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# Measham C of E Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic production the Year 3 and 4 children performed for us! It was brilliant! So many lines and plenty of songs even with a few brave children singing solos...it was great and I am very proud of each and every one of them. I know everyone in school enjoyed it and we hope that as parents/carers that you enjoyed it too.



### Rise conversion

When we return after the Easter break, we will be part of the Rise Multi-Academy Trust. Exciting times! All of the children and staff are already benefitting from being a part of something bigger than just our school. The children took part in the Santa Fun Run in December, the Year 2 children have their art work on display in their virtual gallery, Martha visited EYFS and Year 4 are busy preparing for Rise Voices. All year groups will have taken part in a 'year group specific' event before the end of this academic year. You will notice that we will have new signage after the Easter break but this will not impact our uniform or our identity. We are still Measham C of E Primary School and everyone is welcome!

### World Book Day & Bedtime stories

We had a great day on World Book Day, celebrating in our amazing costumes and we had lots of fun in class with our World Book Day themed activities. We enjoyed a special assembly and a special story time in the library with juice and a biscuit. Thank you, parents, for some wonderful costumes, we especially like the home-made ones! We were also very pleased with the number of children and families who came back to school, in their pyjamas and onesies, and joined us for bedtime stories. We hope that you enjoyed the variety of stories and the hot chocolate!



## Reggie's walk

Reggie in Year 5 has been working with a group of friends to organise a charity walk for Headway. Headway are a charity that works to improve life after brain injury and have been recently fundraising in the local area! Please help us to support this charity by bringing £1 to school and meeting us on the school playground on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.30am!



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## Exciting news...

As some of you may have noticed Miss Wakelin is pregnant! This is wonderful news and there is much excitement as she prepares to welcome her first child into the world!

Plans are underway to fill her teaching role and we will let Year 3 parents know in due course who will be teaching their children for the rest of the year.

## Free Kickboxing Opportunity

We enjoyed a fun assembly last week when MC Kickboxing Fitness based in Measham came to give a demonstration to all of the children. Some of our pupils took part which was fantastic. Well done and thank you to Lucas, Lilah, Harper, Poppy and Harley.

Mark has asked me to share this link to his website where any children can take up the opportunity for a free taster trial. There are adult sessions too, if anyone is interested!

<https://www.mckickboxingfitness.uk>

## News from the classes...

### Foxes and Owls

We have had such a jam-packed term! We have loved our topic 'Was it a disaster?' where we have researched coalmining throughout history and how Measham and surrounding areas were affected by different acts in history. We have learnt lots about the conditions and jobs in coal mining and are very happy to discuss all of their findings on this – so much so that we have used this information in our computing to work on our PowerPoint skills. In our Science lessons we have been investigating forces and how they affect the world around us. We have enjoyed our PE this half term, continuing building on our gymnastic skills and starting our hockey lessons. We've been able to practise new techniques and incorporate these into mini games.

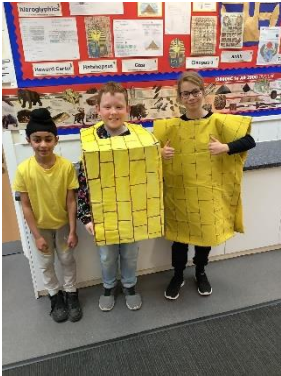
Year 5 and 6 were also so excited to be able to show their parents all of their new skills that they have been working so hard on in music lessons. The different skills are, correct holding position, plucking individual strings, strumming in pattern, learning new chords C, F, Am and G7. The Year 5's started off with some of the warm up exercises we learn including 'My Dog has Fleas' and some chord practice; they then went on to demonstrate their use of chords in a song 'Best Day of my Life' where they handed the ukuleles to Year 6. Year 6 then played 2 more tracks showing further chord progression. All of the staff and parents were so proud of how much they have learned and the skills they have acquired. Well Done!





## Squirrels

We have had a great half term, it has flown by but we have squeezed so much in! We loved performing 'Rock Bottom' to our parents, we enjoyed dressing up as characters from the Wizard of Oz for World Book Day, we have made so much progress with our swimming, still loving our drum lessons and that's not including all the Maths and English that we've been learning! Well done everyone!



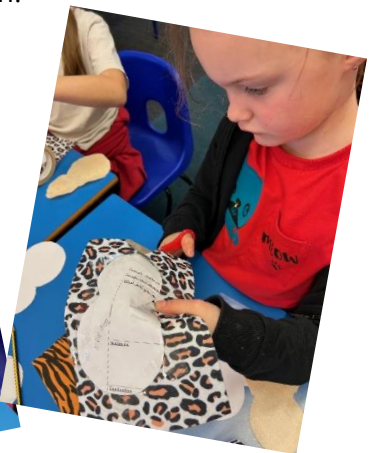
## Moles

What a fun filled, fantastic half term we have had in Moles class! We have continued with our learning about the Stone Age and have created some 'moving mammoths' in our DT sessions. We have also been enjoying our netball sessions with the new sports coaches. Lastly, we have finished the half term with some amazing performances of our show 'Rock Bottom'. We hope that you enjoyed it if you came to watch!



