



'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 enjoyed a great first week back after half term. The children have settled straight back into school routines and have been working really hard with their learning.

We loved seeing a few children in school in representing their organisations for 'Thinking day' - Beavers and Badgers were delighted to share their outfits, knowledge and stories.

**BOOK WEEK is NEXT WEEK** - Don't forget, Dress up day is on **WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH** Children (and staff...) are invited to come to school dressed up as a book character for the day.

## Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

This week's learning highlights:

News from Infants (Reception, Y1 and Y2)

We started our new theme with immense enthusiasm this week and the children settled in well after the break. We thoroughly enjoyed learning about Shrove Tuesday and the significance of Lent in Christianity. We all had a go at making and mixing a batter which was cooked to make... pancakes! The children impressed us with their egg-cracking skills and fine motor control for squeezing (rather tough) lemons. They were delicious! We used this as our starting point for instruction writing, list making and printing using the left-over lemons. There were some skilful cutting skills too as Reception safely used knives to cut the pancakes.

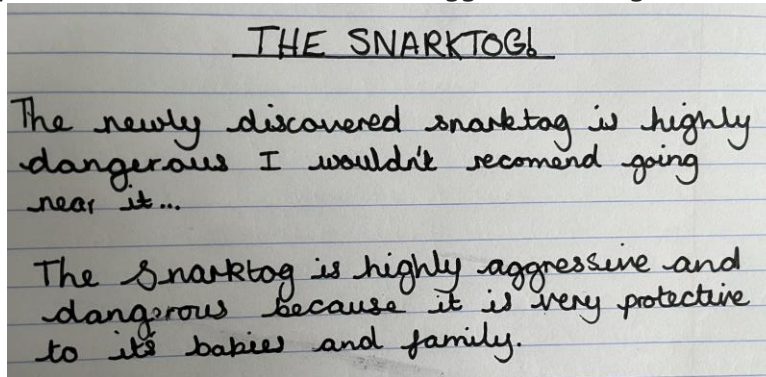


In Year 2, the children enjoyed finding stars that mysteriously appeared in their classroom, this ignited their imaginations on how they would go about catching their own stars. Our ideas included, Santa grabbing one on his way through on Christmas Eve, another was reaching the top of a skyscraper in New York and involved catching one with a huge net! Our work in English is based around the text, 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers and the children have not only written some beautiful descriptive poems but also instructions on how to do this, look out for these soon...!

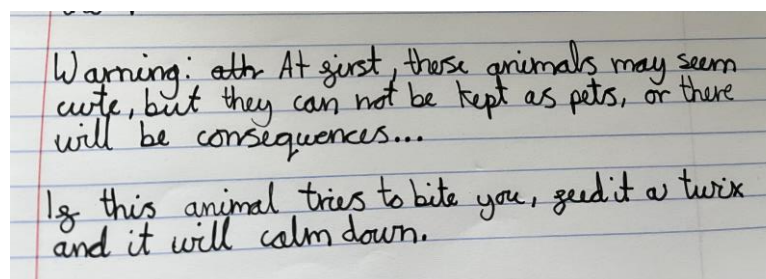
It was an exciting time for Year 2 with swimming starting this week; we had a great time and can't wait to see our skills develop each week.

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

Year 5 and 6 have been practising using cohesive devices to help make sentences flow. They have been looking at how repetition, adverbials and ellipses are used to create cohesion. They have had a great time using these devices to come up with their own animal that has been discovered. They really enjoyed using their imaginations and we had some interesting names for our newly discovered animals. The Snarktog, Twixle, Twighog and Jimbob to name a few! Some were very fearsome and we would not suggest meeting them alone...



By Freya



By Floss

We have been very impressed with the quality of Stone Age themed homework presented this week. We had a selection of Stone Age menus, questions for Stone Age people, Stone Henge and homemade tools. Well done to all Year 5 and 6 for all the time and effort put into their creative work.



## VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we reflected on Mathew 17 1-9 and the transfiguration. We did some deep thinking as we considered the question: Have you ever felt changed for good by an experience, person or words you have read or heard? What happened? The infants enjoyed making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and we had a special collective Worship on Wednesday to celebrate Ash Wednesday.

We launched our Value for Life: FRIENDSHIP

Our 5 Core Values:



## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

**Year R & 1:** Leo - for some brilliant focused learning this week.

**Year 2:** Grace for making a great start to the new half term, working especially hard with sharing groups in Maths.

**Years 3/4:** Freddie for his exceptional focus and excellent participation this week! I'm so proud of you! I loved your Care Plan for a Pony

**Years 5/6:** Timmy for thoughtful and intriguing writing about his new animal.

### Message from the PFA

Dates for the cake raffle

10<sup>th</sup> March

24<sup>th</sup> March

### REGULAR DATES

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

**Tuesday:** 3.30pm 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.

### SWIMMING

All Infants swim on Thursdays (23rd February to 30th March). Please ensure your child has appropriate swimwear (no bikinis) and a towel on these days. Thank you.

## WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH : FEDERATION DAY

*On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding a Federation Day - more information to follow. All Junior pupils will be at Harpley for the day and all Infant pupils will be at Great Massingham. Please can you arrange for your child to be dropped off and collected from the relevant school as follows:*

- GM infants arrive at GM usual time (8.45-8.55am)
- All juniors to arrive at Harpley between 8.40 - 9.00am
- All juniors leave Harpley at 3.10pm
- All infants leave GM 3.15-3.30pm

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March 2:15pm onwards
Butterflies and Year 2	'Join our Journey'	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2:15pm onwards
KS2	'A Moment in Time'	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 10.30-11.30am

## EASTER SERVICE

Parents, family and friends are warmly invited to attend our Easter Service on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 9-10am in St Mary's Church.

*If your child is in the Junior class, you are welcome to walk back to school with us after the service, have refreshments and then stay for the KS2 Fabulous Finale!*

## Clubs

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 continue to have booster sessions before school.

## 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 <sup>th</sup> September - Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December (Half term - Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March (Half term - Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (Half term - Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June)

## POSITIVE PLAYTIMES STEERING GROUP

Thank you if you have made contact with Carly to offer your time and support to volunteer and help-out during lunchtime play. If you have yet to do so and have the capacity to help, please do get in touch so we can get the ball rolling.

Please remember to use our website [gmhfed.norfolk.sch.uk](http://gmhfed.norfolk.sch.uk) to find out information about our school. You will find our newsletters, aims & policies (we will not email these out individually) and curriculum information along with much more.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team  
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