



Messingham Primary School

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THE TRIM TRAIL IS ON ITS WAY!!!

As mentioned in our last newsletter the school and FOMs (Friends of Messingham) have been raising money to offer our children extended opportunities in school. We are pleased to announce that our application for the Trim Trail to be built has passed the first stage of the planning process within the local authority. As a local authority-maintained school we do have to ask for permission when we want to make major changes to the school and the land encompassed within it. We are working with a company called FAWNS which has already built similar structures in other schools. The total cost of the building of the Trim Trail is close to £11,000 and the school have been able to use its ring-fenced capital funding alongside the donation from FOMs in order to facilitate this build.



On behalf of the children and governors we would once again like to thank the members of FOMs who volunteer to help and also to yourselves as parents for continuing to support them in their quest to raise money for the school. We feel that this addition to the play equipment at Messingham will significantly enhance the opportunities for the children here and certainly make playtimes a lot more fun!!! We are hoping the Trim Trail will be available from the May half term.

DISTRICT BOCCIA CHAMPIONS

We entered two teams into the recent Panathlon Boccia Championships that were held at the PODs in Scunthorpe where we competed against other schools at Boccia. We did fantastically well at this tournament which was well attended with 20 teams in total split into 4 groups of 5. Boccia is a game that is played from a sitting position and is similar to bowls in that there is a Jack (the white bowl) and the teams play as red or blue with the nearest ball to the Jack being declared the winner. It is a very strategic game as you can knock your own bowl out of the way!!!!



In total the teams played 8 matches and we won 7 and only lost narrowly in the other. This meant that we won one of the groups and were runners up in the other. The winning team of Laila, Tayla and Jasper will go on to represent North Lincolnshire at the next stage of the tournament for the whole Humber region in late February with our other team of Amelia, Maddison and Charlie being on the reserve list. As always the children were immaculately behaved and worked incredibly well as a team and we wish our winning team the best of luck for the Humber finals. All of the children received medals and the certificate is proudly displayed outside Mr Hutchings office. Well done to our teams.

CALLING ALL BOTTLE TOPS!



Miss Spicer has given the school an initiative to support our 'Good to be Green' campaign. This is part of the National SchoolCycled, plastic bottle top recycling scheme, and we are more than happy to be involved with this scheme to make the children more aware of non-disposable plastic bottle tops (like the ones on plastic milk cartons and plastic coke bottles) where often the bottle is recycled but the top is disposed of in normal rubbish.



As with pretty much everything we do at Messingham the children and Miss Spicer agreed to make it competitive and we have a bottle top bear that is awarded weekly for the class that collect the most bottle tops. A big thank you must go to Esme who over the half term managed to collect a whole bag of bottle tops!!!! We certainly feel we are supporting this scheme and I know

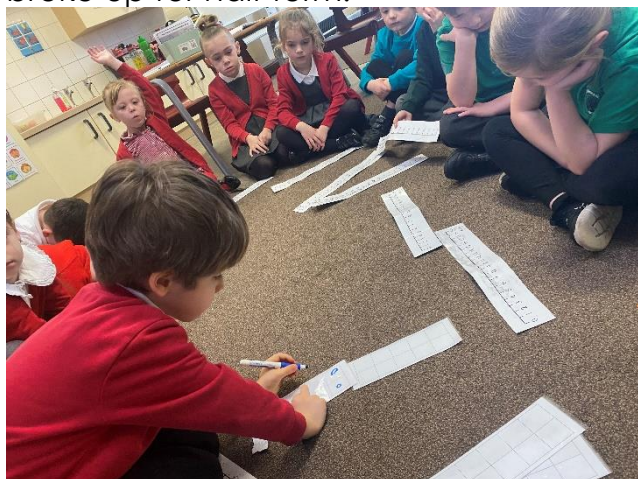
your children will be delighted if you do have some bottle tops to give them to bring in so we can get behind this scheme. Also the school receives 'Earth Tokens' which we can use to purchase furniture for the school, made completely out of molten bottle tops. The more tops we collect, the more 'Earth tokens' we will accumulate and therefore the better furniture we can purchase – including a mud kitchen, outdoor chair and planters if we are lucky!!!! Thank you for supporting this event and making sure the children are recycle aware at Messingham.

LET'S DO MATHS!!!!



