



Messingham Primary School Newsletter Autumn 2 2025

LYNDSEY LODGE FUN RUN HUGE SUM RAISED BY MESSINGHAM

A Massive thank you must go to all of our children and parents who sponsored them on our annual Lyndsey Lodge sponsored fun run. In total we raised £3879.77 and we were delighted to hand the cash over to this excellent cause.



The children had to run through different stations collecting various different items every time they came past the finishing post. There wasn't really a competitive element to the run, it was just for fun but also trying to raise some money for a cause that we feel as a community.



Lyndsey Lodge are going to come into school in the New Year to share with the children some of the excellent work they do and as mentioned above we are delighted to continue to support this amazing charity and again a really big thank you for all of your efforts in supporting them.



The children set off on their fun run, dressed in their pyjamas for the occasion.



Even though the weather wasn't the greatest it fortunately held off from raining which meant that all year groups managed to run around the mile four times as part of their sponsorship challenge.



Happy finishers from lower Key Stage 2 celebrate that there is no more running to be done today

SPORTS PARTNERSHIP TRIP TO SEE MANCHESTER CITY!!!

Miss Cookson was in her element in early September as she accompanied four children that had entered a drawing competition to win a trip to The Etihad Stadium (the home of Manchester City). Four lucky children won the chance to visit the Etihad Stadium, joining pupils from eight other schools across North Lincolnshire.



Accompanied by Mrs Cookson, the children enjoyed an unforgettable day packed with excitement and learning. It was an early start for the journey to Manchester, but well worth it. The day began with a tour of the statues honouring football legends, followed by an engaging educational workshop. Then came the highlight — the stadium tour itself. The children had the chance to explore the dressing rooms, walk pitch-side, and even sit in the press room, experiencing what it's like behind the scenes at a top football club. The trip was full of fun and lasting memories, all captured on video and camera by Mrs Cookson for the children and their families to keep.

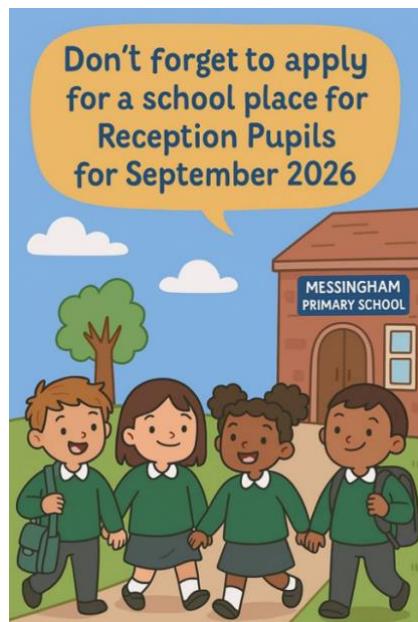


Now Miss Cookson is a big Liverpool fan and she did not confirm or deny that she had a Liverpool scarf on such a cold day, but what she did bring back was the fact that Arthur, Thomas, Freya and Adam had an excellent time.



They were impeccably behaved all the way through the day, showing our values and representing the school well, and they did bump into a very famous person at the end of their trip! See if you can spot who it was.





MESSINGHAM PRESENT WREATH ON REMEMBRANCE DAY



Our Head Girl, Head boy, and Deputy Head girl represented the school at the laying of the Wreath Ceremony which was held in November. Mrs Rose accompanied the children and we are very proud to have been involved in this years' service which remembers those that have given their lives in service. This leads us to introduce Arthur, Alba, Freddie, Isabelle, Arabella and Ruby who are our Year 6 leaders in the roles of Head boy/girl, Deputy Head boy/girl and Values Ambassadors. Already they are making a great impression on our younger children as well as supporting the adults in the school.



PLANETARIUM VISIT FOR THE EARLY YEARS CHILDREN

One of our Governors, Mrs Shields has worked wonders for our science curriculum this year. Mrs Shields is a qualified teacher and STEM teacher and she has helped deliver a staff meeting and also signed us up to the Ogden Trust to provide Science experiences for our children. This year we took advantage of the Planetarium where the children could wonder at the World Around them.



Mrs Shields is going to hopefully return to school in the New Year with some more wonderful Science opportunities.



BOYS AND GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAMS CONTINUE WINNING RUN



These are just some of the trophies won by our girls and boy's football teams over the past four years and that proud run continued when the boys and girls teams were victors at the Sports Partnership Cup held at John Leggott College in September.



