



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

19TH DECEMBER 2024



After a hugely successful term we have finally made it to the Christmas holidays. The children have had a wonderful time preparing for Christmas and taking part in festive activities over the last few weeks. The Christmas performances have been absolutely amazing this week and we were delighted with the amount of parents, carers and friends of Masefield joining us each day. The Christmas Fair was also a huge success – we raised nearly £1700 which will be used for our next planned project works...watch this space!



I would also like to take this opportunity to reflect on the last term and celebrate all of the achievements. We are so proud of the academic excellence and opportunities we offer here at Masefield. The children receive an exceptional education in every classroom each and every day.

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Rockidz!!

It was fantastic to see the whole school (including staff!) dress up and take part in Rockidz. Each class had a session learning new songs and enjoying dancing in the hall, and in the final session, the whole school were able to 'rock out' together. Remember to check out the school's social media for more photos of this rocking day! Well done to all the Masefield Rock Stars!!



LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Jessa & Wilf

Year 1 - Isabella & Ellis

Year 2 - Joey & Hollie

Year 3 - Art & Kyla

Year 4 - The whole of Year 4!

Year 5I - Alfie & Fraser

Year 5R - Faith & George

Year 6 - Sarah & Charlie

VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Alfie

Year 1 - Freya & Alfie

Year 2 - Sophia

Year 3 - Annabelle

Year 4 - Lottie & Jacob

Year 5I - Lucy

Year 5R - Harley

Year 6 - Reuben

READER OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Harry & Lacey-Rae

Year 1 - Noah & Stan

Year 2 - Oliver M & Theodore

Year 3 - Caprice & Roman

Year 4 - Mohammed & Lucas

Year 5 - Harley

Year 6 - Isabel

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

MUSIC CONCERTS

Monday 9th December was a very musical day here at Masefield as the whole school were invited to attend a concert hosted by our Masefield piano and woodwind players. They each showcased their talents and thrilled the audience with their own compositions.

In the evening, vocal band took part in the Alpha Music Carol Concert at Bolton Wanderers Football Stadium. They proudly represented Masefield & everyone enjoyed the festivities.

Vocal band has now finished until we return in January.

SPORTING SUCCESS

A big thank you to Bolton School Games for organising a trip the Chill Factor in Manchester. Louie, Faith, Hope and Asrafle had a great time learning new skills on the snow and representing Masefield in this event.

Miss Rigby was extremely proud of the resilience and outgoing attitude they all showed whilst challenging themselves in trying something new.



MISS HARRIS & MRS QUIGLEY

Masefield celebrated 2 very special ladies in Celebration assembly last Friday afternoon. Congratulations to Miss Harris on 25 Years of shaping the hearts & minds of all the children past & present, and happy retirement to our Chair of Governors Mrs Quigley who has stepped down.

Thank you for everything that you have done.

SHOUT OUTS

A big shout out to Merlin, our Pets as Therapy dog (& Mrs Greenhalgh for bringing him in)

Merlin has been in every week to listen to children in Year 5 read and the children have loved every minute. Merlin will be back after Christmas listening to more children in other year groups read.





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CHRISTMAS FAIR

Last Thursday was the school Christmas Fair and what a festive treat it was!

There was lots on offer and the bottle raffle sold out in record time! We were very lucky to have Father Christmas visit and he was very busy listening to lots of children and giving out presents and making sure that they will be on the good list on Christmas Eve.

A massive Masefield thank you to Mrs Willett and Mrs Wood for organising and for all the Masefield staff for creating goods to sell and for helping on the stalls.

