



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

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are back in full swing now and it is lovely to see the children enjoying their new themes this term. The Infants are thinking about 'what is special about me?' and the Juniors are finding out 'who were the Mayans?'

VALUE LEADERS

Our Value Leaders have met for this first time this term and started to plan what they would like to do to help others live our vision and values. They came up with some great ideas and are keen to get going!

MRS STIBBON SICK LEAVE

Mrs Stibbon will be going off for an operation at the start of October and will not be back in school until December. During this time, Mrs Beardall will be the acting Headteacher and will be supported by Co Headteacher, Mr Walker. Mrs Beardall will be in school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mr Walker on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR TEMPORARY POST

We are looking for a temporary Midday Supervisor to cover Natalie's maternity leave next year (from January - December 2024). Natalie works every lunchtime for 1 ½ hours, supporting pupils whilst they eat their lunch and then outside when they have their break time. If you would be interested in this temporary post for one year, please email head@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk Thank you.

INFANT DROP OFF

Parents of Infant children: please remember that you are welcome to come through the gate and round to the courtyard in the mornings to drop your child off. One of the Infant team is always on the door under the shelter so that you can pass on messages and let us know any important information.

Week beginning 18th September 2023

This week's learning highlights:

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

Reception joined us full time this week and have already got stuck in with some amazing learning as well as meeting their Year 6 Buddies to share books together and build social and communication skills. (The Buddies were amazingly kind and welcoming - thank you Buddies!) Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed sequencing stories this week and worked well together to retell our focus book. They also immersed themselves in their independent learning, showing different ways to represent tens and ones using a variety of resources. Having time to explore independently is so important to imbed skills and understanding of concepts.

The Year 1 and 2 children deepened their understanding about internet safety and worked collaboratively to create their own posters to showcase their knowledge. The children have got stuck into the story of Billy and the Beast by creating their own story plans, ready to write their own stories next week. watch this space...!



News from the Juniors

This week we have been preparing for court and blasting into space! Firstly the children have been thinking more about bias and when bias might be needed, we discussed that when you present a case in court you will be biased towards your client as you are trying to win your case. We discussed how the media will also influence what people think and could be biased towards one side of a case or the other. The children then began writing a defence case for the three little pigs, who we have now found out have been accused of possible insurance fraud before killing the wolf. We also listened to the Wolf's side of the story through the book 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka the children loved the idea that the Wolf had just been looking for a cup of sugar to make his grandma a cake but had the sniffles and just sneezed by the houses, no huffing or puffing happened, he promised! We then went to space reading our class book 'Cosmic'. We are starting to learn how Liam, who is very above average in height, has managed to end up in space with people thinking he is a dad, when really he is only a 12 year old boy.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: **Bertie** for persevering in tasks and showing courage.

Juniors: **Dexter** for amazing listening skills and following instructions quickly and efficiently. A pleasure to teach!

Milly for thoughtful contributions to class discussions in English this week.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our new theme in Collective Worship is courage. This week, we found thought about the story of David and Goliath. We also talked about courageous advocacy:

"Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless"
Proverbs 31:8

Our 5 Core Values:



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

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.

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon and the Great Massingham team