



Messingham Primary School

Newsletter Autumn 2 2023



THANK YOU TO FOMs

Hello and welcome to the Newsletter for Autumn 2 which brings us up to Christmas. Firstly a big thank you to the volunteers from FOMs who have been busy raising money once again through the ice cream sales, discos, bags for life, and through a number of contacts and bids elsewhere. We received our waterproof's that are now being used by our Early Years class and we have also ordered the Trim Trail for later on in the year (Probably March) which will make a significant difference and increase our play area significantly.



On behalf of the children and governors we would not only like to thank all of the members of FOMs who volunteer to help but also to yourselves as parents for continuing to support them in their quest to raise money for the school. The waterproof clothing is already making a difference to the children in Early Years and we will continue to update you further about the Trim Trail in the New Year.



A BIG THANK YOU TO MR THREADGOLD



FOMs also managed to secure a local contact in Mr Threadgold (our local Undertaker in Ashby) who came into school to talk about his career with the Year 5/6 children and to also donate a remembrance and reflection bench in the playground. The children were fascinated by his entrepreneurial enterprise and we do thank him for his kind gift.



Already children and parents have been using the bench and its beautiful flowered surround and we cannot thank him enough for his time and kind donation.



THANK YOU TO MR QUICKENDEN FOR THE FOOTBALL KIT



A big thank you to Mr Quickenden and the players of Messingham Lions who donated their football kit to us recently. The Year 3/4 Football team have 2 x 8 a-side teams this year that have entered into the local league and cup and we currently have 6 teams that have played fixtures or are going to play fixtures in the new year. We have one brand new kit coming through the FA/Sterling Bank scheme and only today Mr Robinson has offered us another kit to be used. We cannot thank you enough for these donations as we now have enough football kits for all of the teams in the school and we don't have to share and rotate like we did last year. Both teams played Bottesford in friendly games in October and we won both and thank you to Mr Cooper and Mr Wooldridge who have been coaching.

TRIM TRAIL ON IT'S WAY



As mentioned on the first page FOMs have raised considerable funds alongside the school to build a Trim-Trail in the near future. We are just awaiting the go-ahead from the Local Authority and hopefully building will begin in March. We are very excited and once again a big thank you to FOMs.

WILLOW RAISES £500!!! AND BECOMES 2nd RUNNER UP FOR INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR MISS!!!



Willow has done a lot over the last month, firstly she walked up Mam Tor in the Peak district after putting a post on Instagram to raise funds and support her on her walk. She raised £500 which she donated to the school and this money will support our journey to become a Forest School.



Secondly, last year she won the coveted Miss England Title for her age (Under 10's) which enabled her to go to America to represent the UK. Willow did really well over there and came 2nd Runner up, as well as receiving the brand ambassador award for International Junior Miss (IJM). This means she will compete again in the UK as she moves to the next age bracket. Well done Willow on your success in America and a massive thank you for your kind donation. We wish you well in the next competition and look forward to hearing how you get on!

GOOD TO BE GREEN

Hopefully by now all parents know about some of the changes we are making before September 2024 in order for us to continue to support the values, the environment and to enable the children to evolve and develop. A further parent/carer forum was held on Thursday December 14th and I would like to thank those who attended as well as the Governors, staff and Parents who have supported, researched and developed the ideas for our next phase.



As always please come and speak to us at the school if there are any issues with the new PE/School uniform for September, alongside the additional changes we are making to the house system, the Library and becoming a Forest School.

VOLCANO'S EVERYWHERE!!!



A big thank you to Year 5 and 6 who put on such a magnificent Volcano art display on the final day of last term. There were some terrific designs and the children have loved investigating more about Volcano's in their afternoon lessons.



WHO KNOWS A GOOD BOOK?

We have been pursuing our love of reading at Messingham over the last year or so and after the introduction of reading corners, where the children can take and borrow recommended reads from the adults in the school it was nice to see the tables turned this week as some of our magnificent Librarians created their own space for 'Recommended Reads' from children.



Imogen, Isabelle, Myles, Yasmin, Ewan, Penny, and Sophie describe what they hope will happen. "We have created a new shelf of recommended reads! On a special shelf starting on the 21st of November and you are able to bring in books you have read from home or school. If you have any recommendations then put them in the box near the shelf and on Fridays we will update the shelf by putting the recommended books on the shelf every week. If you take a book out of the shelf then please put it back where you found it not in the box for recommended reads or on the floor." We wish the children well in this venture as we continue to promote a love of reading in the school.

