



'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,

What a lovely end to the term, the sun has shone and we have made the most of it. We had a fantastic Federation day on Thursday and would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to Miss Harrold for organising it. Have a safe and happy half term. Just to remind you, Mrs Stibbon will be off ill after half term, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Beardall will be the covering headteachers - please don't hesitate to contact us if you need.

PARKING - Please can we remind you not to park on the yellow lines outside school or at the junction with the white lines. Drivers must adhere to the Highway Code. Thank you for helping keep everyone safe.

Week beginning 22nd May 2023

This week's learning highlights:

News from Infants (Reception, Y1 and Y2)

On Monday afternoon, the infants did an excellent job developing their sketching skills. We looked closely at beautiful shells and enjoyed using a range of drawing media (chalks, pastels, charcoal & crayons) to practise sketching.



We have thoroughly enjoyed our theme this half term and as we approach the end of it, we shared our learning together and amazing the facts we discovered. Reception and Year 1 children immersed themselves in tasks of increasing challenge with eagerness and excitement. We hope you have a very well deserved rest next week over half term and we look forward to starting a new theme in June!

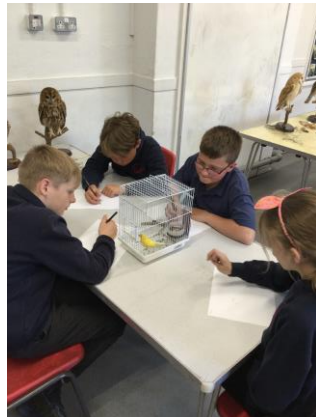
The children in Year 2 have worked incredibly hard this week to complete the last of their SAT's papers and worked independently by themselves. The children in all the Infants completed their week with the most wonderful Federation Day at Harpley on Thursday. The children had so much fun with the Harpley children by taking part in yoga, meditation, parachute games, football and dodgeball plus other games too!



News from Juniors (Y3, Y4, Y5, and Y6)

A huge well done to all of KS2 for completing all of their final art pieces for the Summer Fab finale. They used all of their drawing and painting techniques which we've practised over the last few weeks. We can't wait to share these with you at the end of term.

Year 3 and 4 have been busy developing their knowledge of decimals this week and have enjoyed playing a board game where they had to partition decimals. We have also been looking at homophones and practising the correct spellings before including them in our own sentences.



This week year 5 and 6 have been writing their newspaper reports about the whale migration through Ocean Bay, linked to our class text *The Lost Whale*. The children have really enjoyed all the research they have undertaken to be able to write accurate reports about the annual whale migration. They have learnt some very interesting facts including that whales have a favoured fin to swim with, just like we are left or right handed!

We had a lovely day on Thursday for federation PE day. The children enjoyed spending time with the children from Harpley and it was great to see them all taking part and having a go at the different activities set up for them, including cricket, tennis, hand ball and rounders.



Congratulations to Jemima, George, Ruby and Bethany for winning the Welsh Learners award for this term. Such fantastic effort and enthusiasm from these pupils. Good luck to Bethany who has chosen to study Welsh as part of her Brownies language badge. "I like it because everyone gets involved" George. "I think everyone wants to win the Welsh learner award." Jemima.

REQUESTS - if anyone has any dry fir cones, we would love to have some. We need approximately 35. The infants will be using them in DT next term. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th May	HALF TERM
Thursday 8th June	Juniors trip to Sheringham Museum
Friday 16th June	Sports festival at Wisbech Grammar Y4-Y6
Monday 26th - Friday 30th June	Aerobics mornings 8:40am - 8:55am on the playground (Weather permitting but participation is encouraged... for all)
Wednesday 28th June	Sports Day at 1:15pm, children come to school in PE kit - families welcome
Wednesday 5th July	Sports day reserve - if weather conditions put a stop to 28 th June
Friday 14th July	Year 6 Leavers Service, 2pm at the church - families welcome
Monday 17th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Litcham
Tuesday 18th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Litcham
Friday 21st July	END OF TERM
AUTUMN TERM	Wednesday 6th September - Wednesday 20th December

SUMMER TERM DATES

Tuesday 18th April - Friday 26th May
Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July

REGULAR DATES

Monday: 1.00pm to 2.00pm Music with Estelle from the Music Service
Tuesday: 3.30pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons
1.00pm onwards Stef Judd, piano and guitar lessons
Thursday: Juniors PE - Junior children to come to school in their PE kit.
Friday: PE (Juniors and Infants) with Rob from ICS Coaching - children to come to school in PE kit.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year R & 1:** Otto for your determination and perseverance when writing.
- Year 2:** Dexter - for a brilliant attitude and working hard, especially with his reading comprehension work.
- Years 3/4:** Finley for being a great host to our Harpley friends and demonstrating good sportsmanship throughout our Federation Day.
- Years 5/6:** Timmy for being an all-round, fantastic role model.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we continued to learn about Pentecost. We learnt that the Holy Spirit often appears in the bible as fire and Christians remember how the Holy Spirit appeared as flames above the heads of Jesus' disciples at Pentecost. We thought about being afraid and who is there to help us.

We continue our Value for Life: HOPE

Our 5 Core Values:



SEND Spotlight

The Norfolk SEND Survey 2023 is now open to parents/carers with a child or young person with SEND, and children and young people with SEND who are aged 8 to 25. Please take a few minutes to share your views and experiences by clicking on this link: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer/about-the-local-offer/norfolk-send-survey>

[Norfolk SEND survey - Norfolk County Council](#)

Findings and reports from our SEND survey for parent carers, children and young people and professionals
www.norfolk.gov.uk

MESSAGE FROM THE PFA



The winners of the May Draw 2023

1st prize – Alfie Darlow

2nd prize – Judy Platt

3rd prize – Oliver Burton

**Great Massingham PFA in collaboration with The Dabbling Duck.
Tuesday 13th June Pamper Morning. See flyer attached to email.**



Well done to Kerri Turner & Mim Reeve for completing their first ever triathlon & raising money for both Great Massingham & Harpley schools at the same time. Thank you!

Have a wonderful half term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team

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