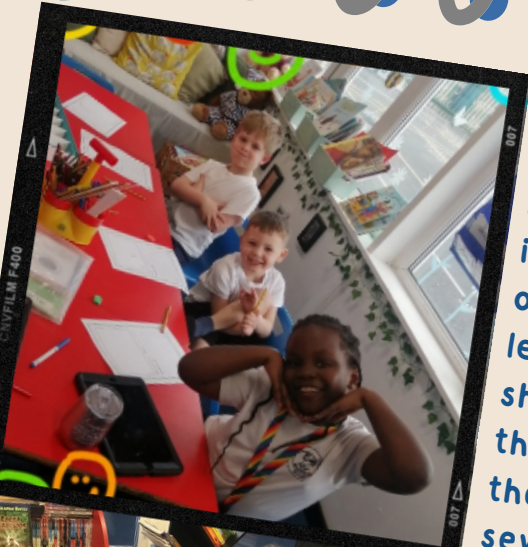




MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

28TH NOVEMBER 2024



What a fabulous week it has been here at Masefield! During my learning walks, I have been so impressed by the children's outstanding attitudes to learning and their enthusiasm in sharing all the wonderful things they've been discovering. Over the past two weeks, we've had several visitors, including our History Quality Mark Assessor (watch this space!), our School Improvement Professional, and representatives from two schools in Oldham and Preston. Each visitor had high praise for our pupils, particularly highlighting their incredible ability to articulate their learning, which has made us all very proud!

As we head into the festive season, please remember that attendance remains a key focus for us—every day counts.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's enjoy this special time of year together!

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Emilia & Jaxson

Year 1 - Oakley L & Harriet B

Year 2 - Leo & Olivia-Grace

Year 3 - Albie & Caprice

Year 4 - Indie & Millie

Year 6 - Scarlett & Skyler

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Bright Leaders

This week, four Year 5 students were invited to Mytham Primary School to take part in a local schools initiative to connect students and become leaders within their school community. Last week they organised a charity bake sale and raised money for a local animal rescue charity and we can't wait to hear what their next plans are.

Well done to our Masefield Bright Leaders!



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Rory

Year 1 - Sadie

Year 2 - Jenny

Year 3 - Alvie

Year 4 - Jessica

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 - Blake

Year 1 - Jack

Year 2 - Emily

Year 3 - Jack

Year 4 - Asrafle

Year 6 - Alfie

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

FUN IN THE SNOW

Last week the temperatures suddenly dropped and we were unexpectedly greeted with snow! The children in all years enjoyed playing outside and experiencing the snowy conditions. Nursery in particular had a great time exploring their outdoor provision in short sessions.

Now that we are heading into winter, please remember to send children in to school with suitable outdoor coats and warm hats/gloves.



SPORTING SUCCESS



A massive congratulations to the Masefield Year 5 & 6 football teams who took part in tournaments last week. Miss Rigby commented that it was excellent to see so many children showing enthusiasm for sport, even in the very cold conditions.

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

From the 2nd December, Masefield are moving over to a new management information system called Bromcom. This will offer lots of benefits including easier communications and payment systems. Please bear with us during this cross over and whilst we get used to this new system. Many thanks





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

- Reception - **95.5%**
- Year 1 - **97.9%**
- Year 2 - **92.76%**
- Year 3 - **97.66%**
- Year 4 - **97%**
- Year 5I - **96.5%**
- Year 5R - **93.81%**
- Year 6 - **92.5%**



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:

94.94%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

94.86%

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 Horror Games.

Horror video games come in such a variety that the genre can be hard to define. The overlapping element is that these games are designed to scare or unsettle the player through gameplay, atmosphere, story, music, setting and 'jump scares'. The most common sub-genres are survival horror, action horror, psychological horror, jump-scare horror and reverse horror. These games originate from a range of developers which release download-only titles and therefore aren't subject to age ratings.

SAFEGUARDING



Physical Abuse

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024 categorises four main types of abuse: these are physical, emotional, sexual and neglect. 'Physical Abuse' is when someone hurts or harms a child or young person on purpose. It can include hitting, shaking, throwing. Physical harm may also be caused when a parent fabricates or induces symptoms of illness in a child. Chastisement can also be classed as physical abuse when excessive force is used. Physical abuse can have long term effects on physical and mental health.

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 'how to listen to your child read a Read Write Inc. storybook'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7DruIKFsKw&list=PLDe74j1F52zSCiOMSn3zQDSzgu9TrbQ1c&index=5>

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



Black Friday Sales

Before diving into the Black Friday sales, consider these eco-friendly tips. Prioritise ethical and sustainable brands that minimise their environmental impact. Embrace online shopping to reduce your carbon footprint and avoid the stress of in-store crowds. By making conscious choices, you can enjoy the sales while minimizing your environmental impact.



MASEFIELD KITCHEN

STAFF REQUIRED

We are currently looking for a general assistant for our kitchen.

It is 12.5 hours a week over lunch time doing general kitchen duties like serving the children and general cleaning.

If you would like more information, please contact

Justine Brooks
Mobile Area Manger
07789 031784





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.



[@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

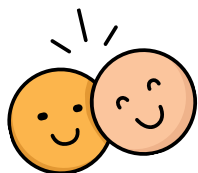
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience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

DECEMBER

- 2nd - Flu vaccinations (Reception-Year 6)
- 4th - Rock Kidz (Dress like a rockstar)
- 6th - Non-Uniform (Bottle donations)
- 9th - Vocal Band concert at BWFC
- 10th - Year 4 field trip in local area
- 11th - Nursery Christmas Crafts 9-10am
- 11th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
- 12th - Non-Uniform (Chocolate Donations)
- 12th - Christmas Fair
- 16th - Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th - Christmas dinner and Elf Run
- 17th - Reception Nativity - 2.00pm
- 17th - KS1 Nativity - 4.00pm
- 18th - Christmas Party Day (non uniform/party clothes)
- 18th - KS1 Nativity - 2.00pm
- 19th - KS2 Carol Concert - 5.00pm
- 19th - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime!
- 20th - School closes 1.30pm

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

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.