



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

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As we reach the final week of the Spring term, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly fantastic term at Masefield Primary School. It has been a term full of success, progress, and memorable experiences for our children. Across every year group, pupils have shown great enthusiasm for their learning, a determination to improve, and a real pride in their achievements. They have been a credit to themselves, their families, and our school, and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them.



Last week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils visited Bolton Wanderers to take part in the Give Racism the Red Card programme. It was a powerful and engaging day of learning focused on equality, respect, and understanding. The children represented Masefield brilliantly and even had the exciting opportunity to meet some of the players, making it a truly memorable experience.

This week, our Reception children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Smithills Farm, bringing their learning to life through hands-on experiences linked to their topic. It was wonderful to hear about their day—full of excitement, curiosity, and new learning.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Bingo event. It was another superb evening and a great example of our strong school community coming together. The funds raised will go directly towards enhancing the experiences and opportunities we can offer our pupils, and we are very grateful for your continued support.

As we head into the Easter break, I would like to wish all of our families a happy, restful, and enjoyable holiday. We hope you are able to spend quality time together, relax, and recharge ready for the summer term ahead. We look forward to welcoming everyone back soon for what promises to be another exciting and successful term at Masefield.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Stay Connected

As always, you can get a glimpse of our day-to-day learning and special moments by following our Facebook page—just search Masefield Primary School to stay up to date.

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

A huge well done to these pupils, who have worked incredibly hard!

Reception - Seb & Lyla

Year 1 - Odin & Jaxson

Year 2 - Angelica & Harriet W

Year 3 - Lucie & Sophia

Year 4 - Toby & Jack

Year 5 - Lottie & Clara-Rose

Year 6T - Lucas & Rosie

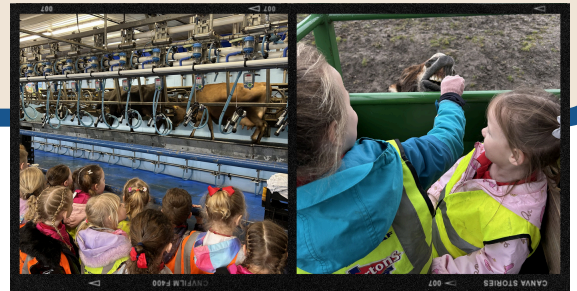
Year 6W - Olivia & Muhammad

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Reception

On Tuesday, Reception enjoyed an exciting day on Smithills Farm. They were able to experience what life on a working farm was like, including holding different animals, riding donkeys and watching the cows being milked. They also had a donkey ride and ventured on a very bumpy ride on the tractor up to the donkey field. Reception had a great day and enjoyed every minute.

Well done Reception!



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

We are so proud of these children, who always demonstrate our core values!

Reception - Maya

Year 1 - Ada

Year 2 - Oakley B

Year 3 - Chloe

Year 4 - Rossco

Year 5 - Millie

Year 6T - Fraser

Year 6W - Joseph



READER OF THE WEEK

Each week, we reward children for remarkable reading. These children have won a book to keep forever!

Reception - Daisy

Year 1 - Odin

Year 2 - Freya

Year 3 - Grace

Year 4 - Olivia

Year 5 - Matthew

Year 6 - Jake B



HOUSE TEAMS TOP SCORERS

Each week, a child from each of our Masefield Houses wins a spin of the wheel if they have received the highest number of house points. Well done to these children for following the Masefield Way consistently.

Amistad - Joey (3)

Isibindi - Alfie Y (3)

Reveur - Lucie (3)

Sollevarre - Theodore (3)



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Each week, we celebrate success in Good News Assembly. Don't forget to bring your amazing achievements to share!



HIGHLIGHTS

KNOWLEDGE DAY

Last Wednesday's Knowledge Day was another busy one, with all the KS1 and KS2 classes showing their parents and carers what they have been learning about in the last half term.

In Year 1, the class and their grown ups took on the task of making animal puppets for their DT unit. The children (& adults) showed great resilience in their very tricky task.

