



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### DRESS UP FOR DIGITS & RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL

We are delighted to be taking part in Number Day on **Friday 3 February 2023**.



We are having a fun day of maths activities and will be Dressing up for Digits. Children are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for school maths resources, we are asking for voluntary donations (suggested £1, £2 or £5) and we would love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Cross will be returning to work from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. From this date, the junior class will be taught as follows;

Monday & Tuesday mornings - Years 3 & 4 Mrs Cross, Years 5 & 6 Miss Harrold.

Monday & Tuesday afternoons - All juniors taught by Mrs Cross.

Wednesday mornings - Years 3 & 4 Mrs Cross, Years 5 & 6 Mrs Robson.

Wednesday afternoons - All juniors taught by Mrs Robson

Thursday & Friday mornings - Years 3 & 4 Miss Harrold, Years 5 & 6 Mrs Robson

Thursday & Friday afternoons - All juniors taught by Mrs Robson.

### PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

If you have not returned your questionnaire to school, please do so as soon as possible. The valuable information we receive from these forms helps us to make improvements for you and the children.

Thank you for your support with this.

### HEADLICE

Please could you regularly check your child for head-lice and ensure the correct treatment is applied before sending them into school. Thank you.

## Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

This week's learning highlights:

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



As part of our theme, we looked at facts and information about 'The Great Fire of London' and discovered the fire started in a bakery in Pudding Lane. To help embed this knowledge and explore the theme further we made scones! We wondered if scones were made in 1666 too. We have mixed the ingredients, stirred, rolled, cut and then... ate the scones. It was a lot of fun and a tasty treat for snack too. In art, we used magnifying glasses to look closely at marks on local winter flowers and plants. When we really looked closely, we spotted heaps of different marks. We developed our drawing skills by making repeating patterns of these marks in our sketchbooks. With careful control and consistency, we produced some fabulous mark making.

Year 2 have had a fun time practising their drama skills, whilst acting out the story of the Great Fire of London. We have also enjoyed finding out about landmarks in London and discussing places we would like to visit there.

## News from the Juniors

Long Sun  
Near a forest

Central tent  
open plain  
on the way to the  
Rock of the Long Sun  
Near a forest

5 suns after we  
started travelling,  
Summer

Dear Tribe Elders

I'm writing to you to ask for a different job. Plucking ducks is getting boring. Do you think I could get a job as a hunter, I would be a great hunter as I can supply our tribe. Snore of the Rat is only 2 summers older than me he could navigate us to the nearest deer herd or pigs.

Hunting would be the best job for me since I'm very sneaky and efficient at doing stuff. The tribe is mocking me because all I do is duck duck snorters.

Thank you for reading my suggestion. I consider giving me the job since I would be a great help to the other hunters. (I'm available all morning and night at the hunter station on the west side of the camp.

Yours sincerely  
Bee

By Timmy Y5

Near a forest

5 suns after we started travelling  
Summer

Dear Tribe Elders,

I am sending a request to you to change jobs as I am very unhappy with my current one (plucking ducks). I have been doing this job for several years and I would like a change as I feel I am a valued member of the tribe and would benefit from any alternative job other than duck plucking of course.

After thinking I would much prefer to make dye to paint masks and dye clothes. I would much prefer it as rat is mocking me making me feel unimportant and under valued.

In addition to this I would deeply appreciate it if you could talk this over with other members of the tribe and reply to me at your earliest convenience.

You can find me on the East side of camp.

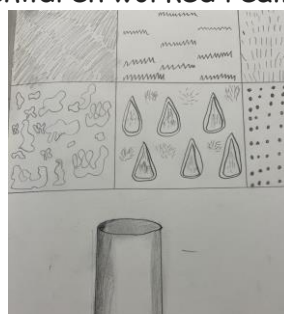
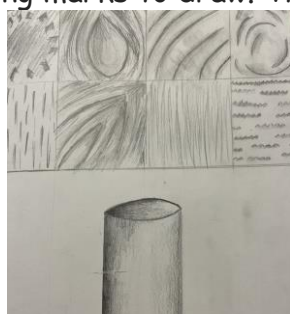
Yours Sincerely  
Bee

By Martha Y6

It has been another busy week for Year 5 and 6. As a whole class, we have been reading "Tales from the Inner City" by Shaun Tann. We are examining how the author uses both words and illustrations to tell the tales and evoke emotions. Alongside this we have been using "How To skin a Bear" to write persuasive letters (a few samples above) and informative instructions, learning how to add extra information using parenthesis (brackets, dashes and commas).

This week Year 3 and 4 have been using drama to act out how to wash a woolly mammoth, they had great fun following the instructions and recreating them. They have been drafting instructions for how to wash different prehistoric animals. The children carried out a lot of research and devised cunning plans for how to keep safe while washing them.

The children are enjoying their new art topic, with a focus on tools. This week, they looked at tools and found interesting marks to draw. The children worked really hard!





We would like to welcome our new KS2 class pet (all the way from the Stone-Age) Dwayne 'The Rock'. He will be spending time in the classroom and going on adventures on the weekends to pupils' houses. Stay tuned for the exciting adventures of Dwayne 'The Rock' as he learns about life in 2023.



#### VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we explored the theme DISCOVERY. We thought about the many wonderful things that have been invented and discovered over the years. The internet, gravity, medicine & vaccines and the discovery by Polish astronomer that the sun is still and at the centre of the solar system with the planets revolving around it were a few we learnt about. We listened to 1 Corinthians 1-9 from the bible and reflected on how the apostle Paul gave thanks. The children reflected on who they could thank and how they could show gratitude.

We continued our Value for Life: TRUTHFULNESS

Our 5 Core Values:



### ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

**Year R & 1:** Maggie for trying hard to persevere when writing.

**Year 2:** Oliver for trying his best with his handwriting and joining up his letters.

**Years 3/4:** Freddie for his hard work in drama and caring attitude towards others

**Years 5/6:** Floss for her continued good attitude, maximum effort and keenness to learn.

Also for her inventiveness to inspire others in our Stone Age topic.

## Message from the PFA

Dates for the cake raffle

27<sup>th</sup> January

10<sup>th</sup> February

24<sup>th</sup> February

10<sup>th</sup> March

24<sup>th</sup> March

### REGULAR DATES

**PLEASE NOTE: NO FOREST SCHOOL AND NO LYNN SPORT THIS TERM.**

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

3.00pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons

**Thursday:** Juniors are swimming this morning - please come to school in PE kit. Please make sure that your child brings their swimming kit: suitable swimwear (no bikinis please) and towel.

1.00pm onwards Stef Judd, piano and guitar lessons

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team