



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,

We express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled, and we thank her for her service.

Our Federation will observe the mourning period but continue to support our pupils, families and staff. Unless otherwise stated, please assume any scheduled activities and events will continue as planned. In line with other public services the Federation will remain open as normal during the period of mourning. The only exception to this is likely to be for the day of Her Majesty's funeral, when we will probably be asked to close to mark this occasion.

It is expected that there will be significant disruption across the UK during this period, therefore we will endeavour to keep you up to date should there be any further changes.

We are delighted to welcome our old and new families to the autumn term 2022. We look forward to working with you throughout the year and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. It has been a joy to see the children settle into school life with great enthusiasm and we have loved hearing about their holiday news. It is wonderful to see so many families starting the term with correct uniform, good punctuality and smiling faces. We know that we can count on parents and carers to support their children with their learning and encourage them to keep our school rules. The staff would like to thank you for the many kind gifts, letters and words at the end of a busy summer term. THANK YOU!

Attendance and punctuality are very important and make such a difference to our school as a place for learning. We ask all parents to please ensure that children are in school by 8:55am at the latest and attend every day. Our doors are open from 08:45am. Please remember that medical appointments affect attendance and should be made outside school hours whenever possible. If your child/ren has good attendance and punctuality, they will receive a certificate at the end of term.

We have developed a new federation **website**: gmhfed.norfolk.sch.uk. We will invite you into school to come and explore the website and would love to hear your feedback for further improvements.

Week beginning 5th September 2022

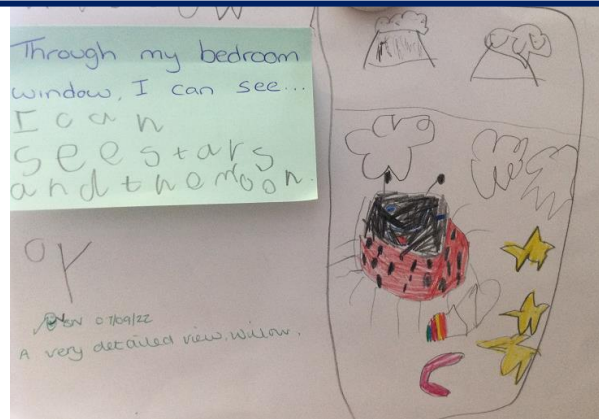
This week's learning highlights:

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



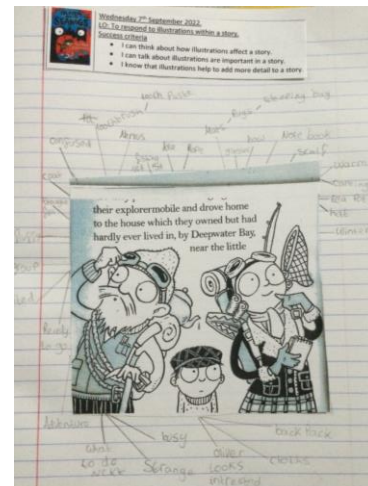
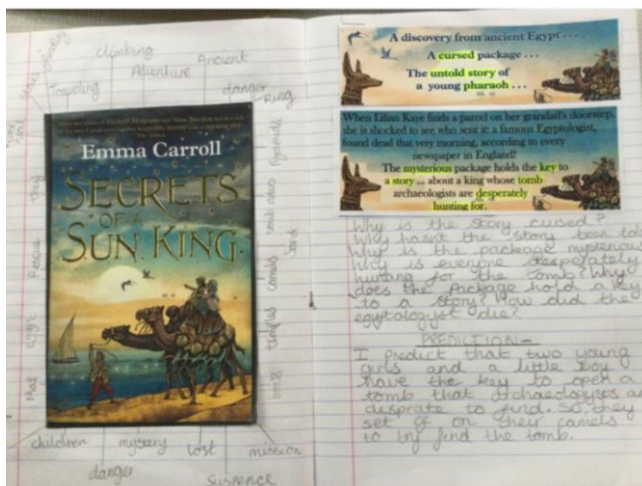
Reception have had a terrific start to their school journey at Great Massingham. We have been wowed by their enthusiasm and cheerfulness this week.

Year 1 have also impressed us with their mature attitude towards their learning. We have discussed what features we can see in our environment, counted on from a number at random and have been writing complete sentences. CHIP continues to play an important role in the transition into Year 1 too.



News from the Juniors

It has been delightful to welcome back the children after the summer holidays and hear all about their break. We have launched our new class texts this week, with the children predicting what the stories might be about. Year 3 and 4 explored 'Oliver and the Seawigs' and are excited to go on an ocean voyage to new depths. Year 5 and 6 are reading 'Secrets of a Sun King'. We are looking forward to digging into an archaeological mystery adventure. We enjoyed returning to Lynn Sport and showing off our gymnastic skills.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: Polly for her enthusiasm and effort when writing.

Years 3/4: Finley for his great attitude to work this week and kindness towards the new year 3's.

Years 5/6: Danny for being a star at Lynnsport this week, showing excellent skills and a real positive attitude to performing all the tasks

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We explored our school vision, Psalm 32.8. Staff and children reflected on what this looks like for us and how we can be good role models and have a loving eye on each other.

Our 5 Core Values:



REGULAR DATES

Monday: 1.00pm to 2.00pm Music with Estelle from the Music Service

Tuesday: 3.00pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons

Thursday: 1.00pm onwards Stef Judd, piano and guitar lessons

Thursday: Juniors go to Lynn Sport - Junior children to come to school in PE kit.

Friday (am): PE (Juniors and Infants) with Rob from ICS Coaching - children to come to school in PE kit.

JEWELLERY

We ask that jewellery is not worn to school with the exception of:

- very small, plain stud or sleeper earrings
- watches for children in year 2 upwards

Children will need to take earrings out or have them covered for PE lessons. If your child wears other jewellery for religious reasons, we ask that this is worn beneath their clothes and is removed during PE, sports and other high-risk activities.

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team