The boy's team won five and drew one of their matches and topped the group easily winning the Sports Partnership Cup for the first time in two years. They will go on to represent our region in the next round.



The girls put in an incredible performance winning all 7 of their matches and scoring over thirty goals in the process, indeed every single member of the team scored and again they will represent our Sports Partnership in the next round.



The second round of the competitions were held at Wolfreton School in Hull. The boys found the competition tough, drawing one and losing 3 games to finish in 8th place out of the 9 teams there. The girls fared better losing to the eventual champions winning 3, drawing 2 and losing 1 game to finish in 3rd place. An incredible achievement for both teams to get so far in these competitions once again and we must thank the hours that all of our coaches give up for the team. So a big thank you to Mr Bates, Mr Lindsey, Mr Cooper, Mr Wooldridge and Mr Simpson. We are entered into the Iron Cup, the Humber Cup A and B teams and the May Day finals where we once again have entered two teams for each competition. We will continue to update after each competition.

AMAZING COMMITMENT TO HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

We cannot thank enough all of the parents who supported the House Cross Country Championships which were held in 'trying' conditions at the Cricket Fields in Messingham in October. We had an army of parents who walked the children down and parents who had set the cross country track up and this was great preparation for the District Finals later in the month (more on that later!)



Our four houses Rowan, Maple, Hawthorn, and Juniper all raced against each other with the first 6 finishers counting towards the overall scores. In Year 3/4 the girls champion was Harriet from Hawthorn, with Isla 2nd and Poppy 3rd. The overall House winners were Juniper. In the 3/4 Boys competition the winners were Hawthorn, who also had the overall winner in Artie with Teddy 2nd and George in 3rd place.



The Year 5/6 Competition saw Annamae win the girls race, closely followed by Darci in second with Harriet in 3rd. The House Winners were Maple with their first five finishers finishing in 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 9th. For the boys race Daniel was the winner with Elliott 2nd and Josh in 3rd place. The overall winners were Juniper and all of the participants who completed the 3 laps on the winning team received medals



MAJOR SUCCESS AT DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

We entered four teams for the District cross country championships all based on the results in the House Competition. Our Year 3/4 girls were up first and we had an individual winner in Poppy, a tremendous achievement, however that was not the whole story as Nora fell over at the start and was helped up by Lake from our team. Despite both girls starting a long way behind everyone else they performed magnificently to not only catch up but also overtake a number of children. The first 4 children from our team counted so Poppy came 1st, Harriet was 5th, Georgia 12th, Anna 13th, Lake 32nd, Isla 46th and Nora was 53rd. This meant that we as a team were District Runners – an incredible result and team effort which is a case of what could have been if Nora had not have been knocked over. The Boys Year 3/4

team were also incredibly strong with Teddy winning the race, Artie finished 3rd place and received a bronze medal George came 6th, Seth 10th, Dom 17th, and Elijah finished 19th in a race of 90 children. This meant we were crowned District Champions for the first time.



The Year 5/6 teams also showed incredible resilience especially the boys who really dug in and worked as a team finishing in 3rd place overall. The individual results were also promising in a field of over 100 competitors. Arthur finished 9th overall, Daniel 19th, Elliot 20th, Thomas W 27th, Joshua 30th, Thomas D came in 45th, with Cooper 48th. A thoroughly deserved bronze medal. Lastly the Year 6 girls really did get the team ethic with one of our parents remarking that it was reminiscent of seeing the Kenyan team in the Olympics as we had a train of runners all the way through to the finish line. Our strongest finisher was Annmae who came in 6th, Darci 7th, Harriet 10th, Niamh 12th, Isla finished 13th, Jasmine 14th, and Matilda in 17th. Phenomenal effort which also saw our girls crowned district Champions. Again this would not have been achieved without having so many parent volunteers and supporters who not only supported as team managers on the day with Miss Maxwell but also

cheered the children on, picked them up and drove them to and from the event. We thank you and are so proud of the children who took part.



