



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 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR COVER NEEDED

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 come through the metal and wooden 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.

NORSE MENU CHANGE

On Thursday 5th October, there is a menu change - we are having 'Brunch for lunch'. The new options on that day will be:

Chipolata Sausages or Vegetarian Sausage
both served with Hash Browns, Omelette and Baked Beans.
Dessert: Blueberry Breakfast Muffin.

PFA NEWS

In December 2023 Ruth Doherty will need to step down as Secretary of the PFA. This is a role she has undertaken for over 6 years. Without this role filled the PFA cannot continue. Ruth is therefore happy to chat to anyone interested in taking over this role and would be happy to support until Florence leaves in the summer. The role involves attendance at PFA meetings with recording and circulation of minutes, and assistance with any PFA-related correspondence. No experience necessary!

Kerri Turner is also due to step down in December 2023 as Chair - This role is the co-ordinator . The chair sets the time, date and agenda for meetings and keeps the meetings moving forward. The chair also keeps in touch with everyone regarding events and that they are getting on with their particular role for that event. The chair over sees and organises. Without this role filled the PFA cannot continue. Kerri is therefore happy to chat to anyone interested in taking over this role and would be happy to support until William leaves in the summer.

Week beginning 25th September 2023

This week's learning highlights:

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

We have been busy story writing this week, writing our own stories based on our class book. We are amazing authors! In maths we have all explored number values in different ways including their place on number lines, matching and sorting and estimating. We have enjoyed thinking about how our bodies are heroes and celebrating our similarities and differences. We've had a great time in PE, catching, throwing, balancing and batting. In art, we have all channelled our artistic techniques by developing our sketching skills, exploring shapes, lines and tone.



News from the Juniors

The Y5 & 6 Defence Case for the Three Little Pigs, who were accused of Insurance Fraud and killing Mr A wolf, was tried in the court on Friday.

Lawyers presented their defence case in support of the three little pigs to prove their innocence in the accusations of Insurance Fraud and the unfortunate demise of Mr A Wolf. After some deliberation the jury came to the verdict of 'not guilty' on both charges and Judge Mrs Justice said the pigs were free to go home. However, relatives and friends of Mr A Wolf are not happy with the decision. We have not heard the end of this....



KS2 have made a start on their DT project this week, learning a simple weaving method. This links nicely with their current history topic - The Mayans. Children are looking forward to designing and weaving their own pencil cup holders next week before creating a woven wall hanging to match their bedroom decor. Mrs Cross was very impressed with Finley Bunock who went above and beyond with his effort in DT and even managed a traditional Welsh blanket weave. Well done! Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed listening to the end of the story of Leon and the Place between and have been working hard on their first extended piece of writing, a Diary for Leon. For reading, they enjoyed looking more closely at the poem 'Woodpecker' and performed it brilliantly in their pairs, taking on the roles of the grumpy badger who 'wanted some peace' and the 'busy tree-wrecker' (woodpecker).



STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: Hattie for improved effort, concentration and focus.

Juniors: Finley B for a stupendous effort during our weaving session in DT.

George R for always showing kindness to others, even teachers. Mrs Cross loved her information sheet on Wales which you did in your own time. Thank you!

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our new theme in Collective Worship is courage. This week, we listened to Isaiah 43:2 when God said "when you pass through the waters I will be with you." We also thought about the story of Daniel in the lion's Den and how God helped Daniel find courage.

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: Mr Walker will be on the playground at the end of the day if you would like to meet him. Mr Walker is an experienced school leader and Chair of Governors with over twenty years' experience. Mr Walker enjoys travel and walking with his family. Mr Walker is a foster carer and has two teenage sons. He loves watching Norwich City Football club.

Friday 6th October: y4-6 trip to Wisbech Grammar School Hockey Day. We really need at least one parent volunteer for this trip - please can you email head@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk if you can help? Thank you.

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.

Tuesday 17th October: PLEASE CAN ALL CHILDREN WEAR PE KIT . We have a special visitor in school and will be doing extra PE activities. Separate letter with more information sent home Friday 29th September.

Friday 20th October: School breaks up for the October Half Term holiday. We return to school on Monday 30th October 2023.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Would you like to be a parent governor? We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Body. Please email head@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk to find out more.

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Harpley Holiday Activity Days

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Children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of different sports and activities including dodgeball, football, team building activities, and a selection of other sports plus Arts and Crafts these days will cater for all.

Details
9AM - 2PM £15.00
Ages - 5 - 11
Outdoors and Indoors
Please bring Lunch and Drink
BACS Details
Pay via CASH ONLY in a named envelope
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Kind regards and have a lovely weekend, Mrs Stibbon and the Great Massingham team.