

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Children,

I would like to wish all our families a very happy new year. I hope that you had a good Christmas break, although I know that many families had to make last minute changes to arrangements due to Covid! Still – the children have assured me that Santa did come to Crewe and was very generous.

It is good to be back in school and we are looking forward to doing some amazing things over the coming weeks.

Thought of the Week



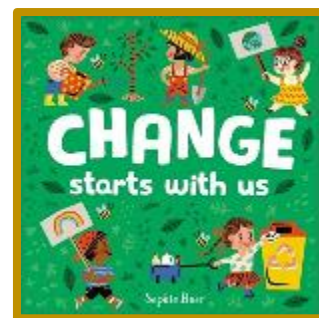
Global ARK week

What an amazing ARK week we have had this week! The children have all been involved in a junk modelling art project with the fabulous artist Sue Guildford. We have also been blown away with how they have embraced the project of helping our Earth, and trying to be more sustainable citizens. Thank you too parents for supporting this week with sending in all your plastic bottles! The bottles have been turned into these amazing plastic tree sculptures.





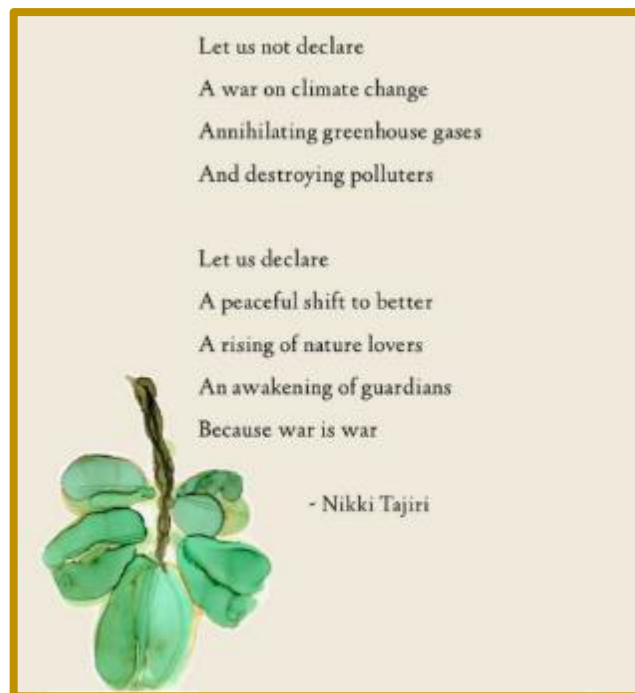
As we start the Spring Term our ARK week this time has been focusing on our Global Goals & sustainability. Our children are using a range of books to inspire our learning this week; EYFS are using 'Change Starts with us.'



KS1 have been focussing on 'Please Help Planet Earth' and KS2 have been inspired with a book called 'Guardians of the Planet.'



Year 6 have also been inspired by the poem below written by Nikki Tajiri.



Assembly Shout Outs



Certificates were awarded as follows:

EYFS

Leyton, Cody and Harry

Year 1

Tommy, Willow and Jemima

Year 2

Olivia, Buddy and Heavinisha

Year 3

Marley, Hayden and Imogen

Year 4

Lexi, Phoebe and Amber

Year 5

Jonah, Phoebe D, Phoebe R

Year 6

Logan, Miley, Macey, Harvie and Ethan V.

Empty Crisp Packets



We will be collected empty crisp packets in January to support the crisp packet project where they make sleeping bags for the homeless with used crisp packets. Ideally drop your crisp bags into school where we will have a large cardboard box in school for these to be put into, **they need to be washed out and cut open!**

**HELP US TO MAKE
SLEEPING BAGS FOR THE
HOMELESS**

**BRING IN SILVER LINED CRISP
PACKETS THROUGHOUT JANUARY
WASHED OUT AND CUT OPEN**

For best results use the ✓ ones shown below. Only use silver lined pack and not too thick. ANY sized packets will do including multi packs, but please sort them according to size. (Place same sized packets together.)



WRAPPING PAPER - Sculpture Competition

Naz - Deputy Head Girl's WRAPPING PAPER Sculpture Competition

Recycle, Reuse and Reduce this Christmas – Naz would like children in school to use used Christmas wrapping paper or left over wrapping paper to make a 3D animal Sculpture with it! YOU can also use old newspapers too!

To enter your animal sculpture will be 50p and all funds raised will go to our sustainability school fund. There are 3 prizes to be won!

EXTENDED deadline date... Entries to be brought into school by Friday 14th January, judging will take place at 12 noon on the 14th January!

GOOD LUCK

Naz xx



WRAPPING PAPER ANIMAL SCULPTURES

During the Christmas break
we would like if you could join our competition
and use any spare wrapping paper to make a 3D
animal sculpture. It will cost 50p to enter
and there will be prizes!



You can even give them
accessories!



1st Prize - SLOTH

A large 30cm Soft Plush Sloth made from recycled plastic bottles, an eco-friendly cuddly gift.



2nd Prize -TURTLE

A medium 30cm Soft Plush Sea Turtle made from recycled plastic bottles, an eco-friendly cuddly gift.



3rd Prize – SEAL

A small 28cm Soft Plush Seal made from recycled plastic bottles, an eco-friendly cuddly gift.



Christmas Tree Recycling



The School will be offering a free Christmas tree shredding service!

We WANT your Christmas trees to convert into useful woodchip mulch for our Forest School Area by putting it through a shredder.

Please drop your unwanted and used real Christmas trees to school (there will be an area at the front of school by the main reception area to drop them off at) for shredding!

