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Dear Parents and Carers,

Healthy Snacks

We do not allow children to have fizzy drinks and encourage every child to have at least 1 portion of fruit and 1 of vegetable each day. At breaktime, children are allowed to have a snack of fruit (fresh or dried), vegetables, cheese, breadsticks etc. Following the National School Food Guidelines, children are not allowed to eat biscuits, crisps, snack bars, etc. at breaktimes. Sweets and lollipops are not acceptable snacks or lunch items in school.

Message from the Parish Council

The Parish Council are trying to access a grant to improve the children's' play area on the Village Hall playing field. As part of the application, they are gathering a wide range of views. Please follow the link below if you wish to express your views. The closing date for gathering views is Oct 31st.

<https://tally.so/r/nGLGZz>

Call for Help

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.

We are looking for small/medium Lego sets (for ages 6+) which we can use to support the children with building social relationships. If you have any complete Lego sets (including the instructions) that you no longer need/use, we would be very grateful if you could donate these to the school.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

25th October - ICS Coaching holiday club at Harpley -

<https://icscoaching.pembee.app/?filters=663a16b2978bf17ae904a4d4-Harpley>

18th October - School Photographs - If you would like your child/ren in their school jumper for the photograph, please send it with them to change after PE.

W/C 4th November - Parent consultations

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

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>

FIRST ADMISSIONS SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25

Parents of children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 23rd September 2024 and 15th January 2025) Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 15th January 2025 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.

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:



<https://www.norfolksendiass.org.uk/news/newsletters/sendias-spotlight-sept-24>

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
September	96%	96%	96%

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

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon and the Great Massingham team

Week beginning 7th October 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

The children have immersed themselves in their learning throughout the week, they've enjoyed using the beautiful resources of Autumn in their activities such as conkers and leaves to practice their counting, drawing and exploration.

The Reception children are continuing to impress us all with their phonics knowledge and it was wonderful to see them wow their parents at the Reception phonics open morning, it was great to welcome you all in.

In maths, the Key Stage 1 children have become well equipped at spotting and solving doubles and near doubles. They have become super speedy with their recall on these!

Our science session was a lot of fun as we explored measuring each other's feet to investigate if our feet really do get bigger as we get older, even Mrs Oake and Mrs Ridgwell got involved!

We've also been practicing our Harvest Festival songs and we look forward to singing these at the church with you next week.



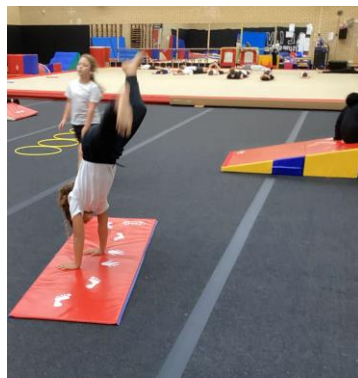
Infants: Maggie for trying really hard all week, especially in maths.

Years 3 & 4: Lillie N for wonderful independent work adding 4 digit numbers with exchanges.

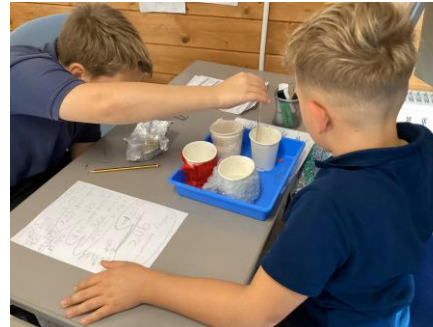
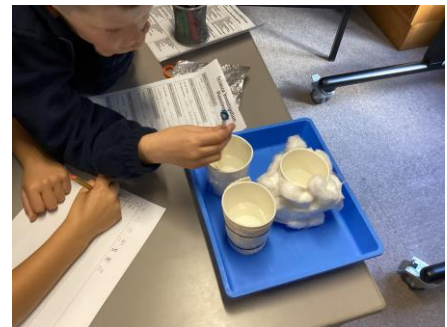
Years 5 & 6: Noah A for showing good listening skills and staying on task.

News from the Juniors

In the Lower Juniors this week, we have enjoyed writing about our own matchbox diary objects. We have been reading the start of our new book 'Zombierella,' predicting what we think will happen and picking out how 'fake' the sisters were. We enjoyed our last session at LynnSport this week, where we have been refining our gymnastics skills.



In RE this week, we learnt about the importance of prayer in the daily life of the Islam faith. The children had the opportunity to look at a prayer mat, design one of their own and create a whole class mat using interactive paint on the whiteboard. During Science this week the children conducted their experiment to find out which material is the best thermal insulator. They covered cups with different materials and measured the temperature of warm water at 5 minute intervals to find out which materials kept the heat in for the longest. We will write up our results next week. Y5 and 6 also enjoyed our first lesson with the Music Teacher (Mr Head) who took us right back in time to discover the origins of different genres of music in America and the UK.



GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

17th October - Film night 7.00pm start

18th October - History society 7.30pm start

19th October – Jol Rose 7.30pm

22nd October - Community lunch. 12.30pm arrival.

29th October - Coronation club 2.00 pm start

31st October - Tapping house fund raising bingo 7.00pm start

JOL ROSE

Saturday 19th October 7.30pm



**Great Massingham Village Hall
Social Club Bar**

**Jol playing country / pop /
singalong.**

**Not to be missed. Warm up gig before his
German tour**

(£2 entry for non-members)