



Messingham Primary School Newsletter Autumn 1 2024

COLOURFUL START TO THE YEAR!



We had an incredible start to the year with a Colour Run arranged by our sports partners Get Ahead. The children (and staff!) absolutely loved it. Thank you to all parents/carers who most likely spent their evening getting the colour out of hair and clothes. It was such a success, we would love to repeat it next year – maybe with parents next time?

AIMING HIGH IN WRITING

A small group of children had the opportunity to visit The Grange Primary School for an Aim High Writing Day.



The children had a fantastic day and produced some incredible written work

– including a poem – which they will present in a whole school assembly. The children said:

"I love that it was adventurous and linked to science!"

"It was a free writing opportunity and it inspired me to learn more about dinosaurs!"

"It was a great opportunity to learn some new vocabulary."

"One of the best writing lessons of my life!"

WE ARE GLOWING!



Around 20 members of staff took part in the September Glow Walk over 5 miles to raise money for Lindsey Lodge Hospice. It was a fantastic evening with unbelievable community spirit. There were some sore legs the next day but it was definitely worth it. We also saw some of our children taking part so well done to them too!



Keeping up with the theme, 10 of our Year 3/4 children went to a Get Glowing Dodgeball event at Bottesford Sports Hall. They got to play against each other in 5 different games. They had an amazing time and were sad when the session was over. Well done to all of them.

THANK YOU TO FOMS

We, as always, are extremely grateful for our hardworking FOMS (Friends of Messingham School) team. They give up their own time to organise terrific events for the school that help us raise much-needed funds for the school and our children. Already, this month, we have thoroughly enjoyed a Family Bingo Night with lots of smiles and prizes!!



We would like to thank them for all of the many hours they volunteer to support our children and of the amazing opportunities they provide and we also would like to thank yourselves as parents for supporting all they put on.

Last year, they raised an amazing £7453.49, with your help, which helped pay towards our new trim trail, paid for Reception waterproofs, the KS2 bus to the cinema, the EYFS/KS1 panto trip, an Easter egg hunt and gifts, Christmas gifts plus fruit/lollies at sports day.

Coming up this term we have Half Term Treats on 18th October, Bonfire Treats on 1st November and an autumn disco on 11th November. Thank you everyone.

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS

Our annual book fair not only encourages our children to be enthusiastic about reading but it also raises valuable money for us to buy new books for our library. Thanks to the hard work of Miss Remond in organising the event, staff volunteers and generous parents, we were able to raise £464.71 in rewards. New books will be coming our way shortly and our hardworking Year 6 librarians are currently tidying the library area in readiness.

FOREST SCHOOL

Mrs Potter is well on her way to becoming an accredited Forest School Practitioner. She is working extremely hard (including in her own time with her family – thank you to the Potters!) to get the area ready for the first session in the last week of the half term. We also need to thank Adam Wood from Adam Wood Electrical who has donated his time with his team to help us remove the damaged tree and cut down the willow to make the area safe. We are very grateful.

We are beyond excited about the possibilities for our Forest School so watch this space.....
in the meantime, Mrs Potter was able to harvest last year's crop and offer these wonderful marrows and courgettes to the school community. We hope you enjoyed cooking with them ☺



HEAD BOY AND GIRL

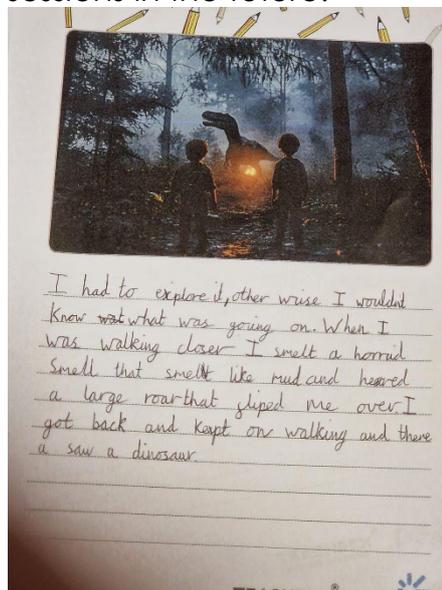
Autumn term is always very exciting in Year 6 when we are able to, democratically, allocate some really important roles within the school such as prefects, librarians, young rangers etc None more important than our Head Boy and Girl roles. We are very excited to announce that Nola and Noah are our new Head Boy and Head Girl with Lola and Jack acting as Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. Everyone in school thinks they will do a terrific job.



