



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

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It has been another fantastic week at Masefield, with so many opportunities for our children to learn, experience new things, and shine both in and beyond the classroom. As I walk around school, it continues to be a pleasure to see pupils so engaged in their learning—showing curiosity, confidence, and a real pride in all that they do.

This week, pupils from Years 1 to 5 had the exciting opportunity to visit Bolton SICT, where they developed new knowledge and skills in computing, supported by experts in the field. The feedback from both the children and the staff at Bolton SICT was superb, and it was fantastic to see our pupils representing the school so positively while embracing new challenges in technology.

In EYFS, the children had a very special visit from the ambulance service, which brought their learning to life in a meaningful and memorable way. It was wonderful to see their excitement and curiosity as they learned more about how people help us in real-life situations.



We were also proud to welcome visitors from London and the Cotswolds as part of a school improvement partnership we are involved in. Once again, our children were exceptional—demonstrating excellent attitudes to learning, confidence, and maturity. The visitors shared incredibly positive feedback about our school, which is a real testament to our pupils and staff.

Finally, a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who took part in a recent table tennis tournament. They achieved an incredible result and represented Masefield with great determination, skill, and sportsmanship—we are very proud of them all. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another successful and inspiring week ahead at Masefield Primary School.

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 - Fern & Vienna

Year 1 - Dexter & George

Year 2 - Roman

Year 3 - Daisy & Albie

Year 4 - Theo & Kady-Lou

Year 6T - Amelie & Aila

Year 6W - Jamie & Zachary

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Year 6

Year 6 had a very busy and exciting couple of weeks! On Monday they welcomed a very special visitor, Dr Paul, who came in to teach the children all about species and taxonomy in science. The pupils loved exploring how living things are classified and asked lots of thoughtful questions.

Last Friday, they had an amazing lesson with Mr Done using our brand new Sphero robots!

The class took part in an exciting round of Sphero Wars, where they had to code their robots to navigate an obstacle course and outmanoeuvre the competition. It took plenty of debugging, problem-solving, and teamwork along the way, but the children rose to the challenge brilliantly.

Well done Year 6!



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Jaxson-James

Year 1 - Zoe

Year 2 - Sadie

Year 3 - Alfie B

Year 4 - Amelia

Year 6T - Jake

Year 6W - Faith



READER OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Zoe

Year 2 - Harriet B

Year 3 - Lucie

Year 4 - Olivia

Year 5 - Lottie



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 - Gabriella (6)

Reveur - Olivia Grace (3)

Sollevarre - Lotus (3)



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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



HIGHLIGHTS

EYFS



This week nursery had an exciting visit from the paramedics, they enjoyed exploring the ambulance, testing some of the equipment and sharing what they had been learning about the real superheroes.

BOLTON SICT

Over the last 2 weeks, our KS1 and 2 classes have had the chance to enhance their ICT skills at Bolton School's ICT. Year 2 had a great time linking their computing to their history topic on the Great Fire of London, Year 3 learnt all about algorithms, programming, and debugging using Lego WeDo. They explored sequencing and how to give clear commands to make their creations come to life—just like real programmers! Year 4 also had an exciting day using the Lego WeDo programme, but this time to create, build and program their very own frog. Working in teams, they used their coding skills to make their frogs move, jump and come to life!

It was wonderful to see so much creativity, problem-solving and teamwork throughout the session. The pupils showed great enthusiasm and curiosity while exploring how technology and programming work together.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Spring 2 half term

Tuesday - Year 1 Multi-Skills.

Wednesday - Year 5&6 Netball.

Thursday - Year 3&4 boys BWFC
Vocal band - Year 3-6

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

SHOUT OUTS

Well done to our Year 5&6 Table Tennis team who won the tournament this week at Rivington and Blackrod High School. The team battled against 5 other schools, with no team member losing a match and were crowned champions at the end.

A massive well done to the 4 students who took part and a huge thank you to Miss Rigby and the parents who supported the event.





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. This means we are learning about 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 24 - The Right to Health, Food and Care.



What helps you to stay healthy?

THE BASE



ICE POPS - 2 for 50p!!!

Yogurt tubes for 20p!!!

All other items are priced at 50p each.

The BASE is open 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.



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| 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 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:

96.6%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

96.4%

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - **97.2%**

Year 1 - **98.7%**

Year 2 - **96.3%**

Year 3 - **95.3%**

Year 4 - **95.9%**

Year 5 - **97.4%**

Year 6T - **96.3%**

Year 6W - **95.2%**

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 live streaming.

Live streaming platforms allow users to watch videos in real time, often featuring gamers, influencers or members of the public. Children may come across live streams on platforms such as YouTube, TikTok or Twitch. While many streams are entertaining, they can include unfiltered language, unexpected content, and live chat features where viewers can post comments instantly. Because content is live, it is harder to moderate, meaning children may see or hear things that are not age-appropriate.

What parents can do:

Check what your child is watching and whether live chat features are enabled. Encourage them to avoid interacting with strangers in live chats and remind them never to share personal information. Using child-friendly platforms and enabling restricted or supervised modes can help reduce the risk. As always, talk openly with your child about what they are watching and encourage them to tell you if anything makes them feel uncomfortable.

SAFEGUARDING



Safety in Public Places

Busy places like shops, parks and events can be exciting for children, but it's important they know how to stay safe if they get separated from you.

Key messages to share include:

- Stay close – remind children to stay where they can see you and avoid wandering off.
- Have a plan – agree a simple meeting point in case you get separated.
- Know your details – older children should know a parent or carer's phone number; younger children could carry it with them.
- Find a safe adult – teach children to look for staff members, police officers, or another parent with children if they need help.

For more advice, families can visit the NSPCC website for guidance on keeping children safe when out and about.

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



Unplug and Save

Many devices still use energy even when they're switched off. Get into the habit of unplugging chargers, game consoles, and small appliances when they're not in use. You could even use a power strip to turn everything off at once. It's an easy way to cut down on energy use and helps children understand how small actions can make a big difference.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

MARCH

20th - Comic Relief (non uniform)

WC 23rd - Parent conference

24th - Year 6 BSICT visit

25th - Knowledge Day - 3:30pm

27th - Year 5 & 6 trip to Bolton Wanderers Stadium

31st - Reception visit to Smithills Farm

APRIL

1st - Non-Uniform (Egg donations)

1st - Easter Bingo 3:30pm & 5pm

2nd - Music Showcase - 9.00am

2nd - Aspirations and Individuality Day (Dress as something you'd like to be when you are older or something that makes you unique)

29th - Reception Assembly - 2.45pm

MAY

6th - Year 4 trip to Chester

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

20th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm

20th - Year 6 trip to Blackpool

22nd - Year 2 trip to Smithills Hall

JUNE

9th - Curious Critters visiting Nursery

12th-14th - Year 6 PGL

16th-17th - Year 5 London Trip

19th - Year 3 trip to Eureka!

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

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

JOIN US FOR



MASEFIELD'S EASTER BINGO

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

EYFS/KS1 - 3:40-4:40PM

KS2 5-6PM

£1 per ticket (bingo book)

ON SALE NOW!!

