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Measham C of E

Newsletter

17th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic fun-packed week celebrating Anti-Bullying Week and Children In Need!

On Monday we all wore Odd Socks to celebrate diversity and understanding that we are all unique. Throughout the week, we have been doing work with the children on the kind of positive behaviour that we encourage here at Measham.

The children have enjoyed their daily Bearpee Challenge and today, we have joined together to complete the final day altogether in our bright and spotty Pudsey clothes!



We have raised over £170 for Children in Need – thank you so much for your kind donations!

Christmas production – Angel Express

I know it feels a little early to be talking about Christmas but I wanted to let you know about the dates that the Pre-School, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing for their parents. There will be two performances...

Tuesday 12th December 9.30am for Pre-School and EYFS parents only

Wednesday 13th December 9.30am for Year 1 and Year 2 parents only

2 tickets will be available per child, per performance.

I know that the children will be very excited to perform for you!

Christmas Light Switch On in Measham

We would like to invite all of our school-age children (not Pre-School, sorry) to join us at the Christmas Light Switch on in Measham. We would like the children to meet Miss Moore and other staff outside the church hall at 6pm please. Our allocated singing slot is 6.15pm. Please stay and enjoy the singing and then the children will be handed back to you as soon as they come safely off the stage. It is a very busy event so please ensure that you see one of our staff members when you arrive. Thank you!

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner in school. It is for 1 hour per day 3.30pm – 4.30pm term time only.

If you would be interested in joining our team, please contact Mrs Whittle in the office on 01530 271019.

News from the classes...

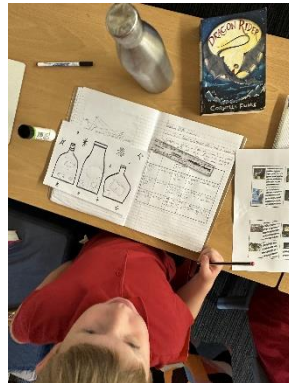
Foxes

Foxes have launched themselves into Space, navigating their way around the planets, the phases of the moon and the Space Race. They have created newspaper reports documenting Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon, his most famous quotes, and the events leading up to this. In mathematics, we have been focussing on all areas of fractions – taking time out to understand what a fraction looks like before beginning the calculations. An amazing few weeks of learning!



Squirrels

Over the past few weeks, Squirrels have been having a 'marvellous' time in their learning, particularly being able to use the text *George's Marvellous Medicine* in their English lessons to find grammar elements; we have looked at plurals, expanded noun phrases and what roles sentences can have. We have also been exploring Europe using atlases and mapping out food miles for certain food imported to our country before looking at the nutritional value of foods. We are becoming masters at our mathematics now too, with using formal column methods with addition and subtraction and we are excited to start using this with word problems.



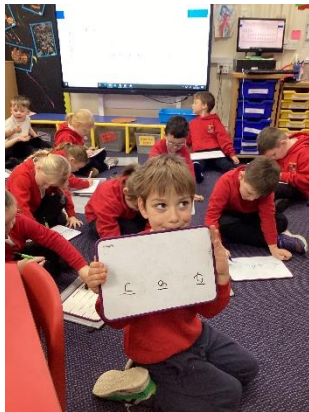
Badgers

In Year One and Two, the children have had an exciting few weeks! Delving into history, they explored the Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes, captivated by the consequences he faced. Their geography skills soared as they discovered the five major oceans and mastered locating the equator on a world map. Amidst this, they joyfully began practising for the upcoming nativity play. What a whirlwind of discovery and preparation—here's to many more engaging weeks ahead!



Butterflies

EYFS have had lots of fun learning about space over these past few weeks!! This week they have had fun learning about rockets and showed great creativity making their own rockets using a range of construction materials! Children have also been practising writing numerals 1-10 as well as building their phonic knowledge!



Food for Life

Exciting News! We're thrilled to announce our achievement of the Foundation Food for Life Award. Currently striving for the Bronze Award, we're committed to fostering sustainable food practices. Save the date for our Farmers Market on December 15th at our Christmas Fair! Stay tuned for more updates on our journey. #FoodForLife #Sustainability



Coats

If you have any warm winter coats that your child has grown out of, we would encourage you to bring them to school. Every Wednesday morning, we will bring outside into the car park all of the donated coats and if your child needs a new winter coat, feel free to come and have a look for one that your child would like. These will all be free! Any questions, please ask! Thank you!

PE and Forest School

On PE days we ask that the children come to school in their PE kit. Our school PE kit is black joggers/leggings/shorts with their white PE t-shirt and their school jumper/cardigan/hoodie. Trainers can be worn.

Foxes will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

Owls will do PE on **Monday and Wednesday**

Squirrels will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

Moles will do PE on **Thursday and Friday**

Badgers will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

Rabbits will do PE on **Monday and Thursday**

EYFS will do PE on **Tuesdays**

Forest School will start again in the 2nd half of the Spring term.

Attendance

Attendance at school is so important and every day matters! Overall our children have good attendance, thank you for supporting us with this. Please make every effort to ensure medical appointment, where possible, are outside school time and holidays too! Thank you so much!

	6/11/23		17/11/23
Rabbits	97.32%	decrease	96.9%
Owls	96.2%	increase	96.4%
Badgers	96.48%	decrease	96.2%
Squirrels	95.03%	decrease	95%
Foxes	95.35%	decrease	94.5%
Moles	94.4%	decrease	94.2%
Butterflies	94.76%	decrease	93.9%

Well done Rabbits!

**Whole school attendance to date
– 95.2%
Thank you!
Target – 96%**

If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.
Kind regards,



Hannah Carter
Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 27 th November	EYFS Space Day
Tuesday 28 th November	Y4/5 visit to the Sikh temple, Derby
Friday 1 st December	Rainbows Christmas Fun Run at school
	Assembly from the Rainbows Hospice
Monday 4 th December	Y5/6 Football vs Warren Hills – details to be finalised
Thursday 7 th December	Children singing at the Measham Lights Switch On
Tuesday 12 th December	Pre-School and EYFS parents to watch Christmas Production 9.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 parents to watch Christmas Production 9.30am
Thursday 14 th December	Pantomime in school – Snow White – details TBC
Friday 15 th December	PFA Christmas Fair
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Service in church
	Christmas lunch
Friday 22 nd December	Finish for Christmas
Monday 8 th January 2024	Return to school after Christmas

The whole school will be taking part in the Santa fun run on Friday 1st December. We are taking part with all of the other RISE schools and together, we will be raising money for the Rainbows Hospice. If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code attached and make your donation.

Thank you for your support!

