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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!

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>

Message from the PFA

100 Club

The 100 Club has been launched for this year - please see the flyer in your child's bag for more details, or collect a flyer from the school office

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>

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>

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon and the Great Massingham team

Week beginning 11th November 2024

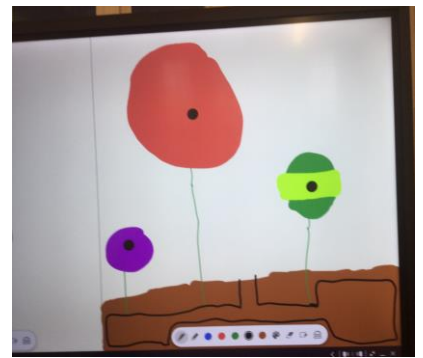
This week's learning highlights:

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

The children have shown their key values in abundance this week by recognising and remembering the importance of Armistice Day. We talked about the significance of this day and how we show respect by wearing poppies and taking part in a 2 minute silence. The children took part in both of these events and also walked to the church to lay the beautiful wreaths they had made.

In maths the children have developed their knowledge on number lines and have been so enthusiastic about creating their own too, using all sorts of resources. In science we have thought about how eating the right things is so important to create our healthy bodies and minds, we learnt some special vocabulary related to this and Reception made their own food plates.

The children have continued to excel with their impressive gymnastics skills, this week they learnt to complete half turns as they jumped off the apparatus.



Infants: Delilah for always making good choices and working hard.

Years 3 & 4: Grace for excellent work story writing and letter writing, with lots of independence.

Years 5 & 6: Jenson D for showing perseverance when finding things a bit difficult.

News from the Juniors

This week in Lower Juniors we have been writing about taking care of our planet, using inspiration from our book 'Varmints.'

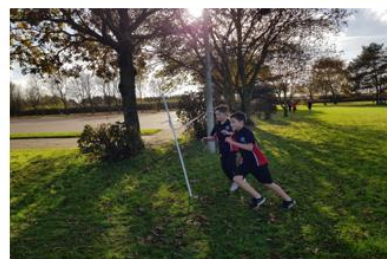
In reading we have been learning about exploring the sky in various ways, how exciting space exploration is!

Our cross country runners represented our school well at Blenheim Park and we enjoyed the first read through of our script for the play 'Christmas with the Aliens.' More information to be sent out on Monday.

It has been quite an active week for all our upper KS2 children. There has been the opportunity to learn and practise hockey skills at Wisbech Grammar School on Friday 8th November for years 4-6. Well done to Lily in Year 5 for being awarded best player. All those who attended the cross country event at Blenheim Park Academy on Wednesday, are to be commended for their stamina to complete the course and show encouragement to others. It was a great opportunity to spend time with Harpley children and also meet children from other local schools.

In Year 5/6 class we finished our Science topic 'Properties of Materials' by investigating irreversible changes and observing what happens when bicarbonate soda is added to vinegar. Finding equivalent fractions and simplifying has been the focus for Maths this week. In English, the children have started to write an extended blog to showcase their writing stamina and draw upon the grammatical skills they have learnt while reflecting upon the story of Leila and the Blue Fox.

When asked what they enjoyed this week here are a few quotes: 'I enjoyed doing the cross country....the schools were kind to us and we all had an amazing day and we all participated!' Milly Y6. 'I enjoyed the Science experiment because we made a chemical reaction with bicarbonate soda and vinegar which created a gas (CO_2). I knew this because it bubbled and when it was put in front of lit candles they went out! Charlie Y5. 'I quite enjoyed the cross country race as I came 7th in the Y5/6 boys race...I was happy with what I did as I was aiming for top ten!' Seb Y6.





GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

- 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 Ats 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

Come racing for **FREE** on
Tuesday 19 November

Gates open at **11:00am**

Do you have a Norfolk postcode?
If so, claim up to two **FREE**
Grandstand and Paddock
tickets per household using
promo code **RR1911**

fakenhamracecourse.co.uk

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Upcoming events

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

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER ARRIVAL 7PM

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



80's

PARTY

Saturday
23 November
from 7.30pm
until midnight

£12

PER PERSON

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