

## Messingham Primary School Newsletter Spring 2 2023



## CHAMPIONS...AGAIN!!!



Hello and welcome to our Newsletter for Spring term 2. We have had some real success in football this year, firstly being the first team from Messingham to win the Scunthorpe Cup for almost twenty years and then we had the honour of representing Scunthorpe United F.C. in the Northern Section of the Football League pyramid where we met schools that represented York City, Bradford Park Avenue, Darlington and Blyth Spartans to name a few. We were drawn against Blyth Spartans, Bradford Park Avenue and York in our group and we started very well by winning all three v Bradford 8-0

Jacob 4, Ivy, Joe, Arlo, Charlie scoring v Blyth 13-0

Toby 2, Ivy 2, Joe 2, Harvey 2, Theo, Arlo, an own goal, Jacob and Charlie!!! V York 4-2

Jacob, Harvey, Charlie and Theo again This put the team in the quarter-finals where we played Spennymoor and we won this game 4-1 with goals from Jacob 2, Theo and Harvey. We knew the next game would be really tough and it proved to be with a 1-0 win against Scarborough. This put us in the final with the other group winners Darlington and they caught us napping by scoring two early goals to go 2-0 up at half time. Mrs Rose will be delighted at seeing how resilient the children are

as the deficit was reduced by an excellent goal from Theo and we had many more chances before Toby equalised with a minute to go. This meant the whole tournament would be decided by penalties. Theo took our first one and it was saved and Darlington went 1-0 up. Their second penalty was saved by Olly as Charlie and Jacob scored ours meaning it was sudden death. We all felt for Theo who had to go up and take a penalty again (and for anyone old enough it was a real Stuart Pearce moment as he scored and we all celebrated when their next kick was blazed over the bar.

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This means that Scunthorpe (Messingham) go through to the next stage which is the Northern finals in Chesterfield on April 21st. A really big thank you must go once more to Mr Lindsey and Mr Atkinson who have been training the team all season. We do know this next tournament is going to be really tough, however the carrot for the winner is that they will get to be the half-time entertainment at Wembley for the Conference play-off final. Should we dream? I think so and even if we don't get there it has been a magnificent achievement.



#### **Dates for the Diary**

Half Term – April 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY STAFF – Mon April 17th BACK TO SCHOOL - Tue April 18th The North F/ball Final – Fri April 21st Yr 3/4 S/Hall Athletics – Mon April 24<sup>th</sup> Yr 5/6 Netball – Tuesday April 25th Parents Evenings (Yr R – Yr 5) Tue/Wed/Thur 2nd, 3rd & 4th May May Day Bank Holiday Mon 1st May Red Run – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> May (whole school) Kings Coronation – Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May SATS Yr 6 Tue 9th May – Fri 12th May North Lines Football Finals – Fri 12th FOMS KS1/KS2 Disco Fri 12th May Dynamo Cricket – Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May Walk to School week – Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May Y5 Dynamo Cricket – Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May 5/6R Coffee Morning – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May Donut Sale – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May

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#### SIMPLY PIANO

Since September 2022, Mrs Firmedow from Simply Piano has been coming into Messingham Primary School three times a week to teach the piano. 24 pupils have been receiving weekly lessons, 18 of which are new to learning the piano since September. All the tuition given is individually structured around the pupil's needs and development.



The Children are really experiencing the joy of playing the piano with their favourite songs and tutorial pieces for all levels. We would like to thank Mrs Firmedow for all of her efforts with our

children and of the impact it is having on their improvement.

# MESSINGHAM WIN VALUES AWARD AT DODGEBALL

In early March we took a team to the PODS in Scunthorpe to participate in a Year 5/6 Dodgeball tournament put on by the Sports Partnership. There were 20 teams from the local area involved and we were in a group of 5 other teams. The nine players we took worked really well as a team with Jim, Logan, Henry, Riley, Jacob, Harlow, Shaun, Maya and Ivy representing our team. In the group stage we won two and lost two of our games which meant we went into a play off to see if we got any further. Unfortunately we lost this game and then had to watch from the side lines as two of the teams who had beaten us in the group stage got through to the last four. However, we were pleasantly surprised when at the end of the tournament the other teams voted us the team that followed the values most meaning we won a trophy after all!!! This is especially pleasing as normally these awards go to the teams that try hard but lose every game, so all of the players should be very proud of their performance, and how they play the game and are perceived by others. Well done to our team. Team captain Logan said "We all tried our best and Riley was great at catching, and we are really pleased that we won the values award.

## **GREAT DAY AT BATHS HALL**



Congratulations to all the children that performed at Baths Hall in the Sports Partnership Dance Showcase. We had three routines entered. The Year 5/6

MPS Fusion, MPS Allstars Cheerleading and Year 3/4 L MPS Starburst. The children were all amazing and did themselves and the school proud.



Thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents that were able to watch the performance and thank you to all the staff that helped out at the show.



