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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a cold week it has been, but great excitement when the children saw some early snow!



We have a busy few weeks coming up, please see all the 'dates for the diary' below.

We are lucky enough to have more than one Christmas tree to put up in school this year - if you have any spare Christmas tree decorations that we could use, please could they be given or lent to the school by 1st December.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

27th November. No Pen Day - see additional information attached to email.

28th November. Tree Planting on Village Hall Playing Fields - please remember wellies & gloves!!

29th November. Decorating Day

9th December. Christmas Lunch in the village hall.

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

12th December. Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children UK

19th December. Non uniform/touch of Sparkle and PFA School disco at Great Massingham Village Hall

7th January. New term starts

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>

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.



Message from the PFA

100 Club

The 100 Club has been launched for this year - if you need any more forms that can be collected 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 18th November 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

It may have been chilly outside this week but we have kept busy and warm in the infants! The children have thoroughly enjoyed discovering interesting facts about caves from around the world, linking to our book 'Cave Baby' and this has brought about some wonderful independent writing of fact sheets and information books! The weather also linked well to our exploration of caves as we looked at ice caves too. The ice in our outside area wasn't quite like that in an ice cave but we enjoyed looking closely at how ice can change the way objects look and feel. Albie snapped a piece of ice in his hands and told us: "It's so cold but look, it's so shiny and see-through!"

The children are growing in confidence and ability week by week at their gymnastics sessions at Lynnsport, we can't believe next week will be our last session! This week the children even did backwards rolls!

In Science, the Infants took part in a super fun experiment using glitter on their hands to represent how germs can easily travel and spread, the glitter was tricky to wash off every last bit (just like our germs!)



Infants: Bertie, for being such a wonderful and kind role model to others, and always demonstrating our school values.

Years 3 & 4: Alice, for amazing efforts in all her lessons and wonderful homework.

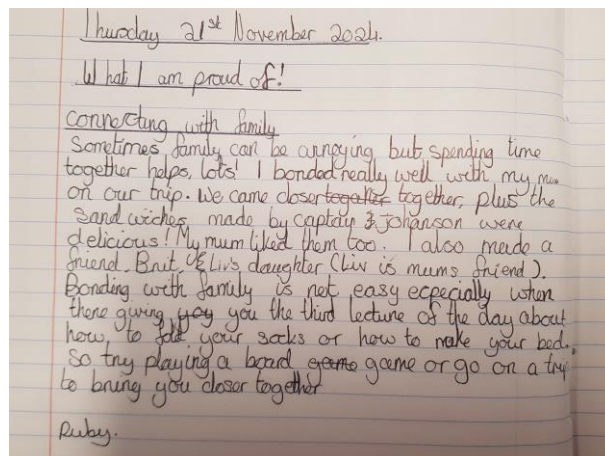
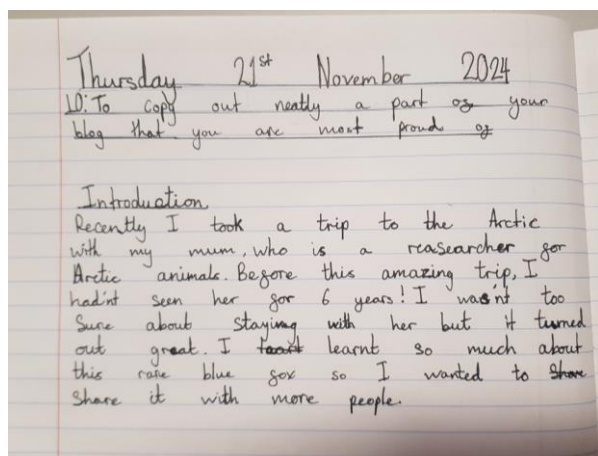
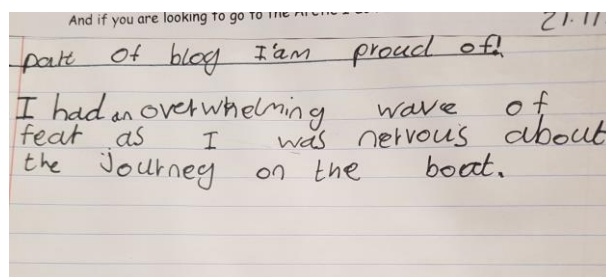
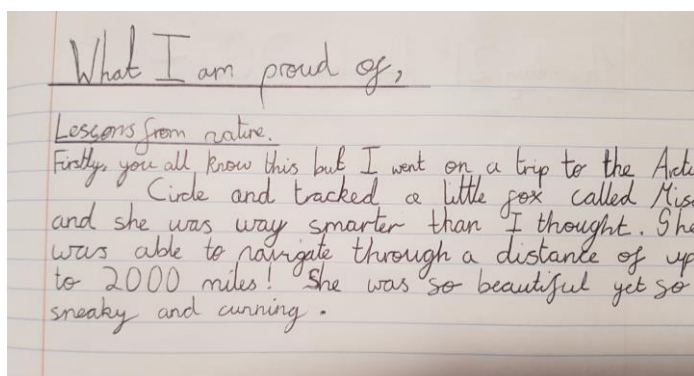
Years 5 & 6: Bethany for always presenting her work neatly and her commitment to wanting to help with class routines.

News from the Juniors

This week in Lower Juniors, we have enjoyed combining Science and English in our writing: an explanation text about how plants grow. We have read more about what happens in the sky at night time: auroras and amazing night creatures. In Maths we have been looking at patterns in our times tables, 6's, 9's and 12's, what a lot of patterns there are! In Art, we have been sketching our paintings for our PFA Art gallery show and, of course, we have started acting out our play, ready for Christmas!

Even though it has been a chilly week the Y5/6 children have worked hard. We are so proud of their Fabulous Fraction work this week: identifying equivalent fractions on number lines; converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa and using reasoning skills to solve more challenging fraction problems. In English, the children were given time to complete an extended piece of writing, developing their skills of editing and improving their work, while understanding it takes time to perfect a good piece of writing. Their objective was to write an informative blog that gives advice about lessons learnt on an Arctic expedition, including grammar and writing skills they have learnt over the term. The children were asked to copy a part of their writing that they were most proud of. The samples here are from Ruby, Freddie, Charlie and Bethany.

The children have also been practising their sewing skills using running stitch and over stitch in preparation for making Roman purses. Meanwhile, we are seeing remarkable progress in their music skills, creating some rhythmic tunes with the trombones, on Wednesday afternoons. We are looking forward to seeing what more they all can achieve, across their learning in the coming weeks.





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.

HARPLEY COMMUNITY CHOIR

FUNDRAISING CONCERT



THURSDAY DECEMBER 5TH @ 7PM

At St Lawrence Church Harpley

FUNDRAISING FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
HARPLEY CHURCH, SCHOOL & VILLAGE HALL

An evening of Christmas music plus music by
Ralph McTell, The Carpenters, Lewis Capaldi
and many more....

with mulled wine, fizz and mince pies

NO TICKETS- DONATIONS ONLY AT THE EVENT