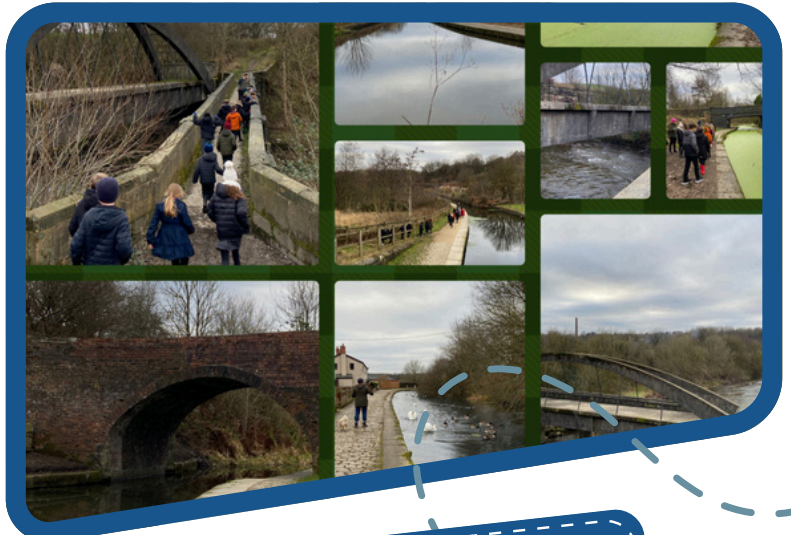
This years fair raised a massive **£1668** for the school, thank you to everyone for your support.



REINDEER RUN

A big well done to all of our Masefield Students who completed the Reindeer Run in aid of Bolton Hospice on Monday. Through their sponsorship, we have raised an incredible **£1926** for this fantastic charity.

Well done Masefield!



KNOWLEDGE DAY

We hosted another successful knowledge day in the penultimate week of the term, where children enjoyed showing off their work to their family members and carers. Over in EYFS, Nursery held a Christmas Craft morning, where the children and parents enjoyed making lots of Christmas decorations.

YEAR 4 LOCALWALK

Year 4 had a fantastic time last week walking around the waterways of Little Lever. Although it was cold, the children enjoyed exploring the different locations and types of waterways that we are lucky enough to have very close by.





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RECEPTION NATIVITY

Our Reception class have worked very hard this half term learning all the songs and lines for their Nativity 'Whoops a Daisy Angel.'

The children all sang beautifully in their performance on Tuesday and all the staff and parents/carers who came to watch, were blown away by their confidence.

Well done to Reception and the Reception team for putting on such a fantastic performance.



YEAR 1 & 2 PERFORMANCE

Over in Key Stage 1, they have been working tirelessly over the last few weeks, making sure that their performance of 'The Sleepy Shephard' was the best that it could be and they definitely did not disappoint.

The children not only put on 2 performances for parents/carers but also to some of the classes in school and everyone was impressed with their singing and acting talents.

Well done to Year 1 and 2 and the Key Stage One team for putting on such a wonderful performance.





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

- Reception - **96.33%**
- Year 1 - **87.9%**
- Year 2 - **95.86%**
- Year 3 - **89.53%**
- Year 4 - **94.71%**
- Year 5I - **91.75%**
- Year 5R - **94.76%**
- Year 6 - **85%**



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:

91.56%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

94.29%

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 *Overwatch 2*. A long-awaited sequel to 2016's massively successful *Overwatch*, this is a futuristic shooting game with a focus on teamwork and strategy which gives it an extra dimension to the majority of titles in the genre. Its cast of characters is diverse and memorable, while there's a definite (and rewarding) learning curve to players improving their skill. Created by established developers, Blizzard Entertainment, *Overwatch 2* is free to play, with an emphasis on competitive multiplayer action.

SAFEGUARDING



What is Bullying?

Earlier this term, we celebrated Kindness week. The theme for this year was; Choose Respect - which aligns with our school values as we work with children to make the right choices with their behaviour. Bullying is intentional behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours, threatening or undermining someone. It can happen anywhere - at school, at home or online. It's usually repeated over a long period of time and can hurt a child both physically and emotionally. Some types of bullying are also classed as hate crimes. By promoting our positive values, we aim to create a safe and supportive environment where every child feels appreciated, respected and empowered.

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 'Sound Blending'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8vuje-wMQw>

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



Switch to Rechargeable Batteries

Millions of single-use batteries are discarded each year in the UK, and many end up in landfill. To help protect the environment, please recycle used batteries at a local recycling facility. Remember to check local regulations and restrictions before disposing of batteries.