



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 have had a great week and there is a lot of excitement about the football and Christmas!

We have several children off with coughs/colds and sickness at the moment. If in doubt, please use [this link](#) to check the NHS guidance.

We would like to say a great big THANK YOU to Ella-Grace's family for the kind donation of a real Christmas tree. It is up in the hall and we are starting to smell and look like Christmas!

Children In Need - Thank you for your donations, we raised £55.29



UNIFORM

Please remember children should come to school wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit. Please check the website or ask Kerri from the PFA or Mrs Hurcomb in the office if you are not sure. Thank you for your cooperation.

Week beginning 21st October 2022

This week's learning highlights:

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

We had a visitor to our class this week. Mrs Nash (a different Mrs Nash) joined us to share some traditional stories as part of our theme. She showed us some very old and precious books from over 50 years ago! It was wonderful to have the opportunity to explore and share some books and stories from a different generation!

In other news, we enjoyed working practically in maths, spending time to embed mathematical concepts and skills which is so important. A great week together!

Year 2 have been incredibly busy with our hands this this week! We've been adding to our knowledge of festivals by learning about Eid and creating our own mehndi patterns on our hands. Also, the children have been thinking hard about personal hygiene and we completed an experiment using eco glitter to see how easily germs can be spread to each other.



News from the Juniors

It has been a very busy week, the children have been putting a lot of effort into learning their lines for the Nativity and managed a run through at the church. We've been finishing off our Egyptian death masks. We learnt the purpose of the death masks, or burial masks, was to provide the dead with a face in the afterlife. They were for Egyptian men and women. The Ancient Egyptians also made use of masks during sacred ceremonies and rituals. We used some pictures for inspiration to paint on our papier-mache masks so they looked authentic and suitable for a pharaoh.



This week Year 3 and 4 learned how to write a formal letter of apology. The children embraced this and wrote lovely letters apologising for the actions a character took in their class text. We are sad to have finished the book, *Oliver and the Seawigs* as we thoroughly enjoyed it! Here is summary of the book by Noah A, Year 4:

"*Oliver and the Seawigs* is a book about a family of explorers and Oliver, the child, is looking for his mum and dad, he discovered an island - Cliff. Cliff wants to win the Seawigs contest. In the Hallowed Shallows, they meet Stacey de Lacey who was a bad person and a bully. He wanted to win the contest and took over Thurlstone Island. Stacey stole Seawigs from the different islands and Oliver went inside the Thurlstone and tickled him with a peacock feather fan and the island started to crack and exploded. They sailed home after Cliff was declared the winner of the contest but he didn't want this. They all returned to Deepwater Bay and Cliff became a moving house for the Crisps, Iris and Mr Culpeper."

"I liked that Cliff was able to save everyone!" Noah W

"I like how the book was written because it helps to explain feelings well." Theo

"I like the detailed illustrations, they are well drawn." Milly

"I think the author expresses the feelings well and helps to create a good picture in my imagination." Charlie.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Monday we thought about what it means to 'live well' in our school and in our society. We thought about what would make our 'perfect day' and Mrs Stephens shared hers - it included a hot sunny beach! The children had excellent ideas about how to make our society a better place and what that would look like and we explored the meaning of utopia. We learnt that Paul described God's kingdom as a kingdom of light in the bible.

Our 5 Core Values:



★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

- Year R & 1: Belle for amazing actions during our nativity songs!
- Year 2: Finley for super knowledge in history and improved presentation in his work
- Years 3/4: Noah W for amazing letter writing
- Years 5/6: Nancy for her conscientious input in our Maths lessons this week, especially with her understanding of square numbers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 1 st December	Christmas decorating afternoon
Tuesday 6 th December	YR height, weight, vision & hearing checks Y6 height and weight checks
Wednesday 7 th December	2pm 'Nativity Production' in St Mary's Church, parents & family invited
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day, bring in £1 in aid of Save the Children
Wednesday 14 th December	Christingle in school hall for pupils. Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th December	End of Term

Message from the PFA

The PFA would love a jar donation for the Christmas fayre. (Time & date TBC)
Take any empty jar i.e a jam jar and re fill it with sweets, chocolates, stickers or hair clips...anything that will fit and drop off at school.

Please place any uniform orders by next Thursday - order forms are available on the PFA Facebook page or can be collected from the school office.

REGULAR DATES

Monday: Infants to go to Lynnsport - Infant children to come to school in PE kit.

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

Monday: 1.00pm **Forest School (INFANTS), named waterproofs to come into school in a bag.**

Wellies are also required if they are not kept in school.

Monday: 3.00pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons

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

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

FIRST ADMISSIONS: SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24

Parents of children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online

www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 26th September 2022 and 15th January 2023)

Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 14th January 2023 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team