At Messingham we use 'White Rose' Maths to support the children's learning and all of the children in KS1 this week were learning how to 'count on' like Edward and Jacob, and it was a very interactive lesson. All of the hard work that goes into teaching the children from Early Years all the way through to Year 6 has seen our results continue to be positive for maths when comparing us against other schools locally and nationally. Indeed last year the average score per child in Year 6 (44 pupils) was 105.9 compared to National 104.2. 82% of children were at the expected standard or above, again way above the National average of 73%, with 34% being at Greater Depth (compared to 23% National). These are results that we should be extremely proud of and the hard work and commitment from the teachers starting in Year R all the way

through, coupled with the strong learning behaviours of the children still make maths the beacon area within our school. Indeed it wasn't just the number of children who passed the expected standard that was impressive we actually showed a progress measure of 1.41 compared with National of 0.04. All of this is extremely positive and we thank you for all of your support at home with X Tables Rock Stars. For last Year's year 4 we were well above the Local Authority average (14.70) and National average (17.24) with an average score of 18.85 and 13% of the cohort scored 25/25! This has been followed on this year as the progress of the current Year 4's is excellent showing an increase from 14.98 in Autumn 17.80 just before we broke up for half term!



MESSINGHAM IN NORTH EAST FINALS HEARTBREAK!!!



We were incredibly proud of the Messingham team who once again represented Scunthorpe United in the North East finals after winning the Iron

Cup back in October for the second successive year. We breezed through some of our group games with the results as follows

V Scarborough won 8-0

V Chester won 6-0

V Chesterfield won 5-0

V York won 2-0

V Halifax lost 2-1

In the semi-final we played York again and after a thrilling 3-3 draw it went to the lottery of penalties where unfortunately we were defeated and went out at this stage.



As mentioned we are so proud of this teams achievements and despite this unfortunate loss they still have so much to look forward to. On March 13th they are the Humber Representatives in the West Midlands section of the National Cup, they are the defending champions of the Humber Cup and are through to the 3rd round, as well as having to defend the Scunthorpe League which starts on Monday 26th February. We have also been invited to take part in the Hymers College invitational 'day of football' which only 8 teams across the Humber have received an invite, which is a great honour. A massive thank you again to Paul and Matt who train and organise the team come rain or shine and have given up so many hours of their own free time to make all of this possible. I would also like to thank the whole squad for their representation of Messingham School and the Community as well as a wind battered Miss Morris who went along as our staff representative!!!

CHEERLEADING RETURNS!



We were delighted to welcome cheerleading back at Messingham after the success of the displays and lessons last year, all be it in the form of a new club run by Mrs Hutchings. There are three sessions on a Monday with flyers and prep being seen in abundance! There won't be a gym/dance display this year as the club will only run for five weeks but it is lovely to see so many children involved again.

MESSINGHAM GIRLS IN NORTH EAST FINALS

Alongside the mixed team, we were also asked if our girls' team would like to represent Scunthorpe after winning the local league last year. We immediately said yes and the girls (despite not being loaned a kit by Scunthorpe United!!!) joined the mixed team on the bus to York, alongside a very supportive set of parents who set out just before 7.30 am to beat the traffic. The girls' team have been training on a Wednesday after school and were narrowly knocked out of the Humber Cup tournament despite an impressive performance for many of the children this would be the first time they had played against children who are often at EFL academies as well as playing at a regional level. We need not have been worried however as they gave an excellent account of themselves and we are very proud of what they achieved here.



The results were extremely encouraging and we were only outplayed by one of the teams meaning the girls should go into their next set of matches with extreme confidence as they are good enough to play at this level.

V York drew 2-2

V Scarborough lost 0-3

V Chester won 3-0

V Chesterfield lost 0-7

V Halifax lost 0-2



The girls, like the mixed team, also have so many more fixtures to look forward to. They have also been invited to play in the Hymers College invitational tournament, they are still in the 2nd round of the Humber cup and finally, they have the local league trophy to defend that they won last year starting on February 26th. Well done girls and we wish you every success in your remaining fixtures. We would also like to thank Jack who again has given up hours of his time this year to coach the team and we are so proud that they became the first girls' side EVER from Messingham to represent Scunthorpe United at these finals. Let's hope it's the first of many!

MESSINGHAM'S TALENTED WRITERS



Last month some of our talented writers were invited to the Grange School as part of the National agenda 'A.I.M. High' which is a tailored high quality, aspirational and deepening learning experience for children to be able to – Achieve, Inspire and Master. A.I.M. High days are there to provide a wonderful opportunity for children to delve deeper and master greater challenges.



The children were lucky to have as the guest visitor Donovan Christopher a.k.a, The Rapperman as the invited expert for creative writing. He is a rap poet and cultural reggae artist and the children were extremely motivated and inspired after spending time with him. This is the second A.I.M high event we have been involved with after the Maths day and Miss Morris has already contacted some parents over a Science event which will also be held at the Grange School. Miss Remond and Mrs Drayton remarked how well the children engaged with Donovan and that as always their behaviour and commitment was exemplary.



