



Messingham Primary School Newsletter April 2022



BOOKS GALORE AT MESSINGHAM



Miss Remond's classroom resembled a Library earlier on this week as Messingham Primary School was presented with 250 brand new books covering issues on diversity. Miss Remond takes up the story. "As English Lead I signed up to a project called Story Book Corner and we were lucky enough to be sent a batch of quality books covering a range of topics from environmental issues to how to be an illustrator! Some of the books have been written by Olympic medallists, David Attenborough and Michael Morpurgo."



Also with your help and donations, Miss Remond has also created a high quality library for the Reception and Year 1

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children which runs alongside our new phonics scheme, Little Wandle. We are very grateful to have these brand new resources in our school and we know it will benefit the children greatly! Indeed from our wish list of 72 books that we placed on Amazon our parents and community generously paid for and donated all 72 books! We also thank all of our parents that read at home with their children at least 3 times a week.



Dates for the Diary

After School Clubs begin – Mon 25th April
Bank Holiday (No School) Mon 2nd May
Parents Evening* Wed/Thur 4/5 May
SATs – Year 6 Mon 9th May – Thur 12th
Yr 3/4 Girls Football Tue 10th May
Football Tournament – Friday 13th May
Scarecrow Comp – Tuesday 17th May
Tag Rugby Year 6 – Tuesday 24th May
Queen's Platinum Jubilee + School Fete
Friday 27th May
*Not Year 6

QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

As you know on Friday 27th May we are celebrating the Queen's Jubilee here at Messingham with a street party and then our Summer Fete. We are hoping this can be a real community event which is a lot of fun for the children but also can raise funds to be spent in school as well. Miss Morris has already got the Queen in her classroom and has sent out the first letter and we would be delighted to hear from any home/part-time or full-time businesses that would like to have a stall at the fete to make the event as

immersive as possible. Our children will also be having a stall each to demonstrate their entrepreneurial skills and we are just keeping our fingers crossed for nice weather. School will close on that day at 1.15pm and the children will then be able to participate/help with the Jubilee until you take them home.

MESSINGHAM NETBALL CHAMPIONS

Our PE lead Miss Wren selected 8 children to represent the school recently at St Bede's school in the North Lincs Netball tournament. There were 10 teams from 7 schools and even though the children haven't been taught Netball they have done a club before Christmas with Mrs Hutchings. The reason we entered the tournament was to give the outgoing Year 6's the opportunity of playing a sport we know they love, and also to give a couple of the Year 5's the experience of playing knowing that they would play again next year.



We had low expectations when we arrived as it was obvious a number of the other schools had played a lot of Netball. Netball Captain Darci takes up the story.

"We played Stringer Netball which is 5 a-side with the following positions a GK, GD,C, GS, and GA. We played 4 games and we scored 23 goals altogether (10 by Scarlett, 4 by Darcie, 4 by Jack, 3 by Liv, 1 by Gajjan and 1 by Daisy). We played against Oasis academy Parkwood, Luddington & Garthorpe and finally Henderson Avenue.

We had no goals scored against us and won the games 5-0 in our first, 5-0 in the second. 4-0 in the third and by 9-0 in the last game. To me everyone played fantastic especially considering that we hadn't had chance to have hardly any practice. We all rotated in difference positions as part of the rules and we can be very proud of our performance, we even won gold medals which we proudly wore the next day in school.

LITTLE WANDLE UPDATE

As you may be aware the school is using 'Little Wandle' as its synthetic phonics program that we teach children in Year R and KS1. We have seen a rise in the number of children improving their phonics and ultimately their skills in decoding and reading over the last year and we were delighted to receive some new posters that we will display in all classrooms so even the children that have left KS1 can still use their skills.



Also please feel free to use this link <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> . It gives videos, overviews and prompt sheets to support parents.

YEAR R UPDATE

Reception have been busy in the wildlife area mini beast hunting and making mini beasts out of clay.



They have had some excellent adventures in there and a thank you must go to our wildlife Ambassadors Blake and Dexter who keep the area tidy and ready for use each week.



...And Finally

A shorter than usual Newsletter this month due to the Easter Holidays but there are plenty of things to report in May. These include the SATS which the Year 6 class are taking in the second week of May – they have been working incredibly hard and whatever the outcome we, and their families could ask no more of them. They are invited in to school at 8am for the week of the SATS to get ready in good time. There is also the small matter of the Queen's Jubilee coming up as well as a report from the after-school club that saw many children attend the football recently. We also have clubs starting again after school and a report from the parent's evenings that were held last.

Lastly there will be a letter going home in the next week or so explaining that we would like to get our FOMs going again. This is a charitable status that can see members of the school working with parents in order to not only raise funds for the school but most importantly to give our children opportunities outside of the curriculum. I thank everyone who has seen me after the meetings on Friday to discuss this.

I also want to thank the 70 parents that attended the meetings last week to update on the school's future. We held meetings at 9am and 5pm as well as sending a covering letter with an explanation, and I also phoned 5 parents that were unable to attend. After receiving the information given I am more than happy to either meet with you individually or phone to clarify anything that was either in the meetings or mentioned in the accompanying letter. I also wanted to thank our three governors that were there at the meeting and I know they wanted me to pass on their thanks after a number of you offered support at the end of the meeting.

Kind Regards
Mr R Hutchings
Headteacher