## Badgers

What a great half term it has been in the Badgers Class! We have continued to learn about the Great Fire of London focusing on Samuel Pepys, who was an eyewitness. Outdoor learning at Forest School has been a huge hit with the children and we can't wait for more forest fun next term. Our weekly highlight has certainly been tennis with Coach Toby from Ashby Castle Lawn Tennis Club on a Friday. The children have learnt various skills such as throwing, catching and how to perfect a forehand stroke! Well done children!





## Rabbits

What a great term Rabbits class have had! We have continued our learning on The Great Fire of London, celebrated World Book Day, learnt new Tennis skills in PE, learnt how to tie different types of knots in Forest School and started to design and sew our own puppets. Well done everyone - enjoy your well-earned Easter break.



## Butterflies

EYFS have enjoyed learning about lots of different traditional tales this half term! We have had lots of fun with our learning linking to fairy tales, such as making porridge like Goldilocks ate and planting our own bean seeds like Jack (and the Beanstalk)! We also enjoyed baking our own gingerbread and made some houses, strong enough against the Big Bad Wolf!



## Caterpillars

What a great few weeks Pre-School have had! We have been looking for signs of spring in the school woods, started our tennis lessons, working on our balance and control and had so much fun getting creative with paints and making clay pots.



## PE

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, Thursday and Friday**

**Owls** will do PE on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

**Squirrels** will do PE on **Wednesday and Thursday (swimming has now finished for Year 4)**

**Moles** will do PE on **Thursday and Friday (swimming)**

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

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

**EYFS** will do PE on **Tuesday and Friday**

## Forest School

Dates for Rabbits and Badgers to go to Forest School are listed below, please have a look. You will get a letter from Mrs Hart nearer to the time with more information. EYFS will go in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the summer term. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Badgers</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> February	5 <sup>th</sup> March
12 <sup>th</sup> March	19 <sup>th</sup> March
9 <sup>th</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> April
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	30 <sup>th</sup> April
7 <sup>th</sup> May – parent's session	21 <sup>st</sup> May – parent's session

No Forest School on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Don't forget for Forest School sessions, your child should come to school in:

- Old warm clothing that may get wet and dirty

They will also need

- Wellies
- Warm waterproof coat
- Gloves and a hat if it's cold

Please bring school uniform in a bag with school shoes to change into when they get back. A spare pair of socks is useful for when they change into school uniform, in case the forest school ones get wet.

Any questions, please ask! Thank you!



## 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!

	<b>16.02.24</b>		<b>To date</b>
Badgers	96.1%	<b>increase</b>	96.4%
Owls	95.7%	<b>increase</b>	95.9%
Rabbits	95.4%	<b>decrease</b>	95.3%
Foxes	94.7%	<b>decrease</b>	94.4%
Squirrels	94.4%	<b>same</b>	94.4%
Moles	94.1%	<b>decrease</b>	94%
Butterflies	91.4%	<b>increase</b>	92.5%

**Well done Badgers!**

**Whole school attendance to date  
– 94.6%  
Thank you!**

**Target – 96%**

## New Menu

There is a new menu coming out for lunchtimes. We are moving back to a 3 week rotation and a few different choices available too! The menus and choices come from School Food who provide the service. Some days there will now be pasta available instead of a jacket potato which I think will appeal to lots of children.

## Conkers voucher

Every child will have brought home a Conkers voucher for you to use and enjoy a good discount off a trip to Conkers. Lots of fun and a good day out!

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

Kind regards,



Hannah Carter  
Acting Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Conversion to Rise Multi Academy Trust
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Rabbits Forest School
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Cricket From Leicestershire County Cricket Years 3 -6 Year 6 Residential Parents meeting 3.30pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Tennis – Rabbits, Badgers, Pre-School Y4/5 Football match vs Snarestone Away 3.15pm KO
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 SATs Mock week – please ensure all children are in school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Badgers Forest School
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Cricket From Leicestershire County Cricket Years 3 -6
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Tennis – Rabbits, Badgers, Pre-School Y4/5 Football match vs St Hardulph's Away 3.15pm KO
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	8.30am Headway Charity Walk – everyone welcome!
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Rabbits Forest School
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3/4 Tag Rugby festival at Ashby Rugby Club
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Cricket From Leicestershire County Cricket Years 3 -6
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Tennis – Rabbits, Badgers, Pre-School
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Rise Voices Event
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Badgers Forest School Y4/5 Football match vs Belvoirdale Away 3.15pm KO TBC
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Cricket From Leicestershire County Cricket Years 3 -6
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tennis – Rabbits, Badgers, Pre-School
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL IS CLOSED