



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

24TH OCTOBER 2024



It's been a wonderful first half term at Masefield Primary School this year.

A highlight was the brilliant Harvest Festivals, filled with beautiful singing and joyful celebrations. Our school trips to Chester, Kings Church, and RHS Bridgewater were also highlights, providing our children with exciting and educational experiences.

Our Open Day was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the remarkable journey our school has been on. It was wonderful to see so many families come together to celebrate our achievements.

Our class assemblies have been a wonderful way for our children to share their learning and progress. It has been heartwarming to see how settled our children have become in their classrooms, and how they are eagerly embracing new knowledge and achieving new things.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to a fantastic second half term together.

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Masefield Nursery

Nursery have had a wonderful half term with lots of time spent outside exploring their provision. As well as painting, playing in the sand and water and the other daily outside activities, they have been on a bear hunt and taken part in a pumpkin rolling competition. Even in the rain, nursery have enjoyed splashing and enjoying the provision and have had a great time.

Inside they have made owl nests using melted chocolate and played in their autumnal cafe serving up pumpkin lattes.

We are all very excited to see what happens next half term!



LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Louie & Poppy

Year 2 - Lotus & Ria

Year 3 - Theo & Jack

Year 4 - All of Year 4!

Year 5I - Evie & Lucy

Year 5R - Georgia & Francesca

Year 6 - Ivy-Brooke & Riley

VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 1 - Eden

Year 2 - Joshua

Year 3 - Penny

Year 4 - Jake

Year 5I - Lucas

Year 5R - Boe

Year 6 - Sophie

READER OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Harriet W

Year 2 - Jenny

Year 3 - Kady-Lou

Year 4 - Emily

Year 5 - Alfie

Year 6 - Sarah

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

TRIPS

Lots of trips have been happening in Masefield over the past couple of weeks.

Year 5 visited RHS Bridgewater on Friday 11th and took part in sessions where they investigated plants & their adaptations. They were also able to spend lots of time exploring the gardens and forest area.

Year 4 went back in time to Roman Chester last week and took part in a very wet tour of the city and Roman Amphitheatre. They also took part in Army training and workshops where they became archaeologists and handled Roman artefacts.

To help with their learning in RE, Year 2 walked to Kings Church and spent the morning discussing the different features of this Church.

SPORTING SUCCESS

A massive congratulations to the Masefield Panathlon Team who came an incredible 1st Place in the competition. They had to compete in multiple different sports and challenges and showed great team work and sporting skills throughout.
Well Done Masefield!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Autumn Half Term 2 After School Clubs:

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

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

SHOUT OUTS

A BIG Masefield shout out to Niamh in Year 4 who has raised an incredible £540 for Children in Need! Niamh and her cousins have been taking part in the BBC Countryfile Ramble to help raise money for this important cause. Well done Niamh!

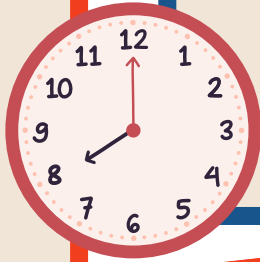




ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

- Reception - **96.33%**
- Year 1 - **94.68%**
- Year 2 - **92.76%**
- Year 3 - **96.56%**
- Year 4 - **96.43%**
- Year 5I - **86.25%**
- Year 5R - **97.62%**
- Year 6 - **92.82%**



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:

94.39%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

95.09%

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 Tik Tok. The popular video-sharing social media app allows users to create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind (but carrying an age rating of 13+), Tik Tok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and now boasts approximately a billion users worldwide. Despite the fun nature of Tik Tok, there are numerous hazards which parents should be aware of.

SAFEGUARDING



Mental Health

This week's safeguarding focus is mental health. Mental health is about our moods, feelings and emotions. Recognising the signs that a child may be struggling with their mental health can be really hard and it is important that we talk about mental health and normalise this talk with the children. Below are some tips to support you with these conversations:

- Make conversations about mental health a normal part of life.
- Give it your full attention - be an active listener.
- Take it seriously and explore the feelings together.
- Offer empathy rather than solutions.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>

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 'The Phonics Screening Check'.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/rhvh92Hz/GR4MAv48>

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



Use A Local Farm Shop

Take your children along the next time you grab groceries and teach them about sustainable shopping along the way. Communicate to your children the value of buying local goods to support their local farmers and vendors in the community. This is not always possible as it can be expensive but it is something you can teach your children to aspire to in the future.



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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@Masefield Primary School





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

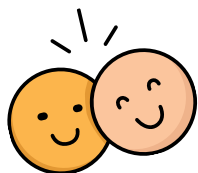
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience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

5th - EYFS/KS1 Reading Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
6th - KS2 Reading Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
6th - School photo day
W/C 11th - Parent Conference
15th - Children in Need (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.