The Earth Heroes would love lots of support with this!

MABLINS LANE EARTH HEROES



WANT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES FOR MULCHING

COVID Update

Unfortunately the situation is not improving and the arrival of the Omicron variant seems to have increased the transmission rates.

We currently have **16 children** out of school because they have received a positive test. (At the time of writing.) Four members of staff are also currently absent due to Covid reasons.

New advice from DfE on self-isolation period for confirmed cases of Covid-19

The DfE Information email (4th Jan) has updated the guidance about when individuals can return to school.

This now says:

"Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete

10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFT (Lateral flow test) testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7."

Pupils

Cheshire East Public Health have therefore amended the advice to schools re. positive cases in pupils to align with this, recommending that schools gain assurance from the child or parent/carer that:

- They are well and symptom free
- They have had 2 negative LFT, at least 24 hours apart
- They can return on day 7 after a negative LFT in the morning on that day if they also had a negative LFT in the morning of day 6.
- They do not return before 7th day after their symptoms started or they took a positive test, e.g., if symptoms started on Mon 1st then the earliest date of return would be Mon 8th.

This also applies to children under 5, with LFT testing at parental or guardian discretion.

Stay at home advice for household contacts

Although national guidance is that household contacts of positive cases can continue to attend education settings, the advice from Cheshire East Public Health remains the same as last term. This is that any child who is a household contact of a positive case stays away from the setting for 5 days and has a PCR test. Staff may continue to attend work but should also take a PCR test and daily LFT. Their work should be risk assessed to minimise contact, especially with any clinically vulnerable individuals.

This advice is under review and any changes will be shared as soon as agreed.

FACE MASKS – The rules around face coverings has changed so that they are compulsory in shops and on public transport.

We are still looking to keep visitors on site to a minimum to reduce the risk of transmission.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – we are still encouraging families to observe the 2m social distancing measures, particularly whilst waiting on the playground. It is requested that only **1 adult per family** comes on site to collect children and that they stick to the drop off and collection times. At the end of the day we ask that families move quickly from the site and disperse accordingly.



ONE WAY SYSTEM – this remains in operation across the school site.

ONE WAY SYSTEM IN OPERATION

Covid-19 Telephone Number

If your child has a **Covid test** and it is **positive** you must inform the school immediately by calling our Covid telephone line on:

**MABLINS LANE COVID POSITIVE TEST REPORTING
TELEPHONE NO.**

07415 005702

This number is **ONLY** for reporting a positive test. Please leave a message and we will then operate our positive reporting plan.

Reporting Absences

If your child is sick, please report the absence to the School Office by either leaving a message **with a reason for the absence** on the School Sick Line or speaking to someone in the office. The telephone number is 01270 749908.



Applying for a School Place for September 2022

From September 2021, you will be able to make applications to start school in reception for September 2022

To find out more about the application process, please visit the Cheshire East Council website at:

[Cheshire East School Admissions](#)

Application deadlines

Primary (reception): 15 January 2022

Lost Property

The Lost Property Box is situated in the foyer outside the school office. All the items are unnamed. Please label your child's uniform by writing on the label or easy to use name labels can be purchased from the school office. (25 name labels for £2.50 and 5 pairs of shoe labels for £3.00). Labels can be prepared swiftly, no long wait and no postage and packing! Please think about using this service. This will help to significantly reduce our lost property pile. PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

NAME LABELS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

School Lunches – Meat Free Mondays

The School Council/Earth Heroes have met and written to Joy and asked if the School canteen can offer 'Meat Free Mondays' after Christmas to children having a hot school lunch. We will be trialling this scheme from Monday 10th January, and we will let you know how this goes! 😊

MEAT FREE MONDAY



JOY'S NOTICEBOARD

PLEASE NOTE: Change of menu on Thursday week 1 and Wednesday week 2, the choice from now on will be Tomato Pasta (v).

EYFS,Y1 & 2 ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS
Y3,4,5 & 6 MEALS COST £2.40
PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE VIA THE
[CHESHIRE EAST EPAYMENT](#)

MONDAY

Week 1

Homemade
Cheese & Tomato
Pizza (v)

Vege Chilli &
Potato One Pot
Bake (v)

Fresh Fruit Platter
or
Organic Yoghurt

TUESDAY

Organic Beef
Meatballs, Pasta &
Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potato with a
Choice of Filling/s (v)

Fresh Fruit
Platter
Or Fruity Flapjack

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing, Gravy, Roast
/ Creamed Potatoes

Shortbread &
Fruit Chunk

THURSDAY

Homemade Keema
Cottage Pie

Tomato
Pasta
(v)

Fresh Fruit Platter
or
Dorset Apple Cake

FRIDAY

Chicken Korma Curry
with Rice & Cous Cous

Fish or Salmon
Fish Fingers
with Chips

Fresh Fruit Platter
or Chocolate Oatie
Biscuit or Yoghurt

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Cheshire East Survey

We have launched a Big Old Survey to find out what older people in Cheshire East want and need. It is on Facebook and twitter and we will be getting paper copies out to as many places as we can over the next few weeks.

<https://www.facebook.com/AgeUKCheshireEast/>

<https://twitter.com/ageukce>

Please share as widely as you can with your networks and everyone you can think of because by asking older people in our area what they want and what they need, we can get the right services in place and help more people.

Thanks very much

Autumn Term Reports

Autumn Term Reports are being emailed out this evening, Friday 7th January, so please look out for it in your mailbox. If you do not receive a report for your child then please contact the School Office next week and we will ensure that one is sent out to you.

Kind regards
Mrs Justine Joule