

# 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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for joining us at Sports Day. We are still beaming with pride. We loved hearing your feedback - it means a huge amount to all the staff and children, thank you!

We are incredibly excited to announce that the Tesco Community Grants Scheme Fakenham have accepted our application to participate in their blue token collection. Voting will begin on Saturday and will be in store until the end of September. If we collect the most blue tokens we will receive an amazing £1,500 towards rectifying the flood damage (£1,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and £500 for 3<sup>rd</sup>). Please tell family, friends, neighbours & everyone!

## Week beginning 26th June 2023

This week's learning highlights:

News from the Infants (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

Wow wow Wow! What a brilliant sports day we had on Tuesday. All the staff were so impressed at the effort and determination all the children showed. Above all, everyone (staff included) had a great time enjoying the atmosphere, working together and achieving to the best of our abilities! Brilliant!!!

Our pride in our children has not stopped there. In the classrooms they have also been excelling. As we are completing end of year assessments it has become clear just how far they have all come this year. The Ladybirds especially have all of a sudden become so independent. We are especially proud of their number work (they have been counting to 100 this week!) and their writing. They can all apply their knowledge of sounds to write their own sentences, all by themselves. Very impressive! It's almost as if they are nearly Yr1's.

The year 1's have all impressed us too with fantastic achievement in the phonics check. Everyone has made great personal progress.

Finally the Yr 2's have also been superstars this week and have been "teaching" the Yr 1's how to tell the time. They can all now recognise O'clock and half past. Well done Yr 2 "quarter past" and "quarter to" next!

News from the Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)

We are immensely proud of our Juniors for their triumphant efforts on Sports Day. Everyone tried their very best and Y6 did a fabulous job organising and ensuring the smooth running of the day. WELL DONE JUNIORS!

This week, Year 3 and 4 have been planning and writing an informal letter using emotive language. The children wrote to a wind turbine farmer whose farm was destroyed by a horrendous storm. Last week, the children wrote a formal letter to the council, opposing the wind farm. This week, the children wrote supportive letters to the farmer encouraging him to persevere for the protection of the planet. We have been extremely impressed with their writing outcomes  $\odot$ .

Year 5 and 6 continued to use their picture book 'The Arrival' to write setting descriptions. Here are a couple of sentences we had to share:

- ...'Tentatively, Jonathan put one foot out onto the jetty as if it would collapse beneath him.'
- ...'A towering, winged, garden sculpture (of sorts); Angel'esk, like it had fallen from the heavens.'
  By Elizabeth
- 'The water shimmered with glee as the moon light shone on the freezing cold water.' By Daisy The children had a good go at using a range of punctuation including, brackets, semi-colons and dashes.

### SPECIAL MENTIONS



### Infants:

George for super sporting achievement.

Leyton for great contributions in class

### Juniors:

All of Y3/4 for their hard work in reading and maths tests this week.

**Nathan** and **Edward** for their topographic model of Great Britain.

### VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we explored 'Fresh Starts' and thought about all the fresh starts we get each day. The children came up with our weekly mission: To make the most of each fresh start.

Our Value for Life is: THANKFULNESS

### Our 5 Core Values:











### REGULAR DATES

Please can all children have trainers in school at all times so that we can fit in "catch up" ten step sessions whenever we need to. Some might also like to have spare shorts that could be worn under dresses or skirts.

### MONDAY - 3rd July 2023 (Week 2 on the NORSE menu)

2.15 Junior music with Estelle Furnell

### **TUESDAY**

### WEDNESDAY

ICS Coaching after school football club - <u>4.15pm pick up.</u> booking form for the After School Club <a href="https://forms.gle/Ai1oCHdh17eFFo2s8">https://forms.gle/Ai1oCHdh17eFFo2s8</a>

### **THURSDAY**

<u>Juniors</u> to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day. Infants should come in school uniform, please. 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.

10.00-11.00 New YR taster session 3.30-4.15 gardening club with Phil Peak

### **FRIDAY**

<u>All</u> to come to school in their PE kit, (Infants with their swim wear underneath) 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.

AM Infant's swimming at the Oasis. Helpers this week are Corynn Inward, David Sparshott & Andrew Sinclair

PM Junior PE

#### **FUTURE DATES**

**Y6 Leavers treat** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 3-6pm at Great Massingham (we will take the children to GM, please collect them from GM school at 6pm, thanks). More details to follow.

Leavers Service Thursday 13th July at 2.00pm

PFA end of year bash Friday 14th July

**Y6 Induction Day Litcham** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Autumn Term 2023 Wednesday 6th September - Wednesday 20th December

SUMMER TERM DATES Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **PFA** news

Thanks to everyone who made the meeting this week. It was a great turnout and the end of year bash is looking to be a fabulous celebration! It's on Friday 14th July 5-7pm!

A summer bingo night was discussed in the meeting to run during the summer holidays. This is to be organised and will be run with no further meeting input. Instead we will be relying on any volunteers that would like to join forces to get this event planned. If you would like to be part of a planning team for this please come and have a chat with myself (Corynn), Jessica or Charlotte.

### **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%
February	93.43%	95.48%	94.66%
March	94.06%	94.53%	94.34%
April	96.2%	98.66%	97.69%
May	96.62%	93.73%	94.87%
June	98.42%	96.2%	97.9%

Kind regards,

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