



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

13TH MARCH 2025



It's been another wonderfully busy week at Masefield. We've enjoyed a fantastic array of activities, from exciting visitors and World Book Day celebrations to engaging lessons. With glimpses of sunshine peeking through, we're certainly looking forward to warmer days! However, the early mornings and break times can still be a bit chilly, so please do make sure your children bring a coat to school. We want to keep everyone comfortable and ready to learn.

Last Thursday, Masefield pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed our World Book Day celebrations. We were particularly delighted to witness the exceptional creativity displayed in the diverse array of costumes, with a notable increase in homemade creations from both students and parents. Students and staff engaged in a range of book-themed activities, focusing on texts of their choosing.

Last week, we had a 3 day Quality Assurance Visit from Challenge Partners. We were rated 'Leading' in all areas – the highest rating available. The team were blown away by our incredible pupils and the learning taking place. Thank you for your continued support! Have a fantastic weekend!

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE

HIGHLIGHTS



LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Freddie & Luka

Year 1 - Noah & Olive
Alfie & Sadie

Year 2 - Daisy & Lucie
Lotus & Olivia-Grace

Year 3 - Rossco & Hope
Niall & Art

Year 4 - Dougie-Lee & Jessica
Kayden & Oliver M

Year 5I - Annabelle & Amelie
Jackson & Amelia

Year 5R - Jamie & Muhammad
Ibraheem
All Year 5

Year 6 - Rhedalyn & Rayyan
Natalie & Alfie

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March, Masefield celebrated World Book Day and what an array of book characters arrived to school!

Students and staff all went the extra mile with their creations and the children enjoyed a day of different themed activities, including creating World Book Day bookmarks and reading different stories in class.

Thank you to everyone who took part and to the Masefield family for supporting this event. We hope that all the children enjoy spending their book tokens over the next few weeks.

Check out our social media for lots more World Book Day images.



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Prabkeerat

Year 1 - Eden & Isabella

Year 2 - Finley & Albie

Year 3 - Lola & Toby

Year 4 - Kayden & Asrafle

Year 5I - Oliver G & Aila

Year 5R - Joshua & Gabriella

Year 6 - Archie & Jessica B

READER OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - River, Amelia & Blake

Year 1 - Noah, Harriet & Sadie

Year 2 - Regan, Aria & Theodore

Year 3 - Alvie, Jacob & Jessica

Year 4 - Kayden, Emily & Betty

Year 5 - Harley, Rosie & Aila

Year 6 - Amelia, Liana & Jessica B

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Each week, 3 children from each class in Year 2 and above receive an award for 'the biggest increase in coins' on Times Tables Rockstars.

Knowing your times tables off by heart is so important - keep practising at home to win this award and certificate!



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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





HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 3 TRIP

On Tuesday 25th February, Year 3 went on a trip to Bolton Museum to help with their learning on Samuel Crompton. They took part in a workshop centred around the Industrial Revolution in Bolton and had the chance to dress up in Victorian clothes.

After lunch, they went exploring key places in Bolton linked to this period including Samuel Crompton's statue and his grave.

They all had a fantastic time and proudly represented the school.

Well done Year 3!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

You may have noticed that something new & exciting has started to appear on our playground. We, as Masefield's School Council, would like to announce the plans for our very own outdoor cafe! In the next few weeks, we will launch our new venture & cannot wait to invite you for a snack & chat after school.

Watch this space for updates & developments as well as details of the grand opening!



THRIVE

Lots of exciting things have been happening in Thrive since we have been back and there are lots more fun activities planned.

In KS1 they have been using the Thrive approach when learning about social skills, empathy & how to self regulate and become more self aware regarding their own emotions & in KS2 they have been spreading kindness by baking biscuits for the staff at Masefield.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Monday - Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball
- Tuesday - Year 5 Netball
- Tuesday - Year 6 Maths booster
- Thursday - Year 2 Football
- Thursday - Year 3-6 Vocal Band

All of these clubs run until 4:15pm.





