



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Stibbon:

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed the beautiful weather we had. We are so pleased with the way that the children have settled back into school - the atmosphere is quiet and purposeful already!
Our new children have made a great start and are already getting used to their new school.

As you will know, this will be my last term as Headteacher of the Federation. Interviews are taking place next week so we will soon be able to let you know who will be the new Headteacher from January 2025.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

19th September - Flu Vaccinations, whole school.

2nd October - Federation School Visit, KS2 pupils

17th October - Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church 2.00pm. All welcome.

W/C 4th November - Parent consultations

8th November - Wisbech Grammar Hockey Day - Years 4-6

REGULAR DATES

Monday:

Guitar lessons with Toby Rideout - starting 16th September. To sign up please contact Toby on toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk

Tuesdays

Drum lessons with Tom Relihan. To sign up please contact Tom via email on tomrelihan@gmx.com

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.

3.30pm ICS Coaching after school football club. Book directly with ICS Coaching via

<https://icscoaching.pembee.app>

Week beginning 4th September 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

It's been a wonderful start to the year in the Infants, all the children have returned back to school with enthusiasm for their learning, showing positive choices in all they've done with radiant smiles on their faces. All the staff and children in Year 1 and 2 have loved getting to know our new Reception children and it's been fabulous to see our KS1 children actively demonstrating our school values, showing kindness throughout. The Reception children have challenged themselves to learn new routines, try new things and meet new people and we are so proud of all their achievements.

As a class, we've embraced our new theme 'Caring, sharing and Raring to Go' and enjoyed stories based on kindness including 'The Smartest Giant in Town' and 'Zog and the Flying Doctors.' We have discussed what it means to be kind and are preparing our 'Kindness Jar' ready to start using next week.

We've had a great start with the Infants and we can't wait to make some amazing learning memories together.



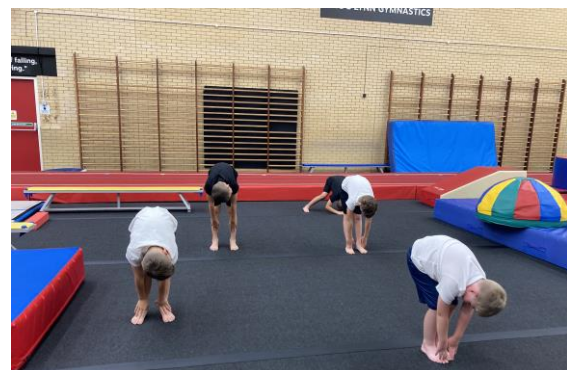
News from the Juniors

With welcoming the new Y5/6 children into the cabin classroom for the new year, there were lots of smiles and shiny shoes! During our Inspirational Maths lessons this week we have been pleased by the childrens' thoughtful responses and found their words helpful in creating a positive and supportive environment for maths group interactions. Through the activities (creating shapes with yarn, deciphering dot patterns and making numbers with only Four 4's) they began to learn what it means to develop a growth mindset and believe in themselves to develop a 'can do' attitude towards solving challenging maths problems.

In addition to this, the children found a mysterious backpack in the classroom which contained some items belonging to its owner and they had to predict who it belonged to. This insight led us to the story of Leila and the Blue Fox, which will inspire creative writing in the coming weeks.

The year 3/4 lower juniors have had a lovely start to the new term, settling well into class and particularly enjoying making clay tiles in Art.

The whole Junior class enjoyed the first Gymnastics lesson at Lynn Sports on Thursday. There were some excellent displays of forward rolls, cartwheels, body shapes, hops and controlled jumps. Well done Juniors.



Infants: All the reception children, for positively embracing their start to school life.

Years 3 & 4: Harvey, for wonderful listening and joining in activities in year 4 style!

Years 5 & 6: Leo for settling in so well into his new class and new school, displaying the qualities of a keen learner.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in *Collective Worship*, we have been thinking about our Vision and Values. We talked about what these mean to us and how we can live our lives through them.

Our School Vision is: " I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8).

Our 5 Core Values:



Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon and the *Great Massingham* team