Year 4 had a very busy week, planning, preparing and creating their sandwich designs with so much care, tasting different fillings and then creating a wrap or sandwich for their parents to taste during the knowledge day session!

Over in Reception, parents were invited to their stay and play session and engaged in craft activities around their current topics.



ASPIRATION DAY



Today, the children of Masefield took part in a wonderful activity where they dressed as their possible future selves, encouraging them to think about their aspirations and the careers they might pursue. It was truly lovely to see such a fantastic range of ambitions on display, with the school filled with future teachers, vets, doctors, pilots, and even astronauts. The creativity and enthusiasm shown by the children made it a really special day, inspiring everyone to dream big about what the future could hold.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Summer 1 Half Term

Tuesday - Year 3&4 Tag Rugby

Wednesday - Year 5&6 Tag Rugby

Thursday - Year 1 BWFC Football Club
Vocal band - Year 3-6

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

SHOUT OUTS



A massive shout out to Year 5 & 6 who had a fantastic day at Bolton Wanderers taking part in 'Show Racism the Red Card.'

The children & staff enjoyed an inspiring workshop, a brilliant tour of the stadium and even got the chance to meet some of the players - an experience we won't forget anytime soon





SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

LITTLE CHATS BIG RIGHTS



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

We're proud to share that we as a School Council are working towards achieving the Rights Respecting Schools Award and can share that we are progressing well and have now been awarded the Bronze Unicef award!



This means we are embedding our learning on children's rights as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and thinking about how these rights are respected in our school.

Each newsletter will include a short discussion point focusing on a different Article, giving families the chance to talk together about children's rights and what they mean in everyday life.

The focus for this fortnight is taken from

Article 13 & 14 The Right to express Yourself



What helps you feel confident sharing ideas?

THE BASE



ICE POPS - 2 for 50p!!!

Yogurt tubes for 20p!!!

Hot drinks - £1 each!

All other items are priced at 50p each.

The BASE is open most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school.



Don't forget to share any ideas you have of how we can make Masefield even better with your class representative.

 1 DEFINITION OF A CHILD	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD	 4 MAKING RIGHTS REAL	 5 FAMILY GUIDANCE AS CHILDREN DEVELOP	 6 LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT	 7 NAME AND NATIONALITY
 8 IDENTITY	 9 KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER	 10 CONTACT WITH PARENTS ACROSS COUNTRIES	 11 PROTECTION FROM KIDNAPPING	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS	 13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY	 14 FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION
 15 SETTING UP OR JOINING GROUPS	 16 PROTECTION OF PRIVACY	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION	 18 RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS	 19 PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE	 20 CHILDREN WITHOUT FAMILIES	 21 CHILDREN WHO ARE ADOPTED





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

- Reception - 99.3%
- Year 1 - 97.7%
- Year 2 - 97.5%
- Year 3 - 94.5%
- Year 4 - 97.7%
- Year 5 - 97.6%
- Year 6T - 97.5%
- Year 6W - 93.3%

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our attendance target for the year is **97%**. This is achievable if we all work together to ensure that children are in school **EVERY** day and are not missing any learning.

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK:

97%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

96.4%

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible. Where it is not possible, you must notify the office in advance. Taking your child out of school is disruptive for the class and impacts your child's learning and attendance.

If there are concerns about how much time your child is missing, proof of medical appointments will be required.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Holidays must not be taken during term time as this has an extremely detrimental effect on your child's education. A fixed penalty notice is the least of the costs; it is the impact on your child's future educational success that presents the greatest cost.

We urge you to prioritise the long term benefits of regular school attendance over the short term impact of a holiday.

Make each day count!

100%

0 days missed

99%

2 days missed

97%

5 days missed

95%

10 days missed

90%

20 days missed

85%

30 days missed

Being on time really matters

In a school year, if you were late everyday by...

You would lose approximately...

