



'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 would like to thank the huge efforts from our PFA. With costs increasing, school budgets really feel the impact and the money raised by the PFA help provide the children with lots of extra things we could not otherwise afford. Please come along to the next meeting and find out what how the money they raise is spent and how you can help. Alternatively, speak to Mrs Stibbon or Mrs Stephens if you would like to know more.

ICS Coaching half term holiday sports club

<https://forms.gle/KxBm9avFcizeSFUw6>

We want to try to get children active through the holidays & socialising with friends, so we are running a sport fun day at Harpley school on the 14th February. Please open the link above to register.

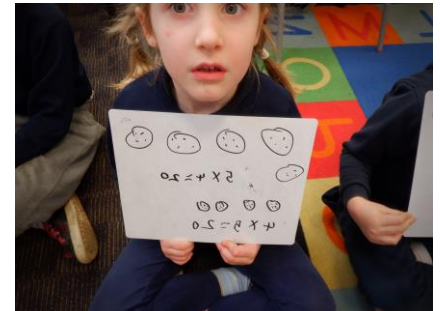
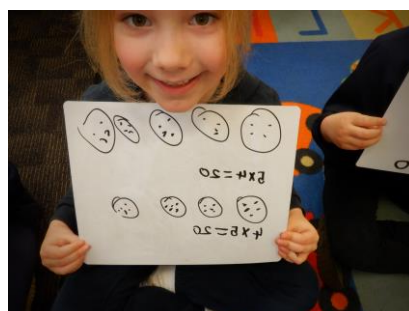
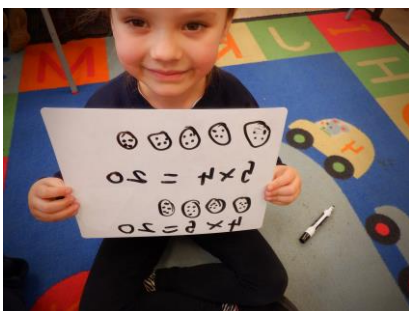
WEEK BEGINNING 6th February 2023

News from the Infants

Wow, this week we have finished several different units of learning and we have achieved and progressed so much. Well done to all!

The year 2 Bees have been busy multiplying this week and have mastered an understanding of the relationship between multiplication and repeated addition. Tricky stuff! Year 1's have been masters of the number line, using it to add and subtract quickly.

The ladybirds have had a lot of fun while writing (yes writing) as they have now all realised how they can use their sounds to help them and use a word bank effectively to copy a more complex word. Great results!!!



We are all making good progress in swimming. In Richard's group we have started to learn to do butterfly stroke. You have to use your hands to make circles and skull under the water and keep your feet still and heads in the air.

We have read these creepy mystery stories. They start off happy but they get spooky. One is called 'hide and seek' set at a wedding. The bride goes off to hide inside a thick box and isn't found for two hundred years! She is now a skeleton in a wedding dress.

By Heidi and Reg

This week the year 5 and 6 have been having fun flying their kites! Last week we found out about the different shapes of kites and how this can affect how they fly. The children then had to design and make a kite, they could choose what to use and how they wanted to construct this. This week we had a chance to fly them, the children had great fun trying to get the kite to soar through the air. They have also had great fun making electrical circuits this week. Year 3 and 4 have been learning about light and learning how the sun can be damaging to us, and the best way to protect us against the sun.



Year 3 and 4 have been multiplying this week. They have multiplied two digit numbers by 10, used related multiplications to find other multiplication facts and Year 4's have been finding factors. This half term Year 3's have been focusing on their 4 times table and Y4's on their 9's. They have worked brilliantly and now have great confidence using these times tables. In literacy we have story mapped the story of Ug so far, we have considered how Ug might be thinking and feeling and now we are writing a diary entry in the role of Ug.

 **Special Mentions** 

Felix for amazing progress recently in all areas!!!

Chloe, Ruby-Rose and **Valee** for great progression in reading and writing and being so proud of themselves when they have got it right.

Edward, Romilly and **Chloe** for composing their writing with increasing confidence and independence.

Leo, Alfie, Romilly, Edward, Nojus and **Jayden** for fabulous progress in swimming lessons.

Nathan for fantastic times tables knowledge and using this to explain how to solve multiplication problems.

REGULAR DATES

MONDAY - 20th February 2023

PLEASE NOTE THAT INFANTS WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR PE KITS INTO SCHOOL WITH THEM ON A MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

WORLD THINKING DAY : Wednesday 22nd Feb

If children are in rainbows, brownies, guides, squirrels, beavers, cubs or scouts they may come in wearing their uniform on this day.

ICS Coaching after school football club - **4.15pm pick up.** Please find the booking form for Great Massingham and Harpley.

<https://forms.gle/sn3xJ1VKJQQWCENo7>

THURSDAY

All to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day. **Please could children bring in spare socks and school shoes so that if they have been out on the field and their shoes and socks are wet, they have another pair to change in to.**

PE with Rob from ICS Coaching

Stef Judd guitar and drum tuition

FRIDAY

PFA Pyjama Day

AM Junior's swimming at the Oasis in Hunstanton. Helpers this week are Corynn Inward, Mim Reeve & Sharon Goodliffe-Johnson

DRESS UP FOR WORLD BOOK DAY on **Wednesday 1st March** - Please note, we are dressing up on the **Wednesday NOT the Thursday** due to PE.

Hey everyone,

We've organised some concerts for the guitar and drum students to perform. These will be happening on Thursday 9th March. Harpley's concert will be in the main hall in school at 11:00am and Great Massingham's concert will be in Great Massingham church at 2:30pm.

I hope you can make it! Best Wishes, Stef Judd.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP




We continued our Value for Life: **THRUTHFULNESS**

Next term we launch our Value for Life: **FRIENDSHIP**

Our 5 Core Values:



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)

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **96%**.

	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
September	96.48%	93.62%	94.74%
October	92.86%	94.76%	93.99%
November	94.81%	92.89%	93.66%
December	85.12%	91.02%	88.68%
January	92.94%	96.77%	95.23%

KEEPING WARM AND WELL THIS WINTER

This page (see link below) has information to help you find agencies and schemes that can provide support if you are struggling to heat your home this winter and tips for staying warm.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/keeping-families-warm-well/>

Free School Meals - if you think your child may be eligible for a free school meal, which could save you over £400 a year and gain additional funding for your school, go to www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to see if you qualify. NCC has released details of its new cost of Living Support Scheme, to support families in need. This includes a monthly award for children eligible for means tested free school meals.

GREAT MASSINGHAM FOODBANK

Great Massingham Church continue to run a foodbank which is open every day. This is proving to be of real support to many local families during this time of unprecedented financial hardship. Please use this resource if you need to and please consider donating whatever you can by simply taking tinned or packet goods (including nappies, baby wipes, shampoo, toothpaste etc.) along to the Church. Many thanks.

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.

Have a wonderful break over half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th February.

Kind regards, The Harpley Team

Website: gmhfed.norfolk.sch.uk