WRITING ENRICHMENT



In addition to the Aim High Writing day, our KS2 children in Year 5 and 6 have had two further opportunities to access inspiration outside of the school. Katherine Rundell – a famous children's author (The Explorer, The Good Thieves, Impossible Creatures) ran a webinar for our children and she was utterly brilliant - we believe the children got so much from it. We now have 5 copies of her new book 'Impossible Creatures' in circulation and we hope the children enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed reading it. Secondly, we were able to access an online lesson with Pobble. Pobble is a free-to-use website that provides writing inspiration for children (and teachers!). The children produced some amazing work and felt inspired to access more of these sessions in the future.



I had to explore it, otherwise I wouldn't know what was going on. When I was walking closer I smelt a horrid smell that smelt like mud and heard a large roar that flipped me over. I got back and kept on walking and there I saw a dinosaur.

MIGHTY OAKS THEME NIGHTS

Miss O'Neill is working tirelessly, once more, to offer Mighty Oaks theme nights to our children. So far this term, we have enjoyed a Footy4kids session – seen below:



We also have a trip to Uncle Henry's for a Halloween experience booked in and a Halloween Movie Night. Remember to book early because there are limited spaces sometimes (even staff have been booted off the bus to Uncle Henry's to allow room for more children!). Thank you Miss O'Neill and volunteers for your hard work.



We have started the school year with record numbers at Mighty Oaks and it has been lovely to see so many new children attending. The regular children have shown their values well and helped the new children settle into Mighty Oaks.

To book onto a session please book via Arbor by 3.30pm the Friday before. To make bookings after this time, please email mightyoaksoosc@messingham.n-lincs.such.uk

We are very proud that we have been able to continue offering Mighty Oaks sessions at the same prices as when we first started 3 years ago.

Breakfast club is £4.50 (£3.50 with sibling discount)

Early after school club session is £6 (£5 with sibling discount).

Late after school club session is £10 (£9 with sibling discount)

We also accept a range of vouchers. Please contact Mrs Brooks at the school office to enquire about paying via vouchers.

If you have any questions please contact Miss O'Neill at the above address.

MAN CITY FOOTBALL TRIP



Miss Maxwell was fortunate enough to be able to take a group of children to the Man City football ground for a tour and activities. They had a tremendous day. What an experience!

WELCOME TO OUR STAFF

We are delighted to welcome Miss Ciesla to our team this year. Miss Ciesla is an apprentice teaching assistant working in our Reception class and KS1 classes. Interesting fact: Miss Ciesla is a qualified and experienced swimming instructor! Handy if we get any large puddles ☺

We also have employed three of our own cleaners: Zoe, Noreen and April who are doing a fantastic job of keeping our school clean with a smile on their faces at all times.

We would also like to welcome, this term, Miss Kirk, Miss Doherty and Miss Taylor who are students from Bishop Grosseteste University in their third year – all training to be teachers. They have had a terrific start and are a great asset to the Messingham Primary team.

MORE THANK YOUs

We would like to thank Melinda Quickenden from Mrs Q's Tuition (who didn't want a mention but has got one anyway ☺) for donating drinks and refreshments to our School Parliament (children-led) for the entire year. They will be over the moon with that generous offer.



We would also like to thank our incredible football coaches: Mr Lindsey, Mr Wooldridge, Mr Bates, Mr Simpson and Mr Cooper (sorry if we have missed anyone – you'll get a mention next time ☺) for giving up such a large amount of

their free time to organise, coach and inspire our young footballers.

We would like to thank Sam and Shaun Revill for donating their time and skills to take photos for our school and website – watch this space for incoming changes! There are so many members of the community who volunteer at the school, donate their time or resources to help us and we would honestly like to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts.

...And Finally

I would like to thank the staff, children and parents for their support during Mr Hutchings's absence. He is doing very well and will be returning to us sometime after the half term. We are looking forward to seeing him back in school. In the meantime, have a lovely half term break – go and enjoy new experiences, take a rest and stay safe.

Kind regards
Mrs Tutty
Deputy Headteacher