



'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,

Following the email sent out earlier this week proposing the extension of our catchment area, Norfolk County Council invite you to a meeting on **Thursday 21st September at 3.40pm** in our school hall. During the meeting you will have the chance to find out more about the proposal and ask any questions you might have.

Polite notice: residents in the village have asked that we remind parents and carers of the importance of keeping children safe when they are riding scooters to and from school. Residents are concerned that they have seen children scooting quite fast, some distance away from their parent/carer, down school road. Thank you for your support with this.

We have a new music teacher working with us this year: Josh Simpson. If you would like your child to have guitar or drum lessons, please email Josh: jsimpsmusic@gmail.com

Week beginning 11th September 2023

This week's learning highlights:

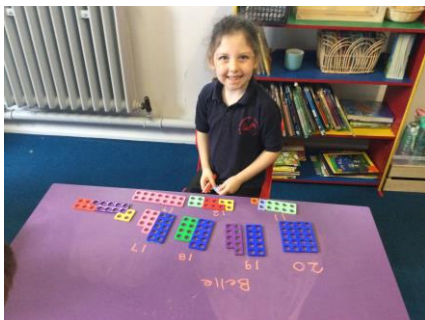
News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

The Infants were puzzled to find a rather strange recipe in the classroom this week, along with lots of items that had been moved around. It led to some fantastic question writing and discussions of the possible reasons. Thankfully we discovered it was all part of our story this week - Billy And The Beast.

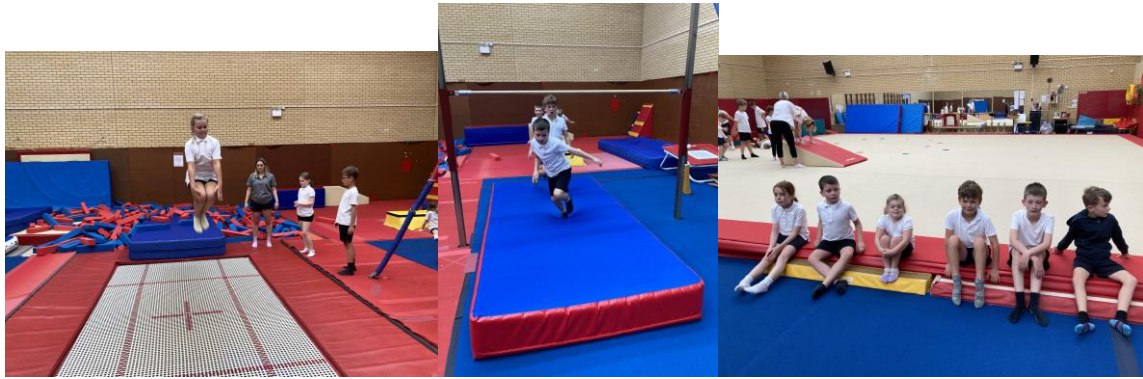
Reception children have wowed us this week as they begin their phonics learning and have enjoyed exploring maths in all sorts of different ways. Their attitude, effort and enthusiasm to their learning has been wonderful to see!

The Year 1 children have also done some brilliant maths work by practicing their counting skills and the Year 2 children have refined their partitioning skills and understanding of place value.

We can't wait to see what learning takes place next week!



News from the Juniors

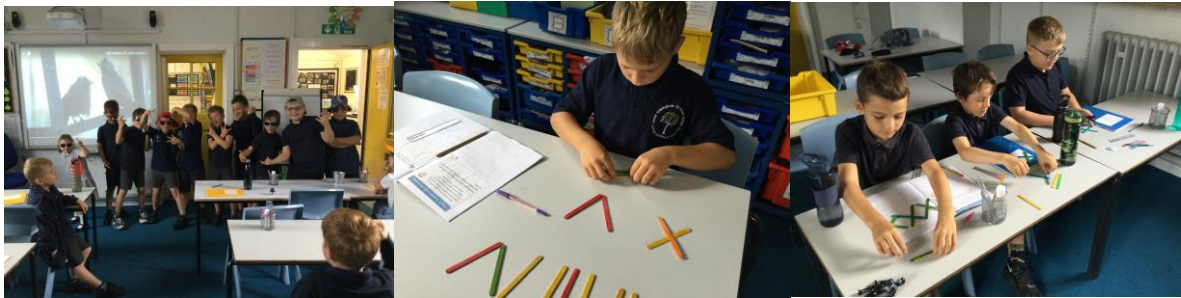


We had a great time at LynnSport this week!

