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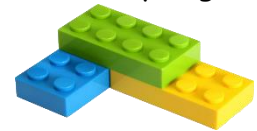
Dear Parents and Carers,

New Headteacher for January 2024.

The governing body of Great Massingham and Harpley CE Schools Federation are delighted to announce that they have appointed Mrs Hilary Myhill to the position of Executive Headteacher with effect from 1st January 2025. Mrs Myhill is an experienced teacher and school leader. She is very much looking forward to joining our Great Massingham and Harpley team!

Lego

Thank you to everyone who donated on our non-uniform day, £92.11 was raised to buy Lego. We also appreciate the Lego sets that have been given to the school.



Violin

We have been gifted a violin to pass onto a family. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Readers

Help children learn to read so they can succeed, in school and beyond. We are seeking volunteers who would like to read with our KS2 children. Please contact the office for more details if you are interested.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

27th November. No Pen Day.

28th November. Tree Planting on Village Hall Playing Fields

29th November. Decorating Day

9th December. Christmas Lunch

11th December. Christmas Performances at St Mary's Church. KS2 at 9.45am & KS1 at 2.30pm.

19th December PFA School disco at Great Massingham Village Hall

REGULAR DATES

Monday:

Guitar lessons with Toby Rideout. To sign up please contact Toby via email toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk

Tuesdays

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

Thursdays:

Infants go to Lynn Sport - All children to come to school in PE kit.

Fridays:

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>

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship, we have thought about the fact that forgiveness is more than words. We have talked about feelings and actions which are linked with forgiveness.

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:



ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
October	96%	93%	94.5%



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

Message from the PFA

Please remember to use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to Great Massingham CofE Primary School at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else! Please sign up and help us raise more. Please see attached poster for more info.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/assets/blt6c7e7bfb452f7417/easyfundraising-christmas-a4-poster-2024.pdf>

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon and the Great Massingham team

Week beginning 4th November 2024

This week's learning highlights:

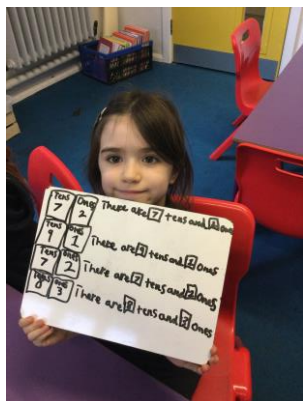
News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

We have had a great first week back in the infants and we were so encouraged to see everyone return happily and full of enthusiasm!

We introduced our new theme and the children are keen to discover more about the world we live in. There are lots of learning observations loaded onto Tapestry so do look out on there for more information on what we have been up to! It was good to see so many of you join us for the parent meetings as well this week. These chats are such a good way to touch base together and keep each other informed on life at school and at home. We always enjoy having these opportunities to get to know families a little more and to share the children's achievements and progress with you too. In science, the children have enjoyed learning more about the benefits of exercise and have noticed how their bodies and minds change for the better after they have exercised.

They were all incredibly enthusiastic about returning to Lynnsport this week and practiced their rolling, jumping and balancing skills on the apparatus.

Their new text 'Cave Baby' has inspired the children to think about writing their own imaginative ideas for if they were to have their own cave and what they would have in it. Perhaps we will have a go at making our own soon?!



Infants: Elsie for her beautiful handwriting.

Years 3 & 4: Otto for his wonderful writing in English this week.

Years 5 & 6: Cabe for showing resilience and perseverance to finish the Cross Country 1.5km trials.

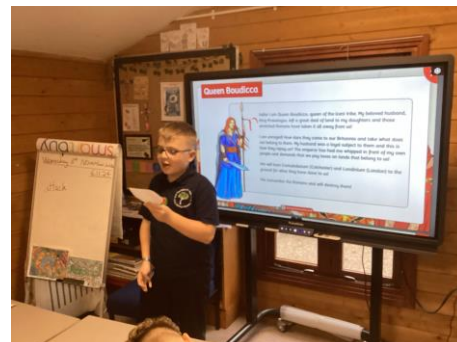
News from the Juniors

This week in Lower Juniors we have been enjoying our new books 'Varmints' for writing and 'Skygazing' for reading. For writing we have been reminding ourselves of how to take care of plants and what seeds need to grow. In Maths we have started our new topic: Multiplication and Division, looking at the patterns that they have and how they are grouped together.

Our Value leaders enjoyed a trip round the village yesterday to help a local group write a walk route with sights to see. We are excited about our Christmas play: 'Christmas with the aliens' which we have started learning the songs for.

Upper Juniors have kicked off the new half term with a very busy week. In maths learning about prime factors, square and cubed numbers and how to multiply and divide by 10, 100, 1000 and in English writing dream scenes, poetry and even tweets. In science we have been investigating how to separate materials using filtration, sieves and magnets while trying not to make too much of a mess with sand, salt, rice, water, raisins and paper clips. In history, while learning the reasons Boudicca led a rebellion on the Romans, the children wrote and performed a rallying speech by Boudicca to encourage her fellow Icenis to revolt. The music teacher is very impressed by the progress the children are making with learning the trombones: playing different notes, reading music, changing tempo and working in unison.

It has also been a pleasure to celebrate some amazing homework projects that were completed over the half term break. The children were tasked to write about something they love or a hobby they enjoy. Several children chose to present their work in poetry and others entertained us with very informative power point presentations. We learnt about Jujutsu, golf, rugby and how to look after bunny rabbits - all very impressive, so well done. A great start to the second half of the Autumn term.



GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

- 8th November Firemen's Music Quiz 7.30pm £2.00 entry fee
- 10th November Rumble in the jumble 12 noon
- 29th November DNA Band & Hog Roast 7.00pm tickets £20.00
- 6th December Bingo 7.00pm
- 7th December Heart and Soul Choir
- 8th December Afternoon Tea Dance organised by History Society. 3-5 pm
- 14th December Village Hall party, Hog Roast and Band Stone Pony. Tickets £20.00
- 24th December Two A's singer/ entertainer 7.30-10 pm free to members, guests £2.00
- 31st December Family Disco 8-late free to members, guests £5.00.

Residents Raceday

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Fakenham RACECOURSE

Upcoming events

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The next fixtures

Residents Raceday	Tuesday 19 November
Christmas Raceday	Sunday 22 December
Gamble Plant New Years Raceday	Wednesday 1 January
Queen Boudica Raceday	Sunday 19 January

Christmas PARTY

Welcome drink, 2-course Christmas meal, crackers, mince pie, dancing until midnight.

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER ARRIVAL 7PM

£46
PER PERSON

80's PARTY

Saturday 23 November
from 7.30pm until midnight

£12
PER PERSON

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Classes in the Breckland area

Mondays 10:45-11:45am	Ashill community Centre, IP25 7AX
Wednesdays 10:45-11:45am	Mundford Village Hall, IP26 5DW

Contact: Mica Hodgetts
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