

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:

No Sharing Assembly this Week

Writers of the Week:

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This week some of our KS2 children represented the school in the Breckland Cross Country Competition. We are really proud of all of them – for both their amazing efforts at running and for their excellent behaviour. Maple Class had an amazing animal experience at Banham Zoo – again impressing us with their behaviour as well as learning lots. We also had two more no plan days: Cedar Class chose to focus on sweets. Hazel Class chose treasure maps, so they all became pirates for the day, learning pirate songs and becoming shipwrecked. They made maps and found some treasure! Finally we ended the half-term with a Federation Day, joining our Gooderstone friends for a day of maths games and challenges. It has been a very busy half-term and we hope everyone has a good rest over the holidays.

Word of the Week

Last week's word was pontificate. It means ... *If someone pontificates about something, they state their opinions as if they are the only correct ones and nobody could possibly argue against them.*

This week's word was suggested by a pupil in Rowan Class. They found it in their reading book being used to describe a librarian in the story. We thought it was a good word to work out the meaning of by thinking about the root of the word and other similar words.

This week's word - bespectacled

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.

Parent-Teacher Consultations

Our parent-teacher meetings will be held after half-term in the school hall. Please contact the school office if you have not yet made an appointment. On the day, please sign in at reception. Your child's books will be available for you to look at before your appointment. These can be collected from tables in the corridor outside the child's class. When you are done looking at the books, please return them to the table. The teacher meetings will be held in the school hall. You are welcome to bring your child with you if you wish but please be aware that they must remain with you and be supervised at all times.

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.



We have now completed our poster. Thank you for all your stickers. It was suggested by some of the children that we give any remaining stickers to our friends at Gooderstone – being a much smaller school they have struggled to fill their poster. We think this is a great idea – our school value of kindness in action. Therefore, if you still have any stickers please drop them off at the school office and we will then pass them on.



After-School Sports Clubs

After half-term, we will be offering the following clubs:

- Monday 3:15 – 4:15pm Hockey/Basketball for years 3 & 4
- Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15pm Gymnastics for years 1 & 2
- Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15 Taekwondo – tbc. (We are just finalising arrangements for this with the instructor and will send out booking information via Parent App once it is confirmed)
- Friday 3:15 – 4:15pm Hockey/Basketball for years 5 & 6

Booking forms were sent out this week via the Parent App. If the club is oversubscribed we may need to split the children into groups so that all children will get a chance to attend some sessions during the next half term. You will be notified of the dates available for your child to attend.

We asked the children to find out what clubs they would like and we will try to cover as many of their requests as possible over the course of the school year.

Search and Rescue Club

The dates for the Autumn term are as follows:

- 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.

Lunchtime Clubs

These will all be starting after half-term.

Monday: Drawing Club with Mrs Tinkley.

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: Cross Country Training & Tag Rugby or Football matches with Mr Clark.

Tuesday: Netball Club for years 5 & 6 with Miss Brown/Miss Coates.

Tuesday (MORNING BREAKTIME): Reading Club in Sycamore with Mrs Eyres

The teachers are also in the process of setting up an after-school Harry Potter Club and a Science Club – information

about these will be sent home via Parent App. If you would like to help with an after-school club, please let us know.

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.

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!

What are we reading?

As a school, we want to promote a love of reading in every child. As well as daily reading sessions, each class also listens to a class reader. These books are carefully chosen to inspire children, broaden their reading experience and expose them to language they may not read independently.

Currently we are reading:

Oak: Water Babies by Charles Kingsley

Hazel: The penguin who wanted to find out by Jill Tomlinson

Maple: The Magic Folk of the Faraway by Enid Blyton

Cedar: One Wish by Michelle Harrison

Rowan: Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick

Elm: Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Why don't you ask your child about the book? Are they enjoying the story? What do they think will happen next?

School Uniform:

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