



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

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## REQUEST FOR HELP

As you know, we take our children to Oasis Swimming pool on Thursday mornings. We are in need of a couple of parent helpers, to accompany the infant children on the coach and potentially in the water during the lessons. This would be on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> March & 21<sup>st</sup> March. If you think you would be available to help out please contact the school office.

## PARKING

Polite reminder: please do not park at the junction on school road, just outside the playground. Please park further back on School Road or on the main road through the village. Many thanks.

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Would you like to be a parent governor? Do you care about education and want to make a positive contribution to the community?

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Body. Please email

[head@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk) to find out more.

## SEND Spotlight:

Parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are invited to attend one of the free Norfolk Area SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy (NASAPS) events taking place across the county this spring term. Please see the attached document to book a place to learn about the plans for improving SEND services and support in Norfolk from representatives from Norfolk County Council, and their partners. The link below takes you to the booking page.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/norfolk-area-send-strategy-community-engagement-2932819>

## ANDREW BICKERTON - NEW WEBSITE!

Local author Andrew Bickerton has launched a new website where you can find out more about his books. Please see: [childrenandnaturebooks.com](http://childrenandnaturebooks.com)

## Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

We have been shopkeepers this week as we immersed ourselves in learning through play and independent activities. Money and number values have been the focus in maths and we found ways to link this to our fairground theme too. There have been some wonderful chats and discussions during play in calculating change, finding the right coins to pay and exploring ways to make totals. Bella noted: "It's annoying we don't have a 6 pence coin, but we can just use three 2p coins instead!"

In PE, the children enjoyed learning the final part of the very apt 'Jack Frost' weather related dance, creating rhythmical movements in time with the music to the snow and ice. The children have continued to develop their word processing skills in computing and become more confident in using different functions on the keypad.



### STARS OF THE WEEK



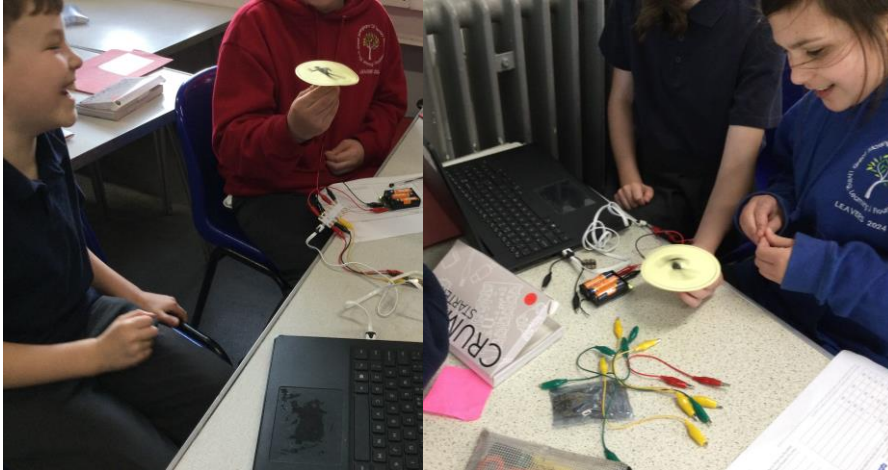
Infants: Phoebe for her perseverance in solving money problems and her wonderful home learning.

Juniors: Oliver for his excellent work in Maths, using multiplication and division well

## News from the Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

In computing Year 5/6 have been experimenting with The Crumble Software where they are starting to build programs by snapping blocks together on screen. Sending a program to the Crumble they noticed the commands are almost instant, allowing rapid experimentation with LED lights, called Sparkles. This week they combined the Sparkles (flashing coloured lights) with motors to spin a disco dancer.

Finley & Floss both stated that 'it was fun and you can make things move from the program on the computer'.



In Art, Key Stage 2 learnt how to use an ink pen this week to create blotted line drawings in the style of Andy Warhol.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP: Our theme this half term is Creativity. Our soul grows and lives like a tree through devotion to God. Do you recognise this tree? Look at your school jumper!



Our 5 Core Values:






**REGULAR DATES**

Monday: Music with Estelle from the Music Service

Thursday: drum and guitar lessons with Josh Simpson

Thursday: Juniors go to Oasis Swimming Pool. **All children to come to school in PE kit.**

Friday: PE with ICS Coaching. **All Children to come to school in PE Kit.**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

October attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
<b>December</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>94.25%</b>

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance>

