



'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,

Week beginning 9th October 2023

This week's learning highlights:

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

This week we really enjoyed Lynnsport and are well on our way to achieving our goal of everyone being able to perform a forward roll. We are so close. Not bad for such young children! As well as perfecting our rolling we have also been using our strength to balance, and control our bodies to make shapes in the air whilst on the trampoline. We are getting a lot out of these sessions and we can see great progress.

The Ladybirds have been learning about repeating patterns this week and to start with found this really hard until the year 1's gave them their expert advice! Now they can create a simple repeating pattern using 2 and sometimes 3 colours or items. At home, why don't you look for repeating patterns. They are everywhere. Why not take a photo and send it to us. You could even make your own repeating pattern.



Bees have been exploring the united kingdom this week and can identify its 4 countries and capital cities, locating them on a map. Year 1 made a fantastic playdough model of the U.K. and year 2 have been using mapping skills to locate some important features.

This week the Bees have also been learning about verbs and know they are words to indicate "doing" or "being". We have practiced writing simple sentences using verbs and year 2 can now change the verb to indicate either present or past tense.

Amazing learning everyone!



SPECIAL MENTIONS



Infants:

Jude and **Oliver** for being great learning partners and helping their friends.

Felix for growing in independence and being brave!

Juniors:

All of year 3 and **4** for their hard work in science this week.

Heidi for her thoughtful response in RE

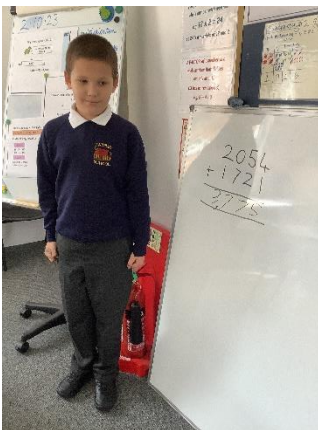
Annabelle for her great questions in science

George for his enthusiasm in science

Romilly for her hard work and curiosity this week

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

Life in the Maths Kingdom (cabin) continues to be busy. This week the Y3s have been doing 'seasonal' maths using conkers. We've been sharing, adding and multiplying. To help with learning our times tables the Y4s played a game with playing cards and Nojus was brilliant in explaining the formal written method for adding two 4-digit numbers.



This week we have been busy looking at how the Maya are similar to the Anglo Saxons in how they were ruled and what they did. The children were interested to find out how these two different societies from such vastly different areas could be so similar. We had fun counting in French this week as well. In RE we have been looking at Genesis 1 and how it describes the creation of the world by god. We have then been looking at the scientific theory's, of how the world and the universe began and comparing these to find the similarities between the two. We discussed that not all Christians have the same views of this and that Genesis can be viewed in different ways. The children did really well and have shown great understanding and empathy in their lessons this week. During collective worship we have also been looking at Black History Month and the children have enjoyed how people in history have had courage to stand up for themselves and others.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our new theme in Collective Worship is courage. This week, we have been learning about Black History Month and relating it to our theme of courage.

Our 5 Core Values:



REGULAR DATES

MONDAY – 16th October 2023 (Week 2 on the NORSE menu)

Federation Day - all Juniors at Great Massingham and all Infants at Harpley (as per letters emailed on 9th October)

TUESDAY

2.00-3.00 Junior gymnastics at Lynnsport. Come to school in their PE kits and remain in them all day

PLEASE NOTE PICK UP WILL BE LATER THAN USUAL, 3.30PM UNTIL AFTER 21ST

NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY

10.15 Lynn News YR Early Years photo

Lunchtime squishies club with Emma. Bring in your squishies to show! (No trading).

ICS Coaching after school football club - **4.15pm pick up.** booking form for the After School Club. Coach has requested children do not wear football boots.

<https://forms.gle/xmEQoPrwfuGYp3ts5>

THURSDAY

ALL PUPILS to come to school in their PE kit, 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.

3.20-4.15 Gardening Club for Romilly, Oriel, Maud, Esme, Reggie O, Felicity, Luke, Jacob & Jude

FRIDAY

Y4, Y5 & Y6 visit to Fakenham Racecourse

10.45-11.45 Infant gymnastics at Lynnsport. Come to school in their PE kits and remain in them all day - **YEAR3 PUPILS WILL BE WITH INFANTS ALL DAY AND GOING TO LYNNSPORT TODAY SO PLEASE CAN THEY COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE KITS TODAY.**

2.15 Junior music with Richard Hall

FUTURE DATES

3rd November school photographer - Infants come into school in uniform with PE kit to change into for Lynnsport

W/C 6th parents consultations

17th Flu vaccinations

5th December Y6 NCMP checks & YR NCMP, vision & hearing checks (National Child Measurement Programme)

15th PFA Christmas Fair



Daisy, Hayden and two of their friends took it upon themselves to make and sell bracelets at the Macmillan Coffee morning which helped to contribute to over £600 being raised.

They made bracelets, set up their stall and did amazingly well!

Big thank you to Daisy and her team!

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **96%**.


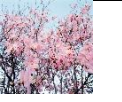

	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
September	99.03%	94.76%	96.38%

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

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR COVER NEEDED at Great Massingham

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

TERM DATES

2023 AUTUMN TERM 	2024 SPRING TERM 	2024 SUMMER TERM 
Wednesday 6 th September - Wednesday 20 th December (Half term - Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October)	Wednesday 4 th January - Wednesday 27 th March (Half term - Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd February)	Monday 15 th April - Friday 19 th July (Half term - Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May)

FIRST ADMISSIONS

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25

Parents of children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online

www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 25th September 2023 and 14th January 2024)

Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 14th January 2023 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.



**PUMPKIN
CARVING
COMPETITION**

**THE DABBLING DUCK PUB
GREAT MASSINGHAM**

Bring your family's creation to
The Dabbling Duck Pub
by 2pm on 31st October.

1st Prize Sunday lunch for 6
2nd Prize takeaway pizza for 6
3rd Sweetie box for the family

THE DABBLING DUCK