This was an excellent finish to a packed gym/dance/cheerleading calendar that also saw the children perform at Frederick Gough in front of nearly 400 parents and Grandparents. There will be more footage of the gym and dance in the Sports Newsletter towards the end of the year, in which Mrs Hutchings and Miss Wren will complete the year in style. We also have Netball, Rounder's, Cricket, athletics and Sports Day in the summer!



**NEW TEACHERS FOR SEPTEMBER** 

We were delighted to welcome 7 applicants for our 2 x teachers roles that we have for September 2023. In total there were 43 applicants for the vacancies that have been created due to the increase in numbers – we have gone from 251 children to 272 over the last year and also as Ms Hilton is moving to a part-time role next year. The seven applicants were very strong and after a tough selection process we have appointed Mrs Fisher and also Mrs Lees who will join us in July, initially for the transition and then in September fulltime. We are also delighted to keep Ms Hilton in the school, and we feel we have a very strong team next year.



We do also have Deputy Headteacher interviews scheduled in late April to find a replacement for Mrs Lakin, who as you all know accepted the Headship at the Cliff Ferderation which she will begin in September. Even though we are very disappointed to lose Mrs Lakin we are delighted that she has managed to secure this promotion and wish her well for the future. The school also lost Mrs Guilliatt in March who left her T.A. role to start another job locally. We would like to thank her for all of her efforts in 3/4R this year, and again give her our best wishes for the future.

#### HARRISON HITS 100 IN BOWLING



We were delighted to enter the Sports Partnerships bowling tournament this month and took a team of five over to Scunthorpe Bowl where we played and supported other schools. We played really well as a team and Harrison was one of only 5 children out of the whole tournament to score over 100. Our team finished in 4th place and we were delighted to be rewarded with medals for our achievements. A big thank you must go to our PE lead Miss Wren who has ensured that so many children have participated in school events this year. We have entered a number of sports we have never taken part in before and look forward to doing so again next year. Indeed we were represented in Boccia as well as Dodgeball and a walking football that was really exciting.







We had a wonderful visit to Glandford Park the home of Scunthorpe United as the children visited to investigate the 'Up the Iron' topic. We were given a tour of the ground, including the Changing Rooms as well as being told exactly what happens on a match day and the history of the Football Club.



We sketched the ground that would help form our 3D designs of our own football stadiums that we are creating in Design and Technology. We also managed to meet 'Scunny Bunny' even though it was snowing really badly by that time!



## **YOUNG VOICES**



We had an amazing time in Sheffield at the Arena as we joined over 10,000 other voices in the Young Voices Choir. Miss Morris and Miss Remond have been working incredibly hard with the choir over the last 5 months and were rewarded with an excellent performance where we were right by the stage for Heather Small's solo.



So many parents attended as well and the children (and adults) had a fantastic time. Miss Morris commented that this was one of the main events that as a school we have missed since Covid and we were so pleased that all of the choirs hard work and perseverance had paid off. A big thank you to all of the adults who supported the children on this trip and the parents who made the long journey to Sheffield to support them.



## RECEPTION CLASS VISIT CHURCH

Reception class had a lovely visit to Messingham Church this week were we met reverend David & he read us the Easter story.



We rang the bells and explored the church. We were all given a palm leaf cross and want to thank everyone who helped us have such a great day.



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#### NEW VALUE = TRUST



The children met with Mrs Rose our values lead this week to decide the next set of values and they have chosen trust. We look forward to working with the children over the month of April and beyond as we learn more about this value

#### CHEERLEADING EXTRVANGANZA



These are just a few photos of our amazing Gym/Cheeleading/Dance showcase that took place at Frederick Gough School in March. We had over 190 children taking part in the display and had over 350 people watch the children take part.



We would like to thank Mrs Hutchings for choreographing the routines and also for all of our staff and volunteers who helped make this such a great celebration.



As with the Baths Hall report more will be shared in a special sports newsletter in the summer to celebrate all of the sports achievements this year as I know Miss Wren and Mrs Hutchings are looking forward to all of the other trounaments we have entered in Cricket, Netball, Sports Hall Athletics, Rounders and of course we have our Sports Day to look forward to which will be later in summer.



#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINISHED

There are still some matches to be played in the Year 5/6 School's football league but we are clearly winning the league there and are also winning the league in the Year 5/6 Girls football league

#### Girls Year 5/6 League

Name	Played	Points
Messingham	6	18
Riverside A	5	12
Oasis	6	10

We also are top of the Year 3/4 Football league as well in what has been a very successful year for our football teams.



#### Boys Year 3/4 League

Name	Played	Points
Messingham	6	16
Althorpe	6	9
Oasis	6	7
Riverside	6	3

The players have been a real credit to their school and their coaches who have all bee volunteers so we thank Mr Simpson, Mr Cooper, Mr Lindsey and Mr Atkinson for all of their time and commitment to the teams this year.

## ...And Finally

We want to wish all of the children in Year 6 good luck in their SATS that they have been working so hard towards for the majority of the last two years. This year those SATS are taking place from Tuesday 9th May until Friday 12th May where we will finish the week with a party...to celebrate not only their SATS finishing but also the King's Coronation which is on Monday 8th May.

Yours Sincerely Mr R Hutchings Headteacher