5 MINUTES

3.5 school days

10 MINUTES

7 school days

15 MINUTES

10 school days

20 MINUTES

14.5 school days

30 MINUTES

22 school days



TOP TIPS

FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

ONLINE SAFETY



This week's free online safety guide, provided by the National College, focuses on screen time and healthy device use.

Digital devices are a big part of children's lives, offering opportunities to learn, play and stay connected. However, too much screen time can impact sleep, concentration, and physical activity, especially for younger children. It can also make it harder for children to switch off from online interactions, particularly if they are using devices close to bedtime.

What parents can do:

Set clear and consistent boundaries around screen use, such as device-free mealtimes and no screens before bed.

Encourage a balance of activities, including outdoor play, reading and family time. Using parental controls can help manage how long children spend on apps or games. Most importantly, lead by example and talk openly about developing healthy habits with technology.

SAFEGUARDING



Sun Safety for Children

As the weather gets warmer, it's important to protect children's skin while they enjoy time outdoors.

Simple ways to stay safe in the sun include:

- Use sunscreen – apply a high-factor sunscreen (SPF 30 or above) and reapply regularly, especially after swimming or sweating.
- Wear protective clothing – hats, sunglasses and lightweight clothing can help protect against harmful UV rays.
- Seek shade – encourage children to play in shaded areas, particularly between 11am and 3pm when the sun is strongest.
- Stay hydrated – make sure children drink plenty of water throughout the day.

For more information, parents can visit the NHS website for guidance on staying safe in the sun.

SUPPORTING LEARNING



Supporting Learning

Learning to Read – Our Phonics Scheme
Each week we will share a video to support your understanding of our phonics scheme.
<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parentsandcarers/?playlist=7781fe9&video=98121d9>

Reading at Home

'If you cannot read, you cannot learn. If your child cannot read, their progress in all other subjects will be curtailed. There is no such thing as reading too much!'

Maths

White Rose Maths have FREE downloadable booklets for each year group block. You can download them here:
<https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources>

All of our parent workshops are available to watch on the school website

SUSTAINABILITY



Choose Seasonal Produce

Buying fruit and vegetables that are in season means they haven't had to travel as far or be grown using lots of extra energy.

Seasonal produce is often fresher, tastier, and more affordable too. Try exploring what's in season together and encourage children to try new foods throughout the year.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

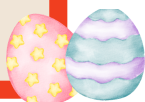
APRIL

2nd - School closes for the Easter Break

13th - School reopens after Easter

14th - Years 1-6 TriKidz event

29th - Reception Assembly - 2.45pm



JUNE

9th - Curious Critters visiting Nursery

12th-14th - Year 6 PGL

16th-17th - Year 5 London Trip

19th - Year 3 trip to Eureka!

19th - Year 1 trip to Sommersat Communitree (More info to follow after Easter)

23rd - KS1 Sports Day - 9:30am

23rd - KS2 Sports Day - 1:30pm

24th - Nursery Sports Day - 2pm

24th - Reception Sports Day - 2:30pm

24th - Class photographs

26th - Macmillan Events and Bake Off

30th - Year 4 trip to Hindu Mandir

MAY

5th - Stopes Farm visit to Nursery

5th - Year 1 visit to St Matthews Church

5th - Year 3 visit to Whitefield Hebrew Congregation

6th - Year 4 trip to Chester

7th - Polling day
(Nursery closed)

18th - Year 5 trip to Zakariyya Jaam'e Masjid

20th - Knowledge Day - 2:50pm

20th - Year 6 trip to Blackpool

22nd - Year 2 trip to Smithills Hall

JULY

2nd - Summer Fair

7th - Year 4 trip to Hollingworth Lake

7th - Year 6 Production - 3.30pm

8th - Year 6 Production - 5.00pm

9th - Music Showcase - 9.00am

13th - Meet The Teacher - 3.30pm and 4.00pm

14th - Transition Day

16th - Nursery Graduation - 9.00am

16th - Presentation Evening (invite only) - 6.00pm

17th - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9.00am

17th - School closes at 1.30pm

You will be notified in advance of other events which will happen throughout the year.