

Madginford Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th February

From the Headteacher – Mrs A. Woolcombe

I would like to say a big well done to all of our children who have worked so hard this term. It has been a busy term and the teaching staff are very pleased with the progress the children have made in their learning.

This week we are completing our special **Dreams and Goals** project and will be filling the whole school **Treasure Chest** at the start of Term 4. As part of this project every child has created a special **Time Capsule** page to capture their dreams, achievements and goals. They have written a letter, drawn a picture or made a collage. They have included a photo of themselves and have reflected on what they are proud of and what they hope to achieve in the next year.

Parents have been asked to add to this with either sharing a short message of encouragement for their child sharing a moment where their child has made them proud - just a few sentences make their time capsule truly special!

If parents have not yet been able to do this – there is still a small window of time before the start of next term we place the child's work and messages of encouragement in our whole school treasure chest which will to be opened in a years' time!

At the start of Term 4 2027 - children will open their capsules to celebrate their growth, achievements and the support of loved ones.

We are very much looking forward to Term 4 which commences on Monday 23rd February. We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on Thursday 5th March and have a number of exciting reading activities planned around this.

Parents & Carers Evenings

These will take place again in Term 4 on

Tuesday 31st March 3:30 to 7:00PM

Wednesday 1st April 3:30 to 5PM

Please remember that you can contact your child's class teacher at any time if you have concerns or questions.

Reading Stars & Phonics Focus



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to let you know that we will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March** and have lots of exciting activities planned throughout the week!

Here's what's coming up:

Parent Reading Sessions

- **Key Stage 1** parents are warmly invited to come and read with their child on **Tuesday 3rd March**
- **Key Stage 2** parents are invited to join us on **Wednesday 4th March**

Library Visits

We are also arranging visits to the library across the school so that all children have the opportunity to explore and enjoy a wide range of books.

Author Visit – Friday 6th March

We are delighted to share that we have booked a special author visit to inspire our young readers and writers. This is always a highlight of the week!

Book Door Competition

Each class will be taking part in a creative "Book Door" competition. Children will be decorating their classroom door based on a chosen book. We can't wait to see their imaginative designs brought to life! Each class teacher will send a message via Dojo to let you know which book has been chosen. We would love for children to help create something at home to add to the door display if they wish.

Dress as a Favourite Book Character

On Thursday 5th March, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We can't wait to see all of the wonderful costumes and celebrate our love of reading together!

Further information about specific arrangements and any additional activities will be shared soon.

We look forward to celebrating a fantastic week of reading with you and your children!

Rocking Times Tables

Pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 are working very hard to build their confidence and speed using **Times Tables Rock Stars**. Well done to everyone who has already reached **Rock Hero** level! I am pleased to see how the number of children who have received this status has increased and we will be continuing to promote this in Term 4.

Fundraising Success

Since the Autumn Term we have successfully raised:

- **Colour Run:** £2,795.44
- **Spooky Disco:** £962
- **Christmas Disco** £777

The money raised is going towards our exciting school reading bus. Our next steps involve stripping and refitting the interior, and our community team are in the process of gathering quotes. Cabling to services has all been laid ready for connection when the bus nears completion.

Fundraising will continue with an **Easter Raffle** and **Easter Discos** planned for Term 4. Please look out for further details.

PHSE Dreams & Goals Time Capsule

A few examples from EYFS where children have thought very carefully about their Dreams and Goals for the coming year. We look forward to seeing them open the Time Capsule in a year's time!



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

📅 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 23rd February** Start of Term 4
- **Thursday 5th March** World Book Day
- **Friday 20th March** Comic Relief Day
- **Wednesday 25th March** Y4 Trip to Sevenoaks Wildlife Trust
- **Monday 30th March and Tuesday 31st March** Y4 Bikeability
- **Tuesday 31st March 3:30 to 7PM** Parents Evening
- **Wednesday 1st April 3:30 to 5PM** Parents Evening

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please enjoy a restful half term break and we looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 23rd February.

Warm regards,
Mrs. A. Woolcombe
Headteacher

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