



# MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

10TH OCTOBER 2024



We are now fully immersed into the academic year and I can't believe that we are already over half way through the first half term. It has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made and the enthusiasm that they are putting into their learning. I have been particularly impressed by our youngest children in Nursery and Reception who are already demonstrating an excellent aptitude for learning.

This week, we had our Harvest festival –thank you for your kind donations and wonderful turnout. It was great to see the hall full of energy and enthusiasm with all children sharing their knowledge!

MESSAGE FROM

**MR DONE**



# HIGHLIGHTS

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

### Digital Leaders

Last week, Miss Illingworth was pleased to appoint her next team of Digital Leaders. They will work with Miss Illingworth to ensure all of our children stay safe online and maximise their use of technology to support learning at Masefield. We can't wait to see the impact that they will make.



## LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Olive & Roman

Year 2 - Emily & Lucie

Year 3 - Caleb & Jessica

Year 4 - Millie & Ava-Grace

Year 5I - Amelia S & Rosie

Year 5R - Joshua & Isabella

Year 6 - Eythan & Julia

## VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 1 - Gracie

Year 2 - Finley

Year 3 - Art

Year 4 - Indie

Year 5I - Jackson

Year 5R - Gabriella

Year 6 - Chloe

## READER OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Sadie

Year 2 - Oliver M

Year 3 - Olivia

Year 4 - Asrafle

Year 5 - Faith

Year 6 - Reuben

## 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

## ENRICHMENT

Lots has been happening in Enrichment this week!

Year 1 and 2 have been continuing their PE and Thrive enrichments on a Tuesday afternoon and have been really impressing Miss Jones with their ball skills.

Over in Key Stage 2, Year 3 have been continuing to practice their performances in their drama enrichment, whilst Year 4 went to Boscow Nurseries to purchase different plants for the outside planters. Year 5 and 6 have been continuing with their Spanish enrichment and impressing their teachers with all the new words that they have been learning.

Keep it up!!

## SPORTING SUCCESS

There has been lots of cross country success over the last couple of weeks for our Year 5 and 6 students. They have shown great resilience in some very tricky conditions and managed to improve their positions week after week.

Miss Rigby and all the staff at Masefield are extremely proud of their efforts, well done!



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Autumn Half Term 1 after school clubs:

- Mon - Year 3 & 4 Multisports
- Tues - Year 5 & 6 Multisports
- Wed - Year 3&4 computer club
- Thurs - Year 2 football club
- Thurs - Year 3-6 Vocal Band

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

## SHOUT OUTS

Well done to all the students who took part in the Flat Stan first aid event. They learnt about first aid and how to help people in an emergency, including practicing CPR. What a fantastic life skill to have learnt.

Also, a big THANK YOU to all the parents/carers that brought in donations for the harvest festival. It will really aid Urban Outreach in helping families within our local community.

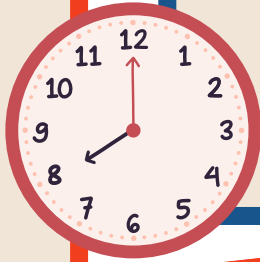




# ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

- Reception - 94.17%
- Year 1 - 97.1%
- Year 2 - 93.19%
- Year 3 - 95.47%
- Year 4 - 92.14%
- Year 5I - 92.25%
- Year 5R - 99.05%
- Year 6 - 92.05%



## 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:

**94.25%**

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

**95.39%**

## 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 the 'Dangers of Vaping'. Despite helping thousands of people successfully quit smoking and being found to be up to 95% less harmful than cigarettes, data collected for ASH shows an increase in 11-17-year-olds experimenting with vaping. It is now believed that almost 2% of 11-17 are accessing these age restricted products, with the nicotine reported to be detrimental to brain development and cause long term addiction. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to reduce the number of young vapers...

### SAFEGUARDING



Understanding how to stay safe near roads is a really important part of growing up. Use the following advice to help your children learn to keep themselves safe,  
When you are out and about, always be sure to explain road safety rules. Teach children to use the Green Cross Code and talk about what's going on in the street while you are with them.  
Encourage your child to talk about what they see on the roads and whether it's safe or not. Let your child make decisions with you, so that they learn through activity. Finally, help your child plan the safest route whenever they are going somewhere.

### 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 say the sounds'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xsEeDIOk/ze8Zhh6r>

#### 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



#### Energy Efficient Lighting

Save energy with energy efficient lighting. Compact fluorescent bulbs use around 20% of the energy to produce the same amount of light as an incandescent bulb and can last up to 10 times as long, meaning this is one of the most impactful home sustainability tips.





# 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

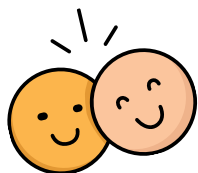
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience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





# 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  
15th - KS2 Maths Parent Workshop - 3.30pm  
22nd - Year 3 Assembly - 2.45pm

## 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

## 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

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.





# OPEN DAY

PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS & FAMILIES

## MASEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



### Whole School Open Visits

(for parents/carers of prospective pupils)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

9.30-11.30am AND 13.30-15.00pm AND 15.30-16.30pm

Please come along to take a look around and experience our wonderful school.

### "Evidence shows this school is OUTSTANDING"

"Pupils flourish at this happy and welcoming school. They are extremely well motivated to make the most of the wide range of opportunities on offer to them."

"The school's provision for pupils' wider development is exceptional."

"Progress at the end of key stage 2 is significantly above that seen nationally."

"The school has an exceptionally well-designed and ambitious curriculum. Pupils develop a remarkable range of knowledge that prepares them extremely well for their next stages of education."

OFSTED July 2024 – ungraded inspection

**We are very proud of our school and we can't wait to show you around!**



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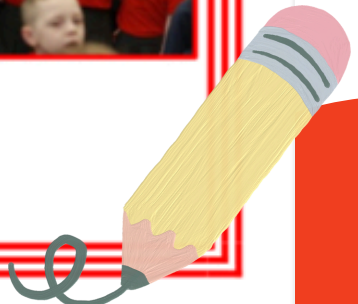


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# SEN COFFEE MORNING

## SEND COFFEE MORNING

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER  
9AM-10AM

*If you have a child who currently attends our school with special educational needs and/or disabilities, please come along for an informal catch up with our staff and other parents.*

*No booking required - just turn up*