We've had the rappers in the class this week, presenting their version of the poem Jackdaw by Robert MacFarlane. We were able to join definitions to tricky words in the poem such as 'fossick' - to hunt or seek, 'guffaw' - a hearty laugh. Later in the week, we worked on identifying nouns and adjectives, before adapting simple sentences to create expanded noun phrases.

Year 3's have been working hard on their Place Value skills and have impressed Mrs Cross of their ability to partition 3 digit numbers. We are working on adding and taking away 1, 10 and 100 by playing Human Bingo.

Roman Numerals were the focus for Year 4 this week. Pupils enjoyed forming their own RN with lollipop sticks before solving worded problems together as a group.



This week year 5 and 6 have been really enjoying their english project on the *Guardians* Three Little Pigs Advert. The children have only watched a small amount of the advert and have been speculating as to what has happened. They have found out that the Wolf is dead and it seems the Three Little Pigs have killed him. We have talked about bias and how this can affect what people think. This led to the children questioning if the Pigs were right to defend their home from the Wolf. They then had to debate if the Pigs had done the right thing, the children were amazing! They had brilliant arguments for and against, those defending the Wolf, made some very valid points, including that the Wolf was reformed and was actually a vegetarian, he was also only trying to help the pigs as he thought the house was on fire and he was just trying to get the keys after the pigs locked themselves out. However, those for the Pigs did a brilliant job and convinced the judges, Miss Harrold and Mrs Frost that they had the right and should be able to defend their home- although we did agree that killing the Wolf was a bit far. We would like to commend the year 5 and 6 for this brilliant work, it has been lovely to see them so into it.



Infants: **Layton**: For his positive attitude to learning and keeping a great focus on tasks.

Juniors: **Seb** for being a brilliant team leader in our debate.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our new theme in Collective Worship is courage. We have thought about what courage means and when we might have to find it. We found that there are lots of references to courage in The Bible:

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Our 5 Core Values:



PFA NEWS

The PFA's first meeting will be on Tuesday 19th at 7.30pm in the barn area of the Duck. This will be our AGM and any new members are warmly invited.

A uniform order will be placed with Birds on Friday 15th if any items are required in particular non stock items such as PE hoodies/fleeces and coats to please email Kerri Turner (turned.kerri@yahoo.co.uk) an order form or fill in a paper copy (found in the school office or from the PFA FB page). Payments can be either cash or cheque to be given in a labelled envelope to either school office or Kerri Turner. Any queries, Kerri is available in the playground daily.

REGULAR DATES

Monday: Music with Estelle from the Music Service

Thursday: drum and guitar lessons with our new teacher, Josh Simpson

Thursday: Juniors go to Lynn Sport. **All children to come to school in PE kit.**

Friday: PE with ICS Coaching. **All Children to come to school in PE Kit.**

FUTURE DATES

Thursday 21st September, 3.40pm in the hall **Consultation meeting** regarding the proposed new catchment area

Friday 6th October: y4-6 trip to Wisbech Grammar School Hockey Day

Thursday 12th October 1.45pm Harvest Festival, St Mary's Church, Great Massingham. All Families welcome. Please donate boxes, tins packets for the village food bank. Children can bring these in to school anytime from Monday 9th October onwards. Many thanks.

JEWELLERY

We ask that jewellery is not worn to school with the exception of:

- very small, plain stud or sleeper earrings
- watches for children in year 2 upwards

Children will need to take earrings out or have them covered for PE lessons. If your child wears other jewellery for religious reasons, we ask that this is worn beneath their clothes and is removed during PE, sports and other high-risk activities.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school year:

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/08/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>



[A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school year - UK Health Security Agency](https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/08/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/)

The official blog of the UK Health Security Agency, providing expert insight on the organisation's work and all aspects of health security

ukhsa.blog.gov.uk

Making Sense of SEND:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-sense-of-send-3-october-2023-kings-centre-great-yarmouth-tickets-668754481657?aff=oddtcreator>

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon and the Great Massingham team