVIEWS

This term at Harpley Primary School there have been some staff changes. We sat down with Mrs Oake, Mrs Heath and our sports coach Mr Turrell to find out more about their first few weeks with us.

Firstly, we have Mrs Oake, who teaches in the infant class, Acorns. She joined the team for our Great Massingham site in September. Teddie and Enid sat down to chat with Mrs Oake.

Q: What was your favourite hobby when you were our age?

A: I enjoyed horse riding

Q: What is your favourite children's book?

A: Snail and the Whale

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: No, but I used to.

Q: What do you like about being a teacher?

A: Being able to get to know the children really well, helping them to learn new things and grow in confidence.

Q: What is your favourite food?

A: Thai curry with coconut rice

Q: What is your favourite part of the school year?

A: Summer term, sports day and the Christmas performance.

Q: What is your favourite subject and why?

A: English, developing a love for reading; PE because we are active.

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Next, we have Mrs Heath who also joined us from Great Massingham. She is working in the Oak classroom with Year 5 and 6. She spoke to Enid and Tillie.

Q: What was your favourite hobby when you were our age?

A: Horse riding and going to the stables.

Q: What is your favourite children's book?

A: 101 Dalmatians.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: No, I used to have a dog.

Q: What do you like about working with children?

A: Being able to help people.

Q: What is your favourite food?

A: Lasagne.

Q: What is your favourite part of the school year?

A: Christmas Decoration Day.

Q: What was your favourite subject at school?

A: Geography.

Q: What is your favourite animal?

A: Dogs and horses.

Q: What is your least favourite animal?

A: Tarantula.

Q: Have you enjoyed your time at Harpley so far?

A: Yes, it's been lovely getting to know all the children a lot better.

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Lastly, we have Mr Turrell who teaches us PE on a Tuesday.

Q: What was your favourite hobby when you were our age?

A: Fishing and cricket.

Q: What is your favourite children's book?

A: War Horse.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: No.

Q: What do you like about being a teacher?

A: Being able to see children make good progress in sport.

Q: What is your favourite food?

A: Seafood and pasta.

Q: What is your favourite part of the school year?

A: Summer term.

Q: What was your favourite subject at school?

A: PE and Geography.

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TIME FOR TEA IN CHURCH

We had our first time for tea in the church this year. We all really enjoyed this and it was nice to have a calm space to spend time with our families and friends creating boxes of toiletries for people in need. We got to decorate the boxes with our families and then we had to choose the items to put in the box, these items included: Deodorants, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes. We also included notes from ourselves and families for the people who got the boxes. We enjoyed spending time at the church and really enjoyed the tea and cake, provided by the Cartshed in Great Massingham, our favourite was the brownie and the sponge cake. It was great to see so many people there and working together to make something for the community and to catch up with people. We found that it was really calming to be in the church. We enjoyed our visit from Reverend Josh as well.









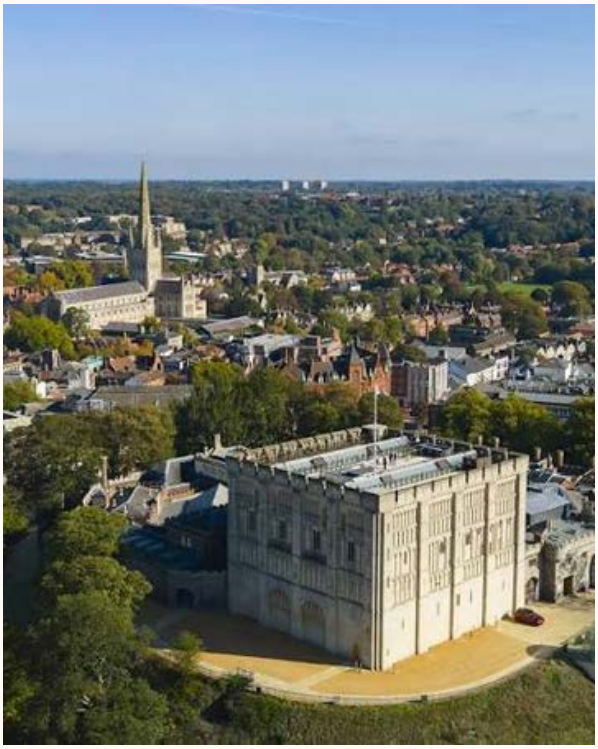




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FEDERATION SCHOOL TRIP

At the end of September, we went on a Federated school trip to Norwich Castle. This was all about the Ancient Egyptians. We travelled back in time to the edge of the River Nile and took part in harvesting for a feast in a village. We learnt about why most villages were on the edge of the Nile, this was due to the rich fertile soil that the river produced when it flooded every year. They also lived close to the river for water, although they didn't drink the water as it was polluted. They actually drank beer and this had less bacteria.





We then went to investigate artefacts that were over 3000 years old and discovered that the Gods in Ancient Egypt were very important to them and when they had a feast, they would pray to one of the gods. We then learnt about mummification and the mummy that now rests in the Castle, Ankh-hor who was a priest at the temple of Karnak near Luxor; his duties included opening the door to the inner shrine and clearing the way for divine statues during religious processions. Mummification from a gruesome process, we got to see some of the tools used, including the nose hook to remove the brain and the canopic jars that they put the internal organs in. We had a go at smelling some of the oils and scents that they used on the body including, frankincense and cedarwood.

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CLUBS

Mr Turrell runs afterschool sports clubs on a Tuesday. These are great as they allow us to do more sports and work together.

The value leaders will be running some new clubs see the posters below and around school for more information.





