



'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,

Was it a unicorn? Was it a dragon? Was is a house? No.... it was Zue, the Shetland pony! We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Zue. We had great fun predicting what might be in the trailer - thank you parents, for your participation. The children loved meeting Zue, cleaning her hooves and giving her some food. This first-hand experience will inspire the Year 3 and 4 children's writing - based the class text, The Enchanted Horse.



Previously, we sent out a letter asking if parents and carers would like afterschool provision. The interest was very low. Instead, we have decided to increase our club offer.

Our club offer after half term:

Day	Club	Who	Time
Monday	Art	KS2 Juniors (Mrs Stephens)	3:20pm - 4:20pm
Tuesday	Mini Builders	Infants (Mrs Nash)	12:30pm - 1:00pm
Thursday	Yoga	Infants (Mrs Oake)	3:20pm - 4:20pm
	Book Club	Y5 & Y6 (Mrs Robson)	3:20 - 4:00pm
Friday	Football	All (Rob)	11:45am - 12:15pm
	Football	All (ICS Coaching)	3:20pm - 4:15pm

We would like to thank our teachers who give up their time to run these clubs.

Year 6 will continue to have booster sessions before school.

POSITIVE PLAYTIMES STEERING GROUP

Many thanks to the parents who attended last night's meeting to discuss how we can work together to improve playtimes. We have spent time over the last week talking to the children about what they like about playtimes and what they would like to change. Our behaviour policy and sanctions have also been reiterated to the children and these will be emailed out to parents after half term - these are on our federation website. We have also had recent feedback from the Health and Safety Team at Norfolk County Council as well as our School Improvement Associate, who both commended the school on their care of and provision made for the pupils amidst current budget restraints.

Would you like to be one of our lunchtime volunteers? We are looking for volunteers to help run different activities at lunchtime for the children. Could you teach traditional playground games or perhaps even run lunchtime clubs such as chess, Rubik's cube, singing or art? The addition of one adult volunteer every lunchtime would mean that we could run more activities so the children have more space. School can obtain a DBS check and provide safeguarding training for volunteers. Please contact us or see Carly Molyneux, who has kindly offered to help us co-ordinate a list of volunteers, if you are able to help.

Thank you to all our volunteers this term. We are extremely grateful for the time and support you offer. You help take the children swimming; you listen and support children with reading and during lessons - we really appreciate it. Our PFA continue to work hard to raise much needed additional funds. Our governors continue to drive the strategy and govern across the Federation. THANK YOU!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 22nd February - World Thinking Day. If children are in rainbows, brownies, guides, squirrels, beavers, cubs or scouts they may come in wearing their uniform.

Wednesday 1st March - Dress up as a book character

Thursday 9th March, in St Mary's church at 2:30pm Stef Judd's students concert.

FABULOUS FINALES - families are invited to join their child's Fabulous Finale and celebrate the children's learning from the term.

Year Group	Title	Date & Time
Reception and Ladybirds	'Off on an Adventure'	Wednesday 29 th March 2:00-3:15pm
Butterflies and Year 2	'Join our Journey'	Thursday 30 th March 2:00 - 3:15pm
KS2	'A Moment in Time'	Wednesday 29 th March Time: TBC (it will be in the morning)

SWIMMING

All Infants will swim on Thursdays after half term (starting 23rd February to 30th March). Please ensure that your child has appropriate swimwear (no bikinis) and a towel on these days.

Week beginning 30th January 2023

This week's learning highlights:

News from Infants (Reception, Y1 and Y2)

We thoroughly enjoyed sharing the story 'Whatever Next?' and have enjoyed exploring all things in space. We used our giant rocket as a 'hook' for writing and independent challenges as we wondered where it might take us and what we might do on a space journey. We have written instructions to explain how to make a space rocket too and focused on number lines for addition.

We had a great time exploring painting techniques in art. We created an even wash and developed mark-making with paint skills.

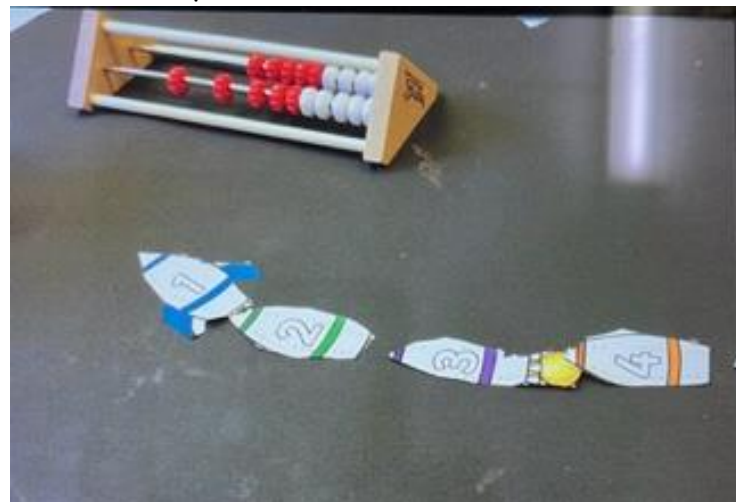
In Science, Year 2 children enjoyed testing out kites they made last week, some faired better than others in the windy conditions but all had a great go at flying them! The children then evaluated which were the most effective materials that they used.

