

Madginford Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd January

From the Headteacher – Mrs A. Woolcombe

As we reach the end of January, I am pleased to say that the children have settled quickly back into school following the Christmas break. We hope all families enjoyed quality time together.

Last week we were visited by the Local Authority and I am delighted to tell you all our visitor was very impressed with the excellent behaviour of children across the whole school. It was lovely to hear so many positive comments about our wonderful school. The highlight was seeing how the children at our school not only know our school values but embody them consistently throughout the school day.

We are all very proud of them all.

Parents & Carers Evenings

These will take place again in Term 4 on

Tuesday 24th March 3:30 to 7:00PM

Wednesday 25th March 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

Children across the whole school are continuing to work really hard on their reading skills. A huge congratulations to our pupils who have achieved **Millionaire Reader Status** and beyond. It is lovely to see that many of our children are so close to achieving this. Thank you to all our parents and carers who are working hard to support the children with their reading at home. This makes a tremendous difference to children's progress as readers.

Our new **Little Wandle Phonics Programme** has quickly become established and we are very pleased with the impact it is having supporting early reading skills.

We are looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day** in March!

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 delighted to tell you that Mr. Mulville, one of our brilliant Year 3 teachers, has now been overtaken by 4 children! Many children are determined to continue to overtake him and push him down the leader board so he is working hard on his speed!

Battle of the Bands starts today with each class competing against each other for the next two weeks. Children will be able to spend up to 30 minutes a day gaining points to go towards their class score. Mr. Day is certain his class are going to be crowned the overall winners!

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** planned for Term 4. Please look out for further details.

PHSE Dreams & Goals Time Capsule

This term, every child will create a special Time Capsule page to capture their dreams, achievements and goals. They can write a letter, draw a picture or make a collage, include a photo of themselves and reflect on what they're proud of or hope to achieve next year.

Parents, your help is needed! Later this term, we'll send a ClassDojo asking for a short message of encouragement for your child or a moment where they have made you proud - just a few sentences will make their time capsule truly special!

At the end of term, all pages and messages from home will be placed in our whole-school treasure chest which will be displayed in reception for inspiration all year. Next year, children will open their capsules to celebrate their growth, achievements and the support of loved ones.

January Superhero and Princess Lunch

A big thank you to all our fabulous catering team for organising a very special and popular Superhero and Princess Lunch! This was much enjoyed by both children and staff!



Learning in Action

Our teachers continue to deliver rich and engaging learning experiences:

- **Year 1** are enjoying Cycle Ready this week!
- **Year 4** have taken part in a very exciting Ancient Greece Workshop this week

Special Mention – Community Support

We're so excited to share how our Christmas cards made it to Pilgrims View Care Home! Year R, Year 1 and 3FB's beautiful, glittery creations brought huge smiles to the residents, many of whom live with dementia. For some, it was the only card they received and it truly made their Christmas brighter.

We now have some lovely photos of the residents enjoying the cards - what a wonderful reminder of the difference our children's kindness can make!



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

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 5th January:** Start of Term 3
 - **Wednesday 21st January - Friday 23rd January:** Year 1 Cycle Ready
 - **Wednesday 21st January:** Year 4 Ancient Greek Day
 - **Monday 26th January:** EYFS Hearing Screening
 - **Tuesday 24th March 3:30 to 7PM** Parents Evening
 - **Wednesday 25th March 3:30 to 5PM** Parents Evening
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Thank you for your ongoing support. Please enjoy a restful weekend and we looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Warm regards,
Mrs. A. Woolcombe
Headteacher

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