MATHS CHALLENGE DAY



Mrs Rose and 9 Year 5/6 children spent the day with maths expert, author and software developer Ian Botwright. The focus for the day was problem solving strategies and finding patterns in maths. The children (and Mrs Rose) were set challenges through games, puzzles and situations which blew their brains but made them realise that if they remain resilient and keep searching for the patterns within the numbers, they can solve ANYTHING!



It was amazing for the children to realise that it's not just about finding the answer, it's the efficient method involved that is a crucial part of maths.



The day was very inspirational and great fun. The children's problem solving skills were fantastic and they demonstrated superb mathematical skills as well as our values of teamwork, resilience, patience and positivity. Well done!

YEAR 5/6 WIN IRON FOUNDATION CUP FOR 2ND YEAR RUNNING



Last year we were fortunate to have unprecedented success in the Football tournaments we entered. The Year 5/6 team won the local League, the Humber Cup, the Iron Foundation Trophy, the North East Foundation Cup and became Northern Champions representing Scunthorpe at Wembley. We also won the Year 3/4 League and Cup, and the year 5/6 Girls team won their league!!! All thanks to parents volunteering many hours of their time to coach and support the school teams.



Four of the Year 5/6 team from last year are current members of the Year 5/6 squad that have already won the Humberside Trophy (a new tournament) and we defended the Iron Foundation trophy last Friday which is an excellent achievement as there are some very good sides locally. We drew with Brumby 2-2 in the first game before going on unbeaten for the remaining games beating Westcliffe 8-0, Lincoln Gardens 5-0, Berkeley 2-0, Kidby in the semi-finals 2-1 after being 1-0 down with only seconds remaining, and then

performing magnificently in the Final to beat Crowle 2-0. We had multiple goal scorers with Ruben being the top scorer with 6, Arlo and Toby scored 5, Kian 2, Kai 2, and Jacob 1 but it was a magnificent team effort.



Due to winning the Humber Trophy we will represent the Humber in the next round in the New Year in an East Midlands tournament and for winning this trophy again we go once more to York to play in the North East finals (where we know there are some excellent teams waiting for us). We may not have the same success as last year but we are so very proud of this team once more and all they have achieved so far. Training will begin for the 11 players in the squad once again after Christmas where we have more 6 a-side, and 9 a-side tournaments to play. We have also been told that due to the success of our football team the Girls Year 5/6 team will also be put forward to represent Scunthorpe in York on January 30th and we wish both of our teams well in their quest to move further forward in the competition.

FOMs SUPPORT CINEMA & PANTO TRIPS

We once again cannot thank Mr Parkes enough for his kind donation and support (and snow cannons) when the children went to Parkway Cinema in early December. Snacks were eaten, fruit shoots were drunk and a great time was had by all – the children even managed to watch a real blockbuster film and we are so thankful to once again have this opportunity.



We also need to thank Kpac dance school who performed their Panto to our KS1 and EYFS children. The performance was fantastic and we had a great time. FOMs provided the transport with the donations and fund raising they have done over the last couple of years and it was a great way to end the year.

THANKS TO OUR KITCHEN STAFF



We are very lucky at Messingham to have such a dedicated Kitchen staff who went above and beyond once more to enable all of us to have a lovely Christmas Dinner. Sonia and her team served up Turkey with all of the trimmings and this year we managed to timetable all of the staff to sit and eat their dinner with the children – For Mrs Cookson who spends so much time with the children at lunchtime this was the first time in twenty years she has managed to have her lunch with the children. This was also Christmas Jumper Day and once again it was nice to see all of our children in their Jumpers making for a special day.

GIFTS DONATED TO THE SALVATION ARMY APPEAL



Our Deputy Head Boy Arlo accompanied his Dad and was pleased to represent the school "This week I went to the Salvation Army to drop off the donations of toys and gifts from some of our parents and FOMs. They were very grateful for us supporting their appeal. We know these gifts will help to make Christmas even more special for families who may be struggling at this time of year. Thank you for all the donations and for helping us to show Messingham values of togetherness, equality and kindness."

From Arlo – Year 6

ANYONE FOR A ROSCON?

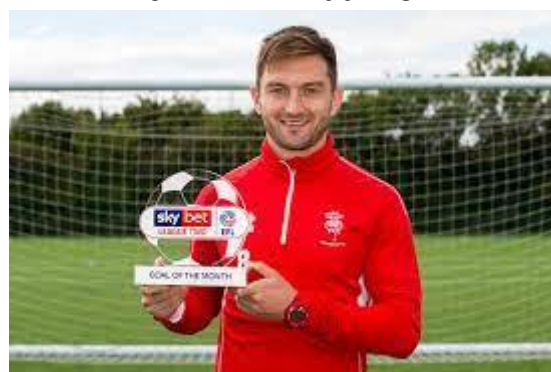


We love Spanish at Messingham, Mrs Tutty is our resident Spanish expert and she provides all of the planning and support for our teachers from Year 3 to Year 6 to teach Spanish. We also have a strong partnership with Frederick Gough School and we have seen some of their teachers visit us here at Messingham to support. Mrs Tutty also runs a very successful Spanish club after school so we were delighted when Miss Remond shared the Roscon making afternoon with us. Roscón, is a sweet bread-based ring-shaped dessert typical

of the Spanish cuisine and they went down very well with the Year 5/6 children.