In RE, the children reflected on the parables we've learnt in the Bible and discussed how we could spread Jesus' word. We made our own pots with ideas for how we could live by good example.

We can't wait for next half term when we will start swimming and will be taking part in our special federation day with Harpley...watch this space!



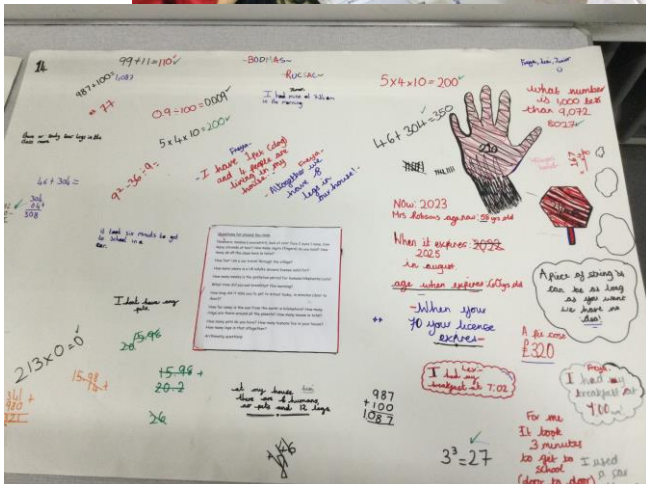
By Belle



By Albie

News from the Juniors (KS2 - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)

We all enjoyed Number Day 2023 - celebrating the magic and wonder of numbers. KS2 pupils discovered that numbers are all around us - from the number of fingers (digits) in our classroom to estimating the distance from the earth to the sun. Year 5 & 6 also enjoyed a fun game of Bingo where we had to solve mental maths problems to cross out the answers on Bingo cards. Congratulations to Martha for getting a whole row first! All the classes participated in a fun number-themed day. George, in Y2 said, "It was the best day ever!" Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the day by helping the children dress up for digits.



I loved being back teaching the 3's and 4's this week. I am so impressed with their enthusiasm and their eagerness to participate in class discussions and activities. What a lovely bunch to teach!

We enjoyed reading our class book, *The Enchanted Horse*. Most pupils predicted correctly that the toy horse in the story would turn into a real horse! There was much excitement on Wednesday when a REAL pony called Zue, came in to help children with their writing. Pupils are planning to help the main character look after her horse by writing a Care Plan for a pony.

During Maths this week we have been looking at money! Pupils visited a toy shop such as the one in the story. Some pupils had an opportunity to purchase two toys. All children were able to add different amounts and work out change. We also did some mental maths, calculating change from a £1.

Such good work. Have a lovely half term!
Mrs Cross

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we learnt about Saul and Paul from the bible. We learnt about the miracle which helped Saul change his ways and start to make good choices.

We continued our Value for Life: TRUTHFULNESS

Next term we launch our new value for Life: FRIENDSHIP

Our 5 Core Values:



★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Year R & 1: Teddy for making brilliant effort to join in with our learning.

Year 2: Lillie for trying hard with her Maths learning.

Years 3/4: Bethany for her consistently fantastic attitude and being a great role model.

Years 5/6: Jemima for super learning in maths

Message from the PFA

Dates for the cake raffle

10th February

24th February

10th March

24th March

Thank you for supporting Number Day! We raised £39.80

Harpley February Holiday Club - ICS Coaching

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We are delighted to announce on Tuesday 14th Feb 9AM - 2PM we are running an Activity Day.

These days are always good fun and Rob is really looking forward to giving the children the opportunity to be active with friends, playing traditional and unique sports including football, dodgeball, handball and tag rugby.

£15.00 for the day.

REGULAR DATES

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

Tuesday: 3.00pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons

Thursday: Infants 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.

Co-opted Governor vacancy

We are looking for a co-opted governor to join our friendly team of Federation Governors. Training and support will be given with this role. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Mrs Stibbon or Mrs Stephens.

TERM DATES

2023 AUTUMN TERM 	2023 SPRING TERM 	2023 SUMMER TERM 
Wednesday 6 th September - Wednesday 20 th December (Half term - Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October)	Wednesday 4 th January - Friday 31 st March (Half term - Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th February)	Tuesday 18 th April - Friday 21 st July (Half term - Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June)

Have a lovely break over half term. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th February.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team

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