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our attendance target for the year is **97%**. This is still 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:

95.9%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

95.1%

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - **92.7%**

Year 1 - **97.7%**

Year 2 - **97.8%**

Year 3 - **98%**

Year 4 - **92.9%**

Year 5I - **96%**

Year 5R - **95%**

Year 6 - **96.6%**



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 'Virtual Reality'. (VR) is the practice of creating computer generated images or sometimes even entire worlds for a user to experience as if they were there. Whereas traditionally we would use a television screen to view these images and games, technology now allows us to simply put on a headset and become fully immersed in these new worlds. While virtual reality is perfectly safe on the whole (although sometimes you might feel like you're in real, physical danger) there are some things to look out for.

SAFEGUARDING



Knife Crime

At Masefield, we are committed to keeping our children safe. While knife crime may seem like an issue affecting older individuals, it is crucial to educate children early about the dangers. Young people can be influenced by peer pressure, social media, or fear, leading to risky situations. We encourage open conversations at home about staying safe, making positive choices, and seeking help from trusted adults. If you have concerns, resources like NSPCC and Childline offer support. Together, we can protect our children and create a safer community.

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.

Today's video is 'Reading Longer Words'
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/i9tIEpYu/rbsicUYr>

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



Tackle Waste Using The Five R's

Minimising landfill waste is crucial for environmental health. The "5 R's" - Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, and Recycle - offer a hierarchical approach to waste management. Prioritising reducing consumption and refusing unnecessary items is most impactful. Reusing existing products extends their lifespan, while recycling recovers valuable materials. Finally, composting organic waste like food scraps diverts it from landfills and creates nutrient-rich fertilizer.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



MARCH

- 21st - Comic Relief
- 19th - Year 1 Assembly - 2.45pm
- 25th - SEN coffee morning 9:00am
- 26th - Year 1 trip to Bolton SICT
- 28th - Year 6 trip to Bolton SICT

APRIL

- 1st - Reception trip to Smithills farm
- 2nd - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
- W/C 7th - Parent Conference
- 9th - Non-Uniform (Egg donations)
- 9th - Easter Bingo
- 10th - Music Showcase - 9.00am
- 11th - Aspirations and Individuality Day (Dress as something you'd like to be when you are older or something that makes you unique)
- 30th - Reception Assembly - 2.45pm
- 30th - Year 4 trip to Swaminarayan Gadi Temple
- 30th - Little Barn Mobile Farm visiting Nursery

MAY

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

- 5th May - school closed
- 6th - Year 1 trip to St Matthews Church
- 7th - Year 3 trip to Bury Hebrew Congregation
- 19th - Year 5 Trip to Zakariyya Jame Masjid Mosque
- 21st - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
- 21st May - Year 2 trip to Tatton
- 21st May - Year 6 trip to Blackpool

JUNE

- 11th June - Year 3 trip to Eureka
- 13-15th June - Year 6 PGL
- 17th - 18th - Year 5 London Trip
- 23rd - EYFS Sports Day - 10.00am
- 24th - KS1 Sports Day - 9.30am
- 24th - KS2 Sports Day - 1.30pm
- 27th - Macmillan Events and Bake Off

JULY

- 2nd - Year 4 Trip to the Anderton Centre
- 3rd - Summer Fair
- 8th - Year 6 Production - 3.30pm
- 9th - Year 6 Production - 5.00pm
- 10th - Music Showcase - 9.00am
- 14th - Meet The Teacher - 3.30pm and 4.00pm
- 15th - Transition Day
- 16th - Creepy Crawly Dan in to visit Nursery
- 17th - Nursery Graduation - 9.00am
- 17th - Presentation Evening (invite only) - 6.00pm
- 18th - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9.00am
- 18th - School closes at 1.30pm

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

The dates for the May and Summer Holiday Clubs are as follows:

May Half Term: Tues 27th - Thurs 29th May

Summer Holiday: Mon 28th - Thurs 31st July & Mon 4th - Thurs 7th August

Booking information to follow.



CHARACTER CURRICULUM



WHAT IS IT?

Our character curriculum is at the core of what is important to us and we aim to provide a wide range of learning opportunities and experiences. It is our desire that children and their families value their learning and seize all and any opportunity wholeheartedly, therefore we aim to ensure the offer to learn is strong in every classroom.