NACE MEMBERSHIP AGREED

Talking of more able children Miss Martin has also been extremely busy and has organised the school to be part of NACE and we have subscribed to the first dedicated provision for more able children. The National Association for Able Children in Education (NACE) works with schools, education leaders and practitioners to improve provision for more able learners.



we see this as part of the first step to not only spot more able children within our setting but to ultimately provide them with the appropriate challenge and support so they can make the most of the talent they have. This may be in Foundation subjects such as Science, History, Art or the more core subjects such as maths and reading. NACE provides resources, webinars, coaching, training, CPD and networking opportunities to share best practices and guidance, with a focus on developing high-quality provision for more able learners and supporting whole-school improvement, grounded in research. We can't wait to start working with them.

WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF MY DAY?



As a Headteacher I am often asked what the best part of my job is and I can say unequivocally since arriving at Messingham it is about 3 pm every day when a group of very excited children often knock on my door to tell me how proud they are at earning a 'Golden Ticket' as part of our good to be green behaviour policy. Indeed we currently have over 40 children proudly wearing a lanyard to show everyone that they have achieved at least 5 golden tickets in the last term, some achievement considering that we only had a 5-week term! We have also started awarding certificards that were designed and created by Grace our deputy Head Girl and Yasmin one of our values ambassadors. These are handed out alongside the Lanyards and the children are rightly proud of this achievement.



ANYONE FOR COFFEE?



We would like to thank all of the parents who attended the recent 1/2L Values Coffee Morning. This is the fourth time we have hosted a coffee morning for values since the beginning of September and they have all been attended superbly as always with many parents and Grandparents sharing in the learning of values with the children and finding out more about why they are so important to us here at Messingham. We look forward to two more next term and as always we thank you so much for your support.

JACK COLLECTS 6 MEDALS!!!!

Jack took part in a gymnastics competition in Leicester and received 2 gold medals, 2 silver medals along with a bronze medal. Jack performed on six pieces of apparatus - Floor, Pommel Horse, Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars (also known as P - Bars) and Horizontal Bar - which is made of a cylindrical metal (typically steel) and it is also known as High Bar. These are the six disciplines that are used for the Olympic Games all round Mens Gymnastics. Jack was also reunited with some old friends from the Nile Wilson Gymnastic Academy - where he was trained by Nile Wilson, who won a bronze medal in the 2016 summer Olympics on High - Bar.



Jack's aspiration is to represent Team GB at the Olympic Games. Jack trains over 9 and a half hours every week, and I would encourage other children to try this fantastic sport! A personal message I believe in is "Everything starts with a dream." – Well done Jack.

And Finally

We have so much to look forward to next month with the Young Voices concert, the Humber region Boccia finals, the start of the football leagues for U11, U9 and Girls, a parents evening, the KS1 dance at Baths Hall (which is being choreographed by Miss Wren and Mrs Rose) a coffee morning for 3/4F and 3/4TH as well as a visit from Dr Neil Hawkes as part of our bid to achieve the Values accreditation from VbE!!! Next month I also plan to bring you an update on the financial picture for the school over the next 1, 3 and 5 years as part of our financial planning and to start to highlight some more areas where we look to prioritise and provide as many new learning opportunities and experiences for the children as we can.

Yours Sincerely
Mr R Hutchings
Headteacher

Messingham - A Celebration of Creativity

Our school community has recently been invited to participate in this event. It will be held in Holy Trinity Church Messingham on Sat 18th / Sun 19th May during the West Lindsey Churches Festival when a significant number of

visitors will be welcomed to Messingham and other churches in the area. Information we have received about the event includes: "Messingham is full of crafters, photographers, artists, writers and other creative people. Some of you may make one or two things a year while others are avid makers or artists and may belong to various groups and organisations.

You may even have turned a hand to selling what you've made! Some of you may be 8 and just starting out... others might be 88 and have a wealth of knowledge, experience and stories to share. If this sounds like you and you live in Messingham, or are closely associated with our community, we would be thrilled to invite you to join in the event we are planning. Contact Ian Till 07827778831 or p.ian.till2@gmail.com for further information."

Venue – Holy Trinity Church Messingham
Sat 18th May & Sun 19th May 2024
The date has been chosen to coincide with the West Lindsey Churches Festival every success in their event and look forward to hearing about the event from our children who attend or participate.

A copy of this Advert will also be emailed to you alongside this Newsletter and the school is always willing to share any community events within Messingham.