



Madginford Primary School Newsletter Friday 17th July

From the Headteacher - Mrs A. Woolcombe

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to say a big thank you to you all for your support for the children during our adapted sports day morning. The children were brilliant and it was lovely to see you all cheering them on. Our inclusive culture really shone through, with every achievement and effort celebrated. I spent some time after the event looking at the photographs which really captured the children's achievements.

As you are all aware, our Impact Sports Team organised and ran our Sports Day this year and have worked tirelessly with us to ensure that we were all able to come together to enjoy the event. Our thanks as a school go to them - they have become such an integral part of our sports provision, bringing tremendous enthusiasm, a wealth of experience and a tangible can do attitude.

The children enjoyed the arena sports day activities this week, where again they were able to score points which have been added to the points accumulated on Sports Day. The final calculation included all the points gained from the inter house competitions which have been taking place all year. The total points were announced in assembly this morning and we are delighted to announce that the overall winning house for this year is **Lambourne!**

We have had a very busy week in school as we approach the end of term and the children have enjoyed lots of exciting end of term activities!

Sports Day Action Shots

We hope that you all enjoyed Sports Day as much as we did.

All of the children gave it their absolute best effort and we are so proud of all of them.

It was also great to see some of our teachers as well as some parents and carers getting in the spirit of Sports Day and running races as well!

We hope that you enjoy a few of the action shots from the day!



KS1 Racing to the Finish Line!



KS2 Going for the Final Push!



Teachers' Race- Look at the Concentration!



Friends of Madginford

We are excited to invite you to become part of the Friends of Madginford Primary School; a new fundraising group dedicated to supporting our school community and helping provide extra opportunities and resources for our children.

Our aim is to bring together parents, carers, staff, and local supporters to organise fundraising events, social activities, and community projects that will benefit the school and enrich the children's learning experience.

We would love for as many people as possible to get involved, whether by joining the committee, helping at events, sharing ideas, or simply supporting activities throughout the year.

Thank you very much to those who have come forward so far to volunteer; we cannot wait

to see the fantatsic things which you wil help to do for our school.

Our initial meeting will take place on Friday 4th September at 10:30. Refreshments will be provided. Please let usk now if you are able to attend by emailing office@mps.kent.sch.uk

If you would like more information on our Friends of Madginford intiiative, or to rgister your interest, please get in touch via our office email address: office@mps.kent.sch.uk

Millionaire Readers Challenge!

Have you heard about our **Millionaire Readers Challenge**? This exciting reading incentive encourages children to enjoy books at home while building their confidence and love of reading.

Children can work towards reading one million words by reading books in their own time and successfully completing their Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes. Every word counts, and as their total grows, they move closer to becoming an official Millionaire Reader!

When children reach the incredible milestone of one million words, they will earn a place on our **Millionaire Readers Celebration Board** and will proudly receive a **special purple Millionaire Reader T-shirt** to recognise their fantastic achievement.

But there's even more to aim for! If we manage to fill our Celebration Board with Millionaire Readers, the whole school will celebrate together with a Reading Picnic – a well-deserved reward for everyone's dedication and enthusiasm for reading.

Reading for just a little while each day can make a huge difference, so we encourage all children to get involved. Whether it's sharing a story with family, reading independently, or discovering a new favourite author, every page turned brings them one step closer to becoming a Millionaire Reader.

Keep an eye out for our exciting Summer Reading Challenge, which will be launching soon! There will be even more opportunities to enjoy great books over the holidays, earn rewards and prizes, and celebrate a fantastic summer of reading. We can't wait for everyone to get involved!

Who will be our next Millionaire Reader? Happy reading, and good luck!

School Improvement Priorities 2025-26

To be excellent readers

To provide a wide and ambitious curriculum that engages all learners

All children to recognise and celebrate their success

✦ Every Day Counts — Let the Magic Happen at Madginford! ✦

At **Madginford**, we believe every child deserves **magical learning experiences** — and those moments happen when children are **in school, on time, every day**.

Regular attendance helps children feel confident, settled, and ready to enjoy everything school life has to offer.

🌟 Did you know?

- Missing school regularly can make it harder for children to **keep up with learning** and friendships.
- Being **late** can be just as disruptive as being absent. Lateness **after the registers close** becomes an unauthorised absence.
- Missing **10% of school** (around **2 days each month**) can impact progress in **reading, writing, and maths**.

Small absences can quickly add up — and we don't want anyone to miss all the important learning and experiences!

💖 Why being here matters

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Feel **happy, confident, and secure**
- Build strong **friendships**
- Enjoy learning and reach their full potential

Every school day brings new opportunities for **magical moments of learning**.

How families can help

You can support great attendance by:

-  Keeping a **regular bedtime and morning routine**
 -  Preparing **uniforms, book bags, and PE kits** the night before
 -  Having a **backup plan** for getting to school if something unexpected happens
 -  Booking **medical and dental appointments outside school hours** where possible
 -  Keeping an eye on your child's **attendance**
 -  Talking to the **class teacher or school staff** if your child feels worried or anxious; we're always here to help
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Attendance reminder

Persistent absence means missing **10% or more of the school year** — around

19 days. That's why **every day really does count.**

Working together

If your child is unwell or you're unsure whether they should attend, please **contact the school office.** By working together, we can make sure every child feels supported and ready to enjoy the magic of learning at Madginford.

Be here. Be ready. Be part of the magic.  

Communication Reminder

If you have any concerns, please first contact your child's class teacher. If needed, you may then reach out to the Head of Year:

- **EYFS:** Mrs. South & Miss Perkins
- **Year 1:** Miss Verkely
- **Year 2:** Mr. Bevan
- **Year 3:** Mrs. Cross
- **Year 4:** Mrs. Ralph & Mr. Day
- **Year 5:** Mr. Hollamby
- **Year 6:** Mr. Roper

For ongoing concerns, please contact:

- **Mrs. Best** - Assistant Head (EYFS/KS1)
- **Miss Stamp** - Assistant Head (KS2)
- **Mrs. Woolcombe** - Headteacher

We are always here to help.

Key Dates for Your Diary

- **Monday 20th July**- Year 6 Graduation 2PM-3PM
 - **Tuesday 21st July**- Last day of Term 6
 - **Tuesday 1st September**- First Day of Term 1 in the new academic year
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Thank you for your ongoing support as we move into the final few days of this academic year.

Warm regards,

Mrs. A.

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Headteacher

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