ROWAN AND HAWTHORN ARE HOUSE NETBALL CHAMPIONS

We are very fortunate to have not only Lee Frecklington supporting our PE this year but we have also had Mrs Hutchings come into school to support with House Competitions and to assist in some lessons. She organised the House Netball tournament that was completed just before the October half term. Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 competed in these tournaments after participating in 6 weeks of lessons. The morning competition saw Year 3/4 take part in all teams played twelve matches of Stinger Netball. A big thank you must also go to Mrs Smith and Lyla who plays for Nottingham Forest Netball team. Hawthorn who won 6 matches, drew 2 and lost 2 were declared the overall champions.



In the Year 5/6 Competition there were some very close matches with only one point deciding the winners. Hawthorn again were the Champions winning six games drawing two and losing four. The House Captains did a magnificent job and the next tournament is going to be Tag Rugby at the end of the Autumn 2 term.



FOREST SCHOOLS UPDATE



Miss Martin and Mrs Potter gave up their free time after school this term so that a number of children could attend the Forest School.



During this time the children made Dens, had a go at making their own Fire with flint and also saw the results of their garden by collecting the Pumpkins that had now grown. We are still hoping to have more children attend Forest School this year when the weather gets a little better.



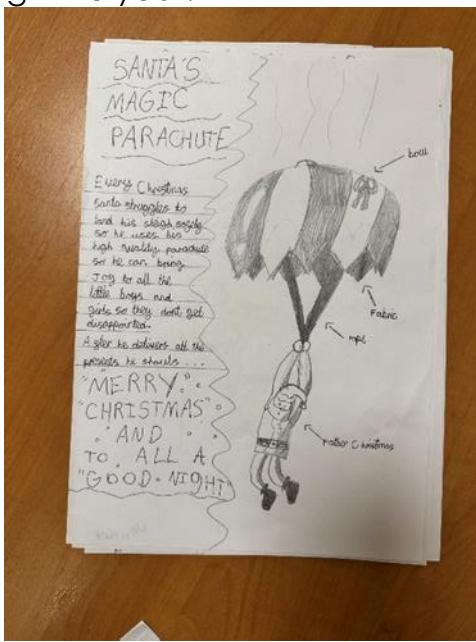
MANY ENTRIES FOR SCIENCE COMPETITION

We were delighted to see so many children enter the recent Science

competition that was produced in conjunction with the Ogden Trust. The ideas was that the children should design a parachute for Santa for Christmas. We had three winners from KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 and they were Hattie, Lennon and Scarlet with help from Hallie. Well done to everyone who entered.



We are hoping that there will be some more competitions and other opportunities for Science as we move through the year.



KEY STAGE 1 MINI FESTIVAL

There are 3 x mini sports festivals that the sports Partnership put on and at Messingham we make sure every child has the chance to participate. For the first tournament we decided Miss Randall's class would be our representatives, so we were disappointed to find out it had been cancelled at short notice, however the Sports Partnership very kindly put on a festival for our children at school so they

did not miss out.



The whole event was great fun and Miss Randall commented on just how excellent the children were and just how good at sport they also were!



Mrs Khitab's class are going to attend a similar event in early January and we look forward to seeing how they will get on in this.



SCHOOL LIBRARY TAKES SHAPE

A big thank you must go to our local JET garage in Messingham who donated considerable funds to enable us to bring in Mr Kershaw and his building firm to create a bespoke Library for the children to use.



We think he's done an excellent job and already it's made such a difference to the area and become a much more inviting environment for our children to learn and develop their reading skills.



Again we must thank Richard Noxon and the team at Jet for supporting us.

SPORTS LEADERS BEGIN

Our Year 5 class this year is a small one, with only 30 children in the year group so we were delighted when over half of them put their names down to be sports leaders for the next year. They have already started playing with the Reception class and children in KS1 since the beginning of September and they make such a difference to keeping the playground safe and providing organised sessions for our young children.



VISIT FROM SCUNTHORPE UNITED

Our other sponsored event that took place last summer saw a number of children receive gifts from 2 of Scunthorpe's finest Dec Howell and Brandon Horton. Winner of the Signed Scunthorpe shirt was Scunthorpe super fan Emily, who goes to every home game. The sponsored event was split 50/50 between the club and the school and all of the proceeds will go on sports equipment so we thank all of you who contributed.



AND FINALLY...

We would like to thank you for all of your support over the last two terms and also on behalf of the teachers we would like to thank you for all of the gifts, cards and well wishes we received on the build up to Christmas.

Yours Sincerely

Mr R Hutchings
Headteacher