We aim to develop our pupils' characters through the growth of relationships that define us as human. Through our curriculum, we develop a set of competencies (behaviours) which enable each and every one of our pupils to lead a remarkable life.

Building character at home

Prepare and cook a meal with an adult	Join an out of school team / club	
Complete a crossword	Decorate my home for a special occasion	
Tell the time	Visit a museum	
Keep a diary	Keep my bedroom tidy	
Visit the beach	Ask an adult if they need help with a chore	
Peel vegetables with an adult	Visit a charity shop	
Do the washing up	Set the table and tidy the dishes away	
Get my uniform ready	Get myself ready for school without reminders	
Plan a meal	Read to somebody younger than me	
Play a board game	Tell somebody at home why I am grateful for them.	

Building character at school

Know 5 capital cities of the world	Take part in forest school	
Achieve Reader of the Week award	Receive the Kindness Lanyard and pass it on	
Name all 7 continents	I will represent Masefield at an out of school event	
Learn a Spanish song	Take part in a Rock Kidz concert	
Take part in a school competition	Name 5 different children's authors.	
Watch a production	Score 10/10 on my weekly spelling test	
Attend a whole school trip	Recommend a book to a friend	
Achieve the Lead Learner award	Know my 3, 4 and 8 times tables	
Visit a Temple	Design and sew my own bag in DT	
Visit Bolton Museum	Name 3 famous composers.	

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Each year, you will be issued with a 'Believe – Achieve – Succeed' character curriculum passport. Experiences are planned into the school curriculum as well as home learning. The experiences involve problem solving, research and most importantly life skills, which are all fundamental for pupil wellbeing.

Children are equipped with the skills and character to lead a successful life! Children will be encouraged to self-assess their competencies and their progress on this will be recorded in their passports. Academic achievement will increase as children will be more able to overcome difficulties and will value their education; behaviour will improve as children are more able to self-regulate and work with others and attendance will improve as families see the increased value of a healthy lifestyle and the importance of education.

SHARE YOUR SUCCESS

Don't forget to tick off your successes and share them with us on our social media sites, or send a ClassDojo message to your teacher!



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THANK AND PRAISE

TAP

WHAT IS IT?

Thank and Praise (TAP) is a unique social thanking platform which enables people to send messages of thanks and appreciation to our staff quickly, easily and securely.

Showing your appreciation is a fantastic way to improve the mental well-being of all our wonderful staff and also makes you feel good too. Don't delay, send a message and brighten someone's day!

Here's just a handful of the beautiful messages we have sent and received...

To: Miss Rigby
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you Miss Rigby for always encouraging the children especially in sports taking your own time to attend events after school hours. You are so amazing, nurturing, fair but firm.

Carolyn Dawson

To: Gemma Walton
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you for always being a listening ear and a voice of reason. You always know what to say and how to help. Thank you for all that you do!

Zoe Illingworth

To: Mrs Murphy and the EYFS
Staff
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

For your hardwork and continued love and support, everything you do is really appreciated nothing is to much trouble and you go above and beyond to help the children thrive. You are the reason my little one is so happy to go in learning everyday and for that I can't thank you enough

Sinéad Riley

To: Mrs Clark
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

We would like to thank Mrs Clark for being amazing! Since our daughter started reception in September she has come on leaps and bounds! Nothing is ever too much trouble and always there to listen and advise. Thank you so much! X

Sophie Konuralp

To: Staff Team
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you to all the amazing Team at Masefield. You all do an incredible job for our children.

Anonymous

To: Miss Tyrer
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you Miss Tyrer for taking time out of your busy day to call me and discuss my daughter and listen to me and quickly took time to address concerns and speak to Ava much appreciated

Dee Anderson

To: Miss Illingworth
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

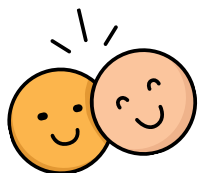
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience and understanding. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Siobhan Clark

To: EVERYONE!
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you and well done to everyone involved in organising the fundraising for the defibrillator! Although we probably all hope, it won't be needed, having it there and ready to use will hopefully prevent us losing a loved one from our school community. "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." Coretta Scott King

Nicole Allcock



Click here to send a message of thanks to a member of our dedicated team

TAP to THANK

