



Great Massingham
Church of England Primary School
PARENTS' WEEKLY BULLETIN



'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,

We continue to have action packed days, filled with wonderful learning. Thank you to everyone who has managed to order lunches on Pupil Asset, this is making a huge difference and maximises learning time! We would like all lunches to be ordered via this portal so if you are having trouble, please do speak to Mrs Smith in the office and she will be happy to help. We have some very exciting news - Mrs Cross is expecting a baby! We are so pleased for Mr and Mrs Cross and wish them well in this next chapter. Mrs Cross will be with us until the end of January and we are delighted that she plans to return after her maternity leave.

We also have some sad news this week which is that Mrs Rouse is leaving us at the end of next week. Mrs Rouse has been a TA in Reception and Key Stage One since September 2017. She will be greatly missed!

Week beginning 4th October 2021

This week's learning highlights:

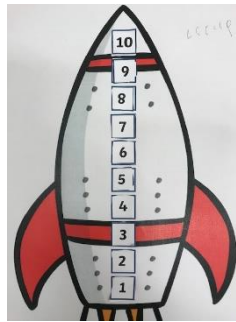
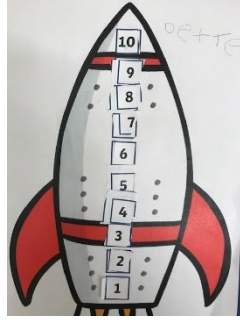
Receptions' News

Autumn has arrived and Reception have enjoyed exploring the interesting things that this season brings. We have walked around our school garden and spotted the different signs of autumn all around us. We have made bird feeders using honey and bird seed for our Reception garden and added straw to our bug house for the insects. What kind friends we are!



Year 1 and 2s' News

We would like to say a special thank you to all of our Y1 and 2 families who have been so supportive during a challenging time with the disruption to staffing this term. We are so proud of how well the children have adapted to the different adults within the class. We can assure you the curriculum and learning continues to be as it should have been so there is no impact on the children's curriculum entitlement. Year 1 this week have been counting back in 1s and doing a brilliant job.



Juniors' News

The children have produced excellent eye drawings! The mark-making and shading techniques have really brought these dragon eyes to life. This links to our class text AND our school vision - what a super effort from all the Juniors.

For maths this week Year 5/6 have been learning about negative numbers and how to compare their values. They have also been able to use a Gattegno Chart to complete sequences according to the rules of counting forward or backwards in steps of powers of 10. Top maths Y5/6!

STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants:

Reception: Belle. You have impressed us with your phonics this week Belle. Fantastic segmenting and blending skills, well done!

Years 1/2: Ava and Dexter have done some super 'one more' counting in Maths this week. **Theo** and **Teddy** have been super helpful and supportive with their work table this week!

Juniors:

Years 3/4: Milly for going above and beyond not only helping staff but also the children.

Years 5/6: Star pupil for Y5/6 is **Tori** for top maths reasoning skills, confidently explaining her strategy to solve number sequence problems.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we read the lovely story, 'Lots: The Diversity Of Life On Earth' and thought about working together. In the bible, James teaches the Christian community to support each other in prayer, accountability and loving guidance. Our mission this week is: To work together to protect the diversity of life on Earth. We continue to explore our Value for Life: **CREATIVITY**.

Next week we explore the theme Creation of New Life and how we can help improve the biodiversity in our school and local area.



JUNIORS STACKING CLUB - Starting after half term

Want to improve your fitness, brain and body agility and quickness? Then Speed-Stacking is the club for you! Come and experience the many benefits of Speed Stacking. This club takes place on Thursdays (from 4th November - 9th December) straight after school from 3:20pm to 4:00pm and involves stacking 9 or 12 specially designed cups in pre-determined sequences as fast as you can. Places are limited to 12 so get your permission form returned asap. If successful, we will run more clubs during the school year.

PFA CAKE RAFFLE

We are very happy to restart our fortnightly cake raffle. It's the bargain price of 50p for a ticket which will be sold on Friday mornings; the winning ticket is drawn in collective worship on Friday afternoons.

There is a rota in the office if anyone is interested in baking or providing a cake, buns or biscuits. Our next date is October 15th - many thanks for all your support.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you for your support - the children raised £66 for Macmillan.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - WEDNESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER - 1.00pm.

FLU VACCINATION DATE - TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 1-3pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL - WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER - 10.00am at the Church, parents welcome

FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER - SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM

MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AND TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER - BIKEABILITY FOR YEARS 5 AND 6.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS:

YEARS 3 & 4: TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER from 2.00pm to 5.20pm with Mrs Cross.

YEARS 5 & 6: TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER from 2.00pm to 4.00pm with Mrs Robson

Please make appointments for Parents' Evenings (Years 3&4 and 5&6) on Pupil Asset.

WEEK BEGINNING 8TH NOVEMBER FOR RECEPTION.

CHRISTMAS DATES:

DECORATING DAY - Wednesday 1st December (am only)

Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 14th December at the Village Hall

Christingle Service - Tuesday 14th December at school at 2.30pm

Carol Service - 10.00am at St Mary's Church, Great Massingham

Charity Concert at the Dabbling Duck - 6pm

School Closes - Friday 17th December

CHANGE OF DATE: SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will take individual and group photographs on Wednesday 3rd November 1pm. If you would like to include younger siblings in a group photograph please come to school at 1.00pm.

PARENT PORTAL AND APP FOR PUPIL ASSET

Thank you to everyone who has ordered and paid for school meals on line. We are no longer accepting cash payments in school and all school meals will need to be ordered online after half term. Please make sure you have signed up to the app/portal.

REGULAR DATES:

Thursday: 1.00pm onwards Stef Judd, piano and guitar lessons

Thursday: 3.00pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons

Thursday: Lynnsport (Juniors only) - please come in wearing your PE kit.

Friday (am): PE (Juniors and Infants) with Rob from ICS Coaching - please come in wearing your PE kit

Very best wishes and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team.