

Mundford Mail



The newsletter from **Mundford C of E Primary Academy** - Your school, your news!

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Worship Theme: Curiosity

Big Question: Is it always okay to ask questions?

Stars of the Week:

Oak: Stanley Hazel: James Maple: Oliver N Cedar: Cash H Rowan: Linden Elm: Annabel

Writers of the Week:

Oak: Eve Hazel: Larna Maple: Genevieve Cedar: Callum C Rowan: Max Elm: Darcey

Best Attendance: Hazel & Cedar

Winning House Team: **Romans**

This week Cedar and Rowan Class visited Gressenhall for a Stone Age experience. After being grouped into tribes, they tried out Palaeolithic (or old stone age) hunting, Neolithic (or new stone age) farming and built shelters. They even got to handle artefacts that are 6000 years old. If your child went on the trip, ask them which they think is better: the old or the new stone age.

Maple held a very special Bedtime Stories Mundford Junction. They all came back to school in their pyjamas and onesies and snuggled around the (pretend) campfire, listening to stories and enjoying hot chocolate and biscuits. They talked about the importance of reading for pleasure, and reading a variety of fiction, information texts, poems and magazines too. A great evening, well attended by 81 family and friends!

Word of the Week

Last week's word was logophile. It means ... a lover of words (which we hope all our children will soon be!).

This week's word - **bouvier**

We challenge you to guess what it is. House points on offer if you can tell your teacher before Friday! Don't forget to also ask your child about the new words they are learning in their class this week. If you have a suggestion for a future word of the week, let Miss Brown know.

Reminders:

- Please can you make sure that you shut the gate (including the latch over the top) whenever you visit school during the school day? For all the children's safety, this gate must be closed between 9 and 3:15. This includes shutting it behind you if you arrive early at the end of the day to collect your child. Thank you.
- Before 8:40am and after-school, any children on the school site must be supervised. Please do not let your children play on any of the school equipment, go up onto the field or ride bikes and scooters on the playground.

Volunteers Wanted

Do you have a few minutes to spare in the morning? Do you enjoy reading with children? Could you help a child with their handwriting or spelling? We are looking for volunteers to come into school after the morning drop-off and stay until just ten past nine to give some of our children a little extra help. Please let a member of staff know if you are interested.

Earrings & PE

In response to queries from several parents, we want to clarify the school's position on the wearing of earrings during physical activities such as PE. The latest guidance published in 'Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity' states: *all personal effects (including jewellery, religious and cultural adornments) should be removed. If items cannot be removed, staff need to take action to try to make the situation safe. In most cases, this may mean adjusting the activity in some way or making the item in question safe.*

Specifically regarding earrings: *taping front and back may offer a measure of protection. The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received. This taping may be done at home for younger children or prior to the lesson for older students. Staff are not required to remove or tape earrings for students. Where taping is utilised, the teacher supervising the group maintains the **legal responsibility** to ensure the taping is effective for purpose. Where staff consider the taping to be unsatisfactory to permit safe participation, they will need to consider alternative involvement in the lesson for the student.*

Some styles of earring back are safer than others, so in order to keep things simple and ensure maximum safety for our children, **we will continue to recommend that children remove their earrings prior to PE and sports activities.** However, if this is not possible then we ask that you as parents provide the school with written consent for your child to take part with their earrings taped over. Please come and talk to us if you need more guidance or have any questions about this.



The poster for our Aldi stickers has finally arrived! If you spend £30 at Aldi, you will get a sticker. Send it in to school with your child and they can add it to the poster. If we get enough, we could win £20 000 for our school!



After-School Clubs

We change our after-school clubs sports club offering every half-term in order to give children a range of different activities to try throughout the year. Obviously this is subject to the availability of equipment, who is running the club and the weather. However, we welcome suggestions if there is a particular activity you think would be of interest to the children.

Do you have a skill you could share with children? From knitting to music, chess to yoga – we would love to hear from you. If there are any parents who would be interested in collaborating with a member of staff to run an after-school activity, please get in touch.

Search and Rescue Club

The dates for the Autumn term are as follows:

- 11th October
- 8th November
- 22nd November
- 6th December.

If your child would like to continue to attend Search and Rescue club, Mrs Keeler and Mrs Leach will see you there! For those children new to our school, and those who have just started in Year One, if your child would like a place at Search and Rescue club, please speak to Mrs Keeler at the end of the day.

Search and Rescue club is every other Friday, from 3.15-4.15 in **Maple Class**. It is open to children from Year 1 to 6. At Search and Rescue club we sing songs, craft and listen to a story or reading from the Bible. If you have any questions, pop and see Mrs Keeler.

IES Breckland have asked us to share with you the link to their newsletter. Any parents interested in finding out more about this High School can go to:

<https://www.breckland.iesschools.co.uk/2019/10/principals-bulletin/>

Diary Dates

Here's a quick guide to what's coming up this term. More detailed information about lots of these can be found further down the newsletter. For some events, details will follow nearer the time.

Sharing Assembly every Friday at 2:45pm.

Tuesday 8th October – Hazel Class Mundford Junction 9am – 10:30

Wednesday 9th October – Oak Class Trip to Sea Life Centre

Monday 14th October – Cedar Class Mundford Junction 9:10am – 10:30

Tuesday 15th October – Maple Trip to Banham Zoo

Tuesday 15th October – Elm Mundford Junction 9:30am - 10:30

Thursday 17th October – Information Meeting for Parents about PITA (point in time assessment reports).

Friday 18th October - Federation Day (celebrating World Maths Day) at Mundford

Half Term: 19th – 26th October

Monday 28th October – PITA reports sent home

Tuesday 29th October – Parents Evening (3:30pm – 7pm)

Wednesday 30th October – Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:30pm)

Thursday 7th November – Parents Information Meeting: What does a sequence of learning look like? (pm – tbc)

Tuesday 12th November – Oak Mundford Junction 9-10:30am

Wednesday 13th November – Maple Mundford Junction 9:00 – 10:30am

Tuesday 19th November – Hazel Mundford Junction 2-3pm

Tuesday 26th November – Elm Class Mundford Junction 9:30 – 10:30am

Monday 2nd December – Cedar Class Mundford Junction 9:10 – 10:30am

Thursday 5th December – Rowan Mundford Junction 1:30 – 2:45pm

Every effort is made to stick to the planned dates, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect in-school events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes. Thanks for understanding!

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<https://corporatetiger.co.uk/school-uniform/>

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