LEE FRECKLINGTON TO COACH AND TEACH AT MESSINGHAM



We have been very fortunate to have secured former Rotherham, Peterborough and Lincoln City Footballer Lee Frecklington to come to Messingham and help coach and teach our children, initially in Year 5/6 and then in Year 3/4 from February. Lee had a terrific career as a professional footballer playing nearly 500 league games as well as being the Captain of each team he played for. He has just set up his own coaching company and as mentioned above he was wanted by a number of other schools so we have done well for him to have chosen to come to us. Lee will coach two groups of children at lunchtime and then 3 x 40 minutes lessons with 5/6M, 5/6R and 5/6S in the afternoon. I am sure you will welcome Lee to the school like the children did who were delighted to see him walk round and introduce himself last week.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS A SELL OUT!



When Miss Morris came to one of our SLT meetings and declared she would love to resurrect the Carol Concerts that she traditionally organised before Covid we were a little hesitant! After all in a packed Christmas that has seen us go to the Panto, the Cinema, have three EYFS Nativity productions, Christmas parties, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner Day to name a few we wondered where we would fit it in!!!



However on the 18th and 19th of December we had over 300 adults visit us for two wonderful Carol Concerts (with some audience participation) as our Year 5/6's sang some lovely Carols, read poems and reminded us of the Christmas message. A big thank you to everyone who attended and also we must thank all of the Year 5/6 children who were so keen to attend as well as Miss Morris, Miss Spicer and Miss Remond who gave up hours of their time to put together such a memorable evening. We also had all of the teachers staying to support which was much appreciated.

THE MIGHTY OAKS UPDATE

Autumn 2 has been another successful term for Mighty Oaks. We have provided breakfast club and after school club to lots of regular children as well as some new faces. At Mighty Oaks we really love watching the children enjoy unstructured time with their friends, where their imagination can go wild.



We always have spaces available so please contact Miss O'Neill at mightyoaksoosc@messagingham.n-lincs.sch.uk for more information about booking your child into Mighty Oaks. We accept all voucher types and have some spaces available at breakfast club for children who receive pupil premium funding.



Following on from the enjoyment of last years Christmas project and this years Halloween project we decided to go one better for this Christmas. The children of Mighty Oaks has spent lots of time creating shadow boxes and they have been very proud of them and love turning the lights of when showing people so that they get the full affect. They are looking forward to taking them home and showing them off to family and friends. Miss O'Neill would like to do a big shout out to Mrs Welsh and thank her for all her help as the completion of the project would not have been achieved without all her help.



Our Christmas wreath making with Steph from The Little Yellow House Flower Shop is always popular and this year we had 46 children and 10 adults making the wreaths. They all looked beautiful and everyone had a great time. If anyone has any pics of their wreaths at home, please send them to Miss O'Neill so she can display them in school.



Miss O'Neill is already busy thinking about theme nights for the rest of the year and will include bowling, a bingo night and possibly Easter wreath making. Please keep an eye out for more information from Miss O'Neill in the new-year. The children also took home



their presents as well as their designs on the last day and we now have over 30 children attending on a weekly basis and we thank all of parents who support this facility. Prices have stayed the same and will do for the remainder of the academic year.



If you have any questions about Mighty Oaks or the theme nights then please contact Miss O'Neill who is more than happy to answer your questions, and the children of breakfast club treated the staff to a 'Reindeer Crumpet' on our final day – thank you.

And Finally

I would like to thank the parents, alongside our well-being Governor Karen Remond who attended the Parent/Carer forum in December. I would also like to thank those who attended the 'future of Messingham' meeting for your support and the minutes of the parent/carer forum will be shared. We have so much to look forward to next term with our sports teams doing so well, potential build of the trim-trail as well as discussions on the Library, a former professional footballer coming into coach us and a visit from Dr Neil Hawkes the founder of VbE (Values Based Education) for our values accreditation. As always we thank you for your support and at this time of year I would also like to thank you all for our gifts, cards and well wishes. We hope you have a lovely Christmas with your families and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday January 8th which is when the children come back.

Yours Sincerely
Mr R Hutchings
Headteacher