



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

14TH NOVEMBER 2024



Welcome back!

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break. I was delighted to see attendance improving since we returned from half term - please continue to ensure that your children are in school every day and not missing out on their learning. We've hit the ground running this term with children starting their Autumn 2 term units. Information about these was sent to you last week with all the relevant knowledge organisers - we hope these are useful and supportive.



There are lots of events happening this term; please take note of the diary dates in this newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Thrive

Over the last half term, lots has been happening in the Thrive Nest with Mrs Willett and Mrs Harris. Students have been exploring their emotions in different creative ways and have enjoyed every second of their sessions. Activities have included; mindfulness colouring, creating their own positive affirmations and working together to produce original and imaginative creations. Remember to watch our Thrive video to find out more about how Thrive works at Masefield and the impact that it has on all of our students.

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LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Zoe & Odin

Year 1 - Angelica & Sapphire

Year 2 - Ria & Ivar

Year 3 - Isla & Cody

Year 4 - Nkateko & Jacob

Year 5I - Aila & Amelie

Year 5R - Boe & Jake

Year 6 - Jessica & Dylan

VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Ada

Year 1 - Roman

Year 2 - Ayda

Year 3 - Jack

Year 4 - Kayden

Year 5I - Lucy

Year 5R - Francesca

Year 6 - Rhedalyn

READER OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Jessa

Year 1 - Bella

Year 2 - Albie

Year 3 - Jacob

Year 4 - Kayden

Year 5 - Georgia

Year 6 - Poppy



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

REMEMBRANCE



It was wonderful to see so many Masefield students taking part in the Remembrance Parade and service at the War Memorial in Little Lever on Sunday. Whether it was walking with Brownies, Scouts, the different sports clubs or with school, all those taking part did so with the upmost respect.

In school, we all took part in the 1 minutes silence at 11am on Monday 11th November to show our respects.

Well done to all of our Masefield students.

SPORTING SUCCESS



A massive congratulations to the Masefield Year 6 cluster football team who took part in the tournament at Kearsley Acadmy last week. Miss Rigby commented that it was so good to see so many children showing passion and enthusiasm for sport.

Well done Masefield!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Autumn Half Term 2 After School Clubs:

- Mon - Year 2 Multisports
- Tues - Year 5&6 Netball
- Thurs - Year 3 & 4 Football
- Thurs - Year 3-6 Vocal Band

SHOUT OUTS



Masefield after school club are looking for donations of toys and games. If you have any Xbox 360 or Playstation 4 games (age appropriate) that you no longer use, they would be greatly appreciated. Also any dolls prams, dolls and doll clothing. Any donations can be dropped off at the school office. Many thanks





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:

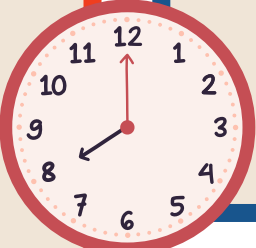
95.28%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

94.84%

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

- Reception - **98.67%**
- Year 1 - **95.81%**
- Year 2 - **89.66%**
- Year 3 - **98.13%**
- Year 4 - **98%**
- Year 5I - **95%**
- Year 5R - **92.38%**
- Year 6 - **97.11%**



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 LiveMe. LiveMe is a streaming video app that lets you watch live streams and broadcast your own live videos to anyone interested. The service, which is aimed at young adults aged 17+, has amassed more than sixty million global users and streams around 300,000 hours of footage a day. The app aims to give creators a "platform" to reach a wide audience and share their talents and passions directly with their fans". Users can buy virtual coins and gifts and send these to broadcasters who create content "they love", which can be redeemed for money.

SAFEGUARDING



Neglect

This week our safeguarding focus is neglect. Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs and the most common form of child abuse. A child might be left hungry or dirty, or without proper clothing, shelter, supervision or health care. This can put children and young people in danger. It can also have long term effects on their physical and mental wellbeing. The main types of neglect are physical neglect, educational neglect, emotional neglect and medical neglect. For more information about this and what to do if you think a child might be suffering neglect see the NSPCC link

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/neglect/>

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 'Learning to Blend'
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/rKlriCjW/2cLFqXmO>

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>

SUSTAINABILITY



Use the Dishwasher

While it might seem counterintuitive, dishwashers can be a water-saving appliance. Modern, energy-efficient dishwashers use significantly less water than hand washing dishes. A well-maintained dishwasher can save up to 5,000 gallons of water per year, making one of the least favourite household chores a bit more environmentally friendly.



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!



[@MasefieldCP](https://www.facebook.com/MasefieldCP)
[@Masefield Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/MasefieldPrimarySchool)



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

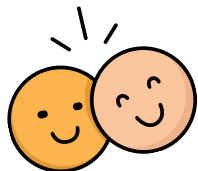
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience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





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

11th - Year 5 trip to RHS Bridgewater
16th - Year 4 trip to Chester
18th - Year 2 trip to Kings Church
23rd - Open Day
25th Oct - School closed

NOVEMBER

W/C 11th - Parent Conference
15th - Children in Need (Non-Uniform)
19th - Neon Disco and Non uniform.
20th - Year 5I Assembly - 2.45pm
27th - Year 5R Assembly - 2.45pm
29th - School closed

DECEMBER

4th - Rock Kidz (Dress like a rockstar)
6th - Non-Uniform (Bottle donations)
11th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
12th - Non-Uniform (Chocolate Donations)
12th - Christmas Fair
16th - Christmas Jumper Day
16th - Christmas dinner and Elf Run
17th - EYFS Nativity - 2.00pm
17th - KS1 Nativity - 4.00pm
18th - KS1 Nativity - 2.00pm
19th - KS2 Carol Concert - 5.00pm
19th - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime!
20th - School closes 1.30pm

JANUARY

14th - EYFS and KS1 Maths Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
14th - Yr 6 Trip to Bolton SICT
15th - Yr 5 Trip to Bolton SICT
15th - KS2 Maths Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
22nd - Year 3 Assembly - 2.45pm
28th - Yr 4 trip to Bolton SICT
29th - Yr 3 trip to Bolton SICT

FEBRUARY

5th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
12th - Year 2 Assembly - 2.45pm
27th - Online Safety Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
BOOK FAIR - DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

MARCH

6th - World Book Day (Dress as a book character)
14th - Comic Relief
19th - Year 1 Assembly - 2.45pm
26th - Year 1 trip to Bolton SICT
28th - Year 2 trip to Bolton SICT

APRIL

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

MAY

5th May - school closed
21st - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
21st May - Year 2 trip to Tatton

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
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.