



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 26th 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 15th February, 7th March, 14th March & 21st 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.

LOST PROPERTY

We are starting to accumulate some lost property in the box outside the school office. Feel free to see if any belongs to your child/ren at school drop off or collection.

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 to find out more.

Week beginning 22nd January 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

The Infants have been working hard this week, showing strong collaborative team work skills, especially in their Maths and PE lessons. They've been inspired by their recent text 'The Bear Under the Stairs' and have been busy authors, planning and writing their own stories, showing great imagination throughout! The children are excited about having their own stories to call their own! In Maths, the Year 2 children have been exploring equal groups and investigated making their own and creating additions of these groups, they loved the practical element of this and worked well with a partner to create their equal groups. In dance, the children enthusiastically engaged in a new dance where they explored dance moves to reflect different winter animals.

The children are getting excited about Numbers Day next Friday, we cant wait to see your number themed outfits!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: Belle for working hard all week, especially with her skills in Maths.

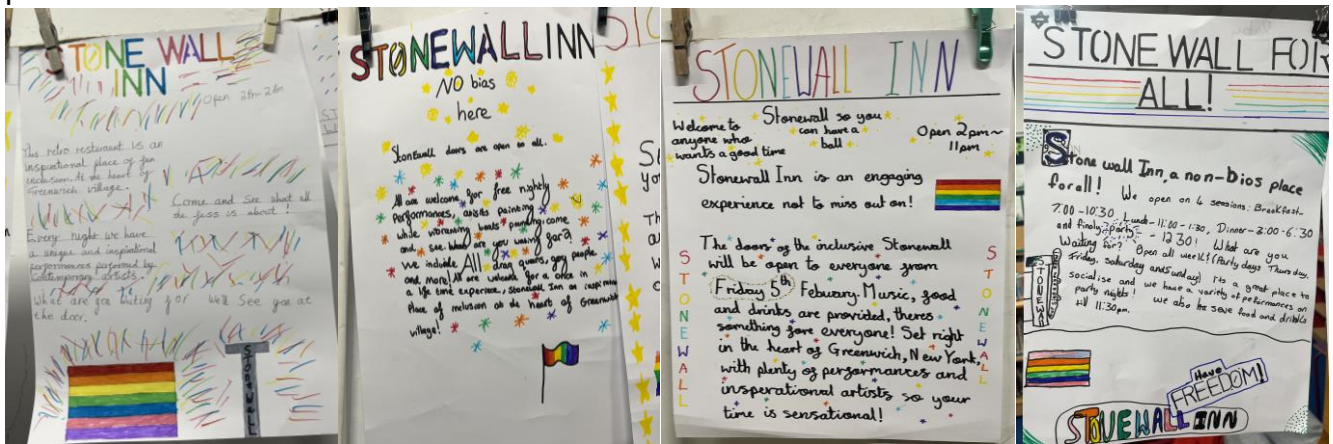
Juniors: Keira for showing perseverance in her understanding of Fractions

Special mention to Charlie, who was star of the week on 12th January but was missed from the newsletter. Sorry Charlie!

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

In Year 3 and 4 this week we started our topic of Length, Area and Perimeter in Maths by estimating and measuring objects around the classroom. In English we have written our own version of 'Winter's child' called 'Spring's Daughter or Spring's Child'. We very much enjoyed saying 'hello' and introducing ourselves in French, perhaps you can practise this with them at home!

Year 5 and 6 have been working hard learning about the Stonewall Inn uprising in New York in 1969. They have been amazing in their approach to some sensitive subjects looking at how people were treated in the past due to many different prejudices people held at the time. We have been learning how Stonewall was a hub for the LGBTQ+ community in the late 60's and people travelled from all over the country but not everyone agreed with this and those who visited at times were subjected to very unfair treatment. This week we have been creating advertisements to encourage people to come and visit Stonewall Inn as a safe and inclusive place for all to be themselves.



Year 5&6 pupils also had a fabulous steel drum lesson with Mrs Furnell, our external music teacher.



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 th September - Wednesday 20 th December (Half term - Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October)	Thursday 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)

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

October attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
December	94%	94.5%	94.25%

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

