

April 2023

The Meppershall Magazine

Dear all,

I am writing to you at the end of what has been a very busy term. I am sure you are all ready for the Easter break when you can recharge your batteries ready for an equally busy summer term.

This term started back in January with the Choir's visit to the O2 Arena in London for the Young Voices Concert. My goodness they did the school proud performing with a 3000 + multi school choir to a huge audience of friends and family. They even performed the backing vocals for Heather Small (M People for those of you old enough to remember!) which was recorded and put onto a charity single.

We have had lots of opportunities to dress up for World Book Day, Wear What You Love for Valentine's Day, Red Nose Day and Silly Sock Day. You will see some photographs later in the newsletter chronicling these events.

As usual MAPTA have worked really hard this term raising money for our school and I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to them for the hours of time they give. They have given us a massive £3000 towards the sealing and marking of our school playground. This work will be completed in two rounds and is due to be completed shortly after Easter.

MAPTA now needs your help as they have planned a massive clean up of our Science/Nature area in order that the children can use it safely during the Summer Term. Our clean up weekend is on Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd April - the first weekend after we have started back after Easter. We hope to have a Grand Opening during the Summer and will be naming the garden, 'Archie's Garden' in memory of a much loved pupil. His younger brother who is now at Henlow will be our guest of honour and cut the ribbon.

We ended our school term with a special Easter service at St Mary's Church. The children sang beautifully, showed their artwork, Easter triptychs and recited poems. In the afternoon, MAPTA stepped in again to create an Easter Eggstravaganza for the children to enjoy and be rewarded with an Easter egg each.

Once again I thank you all for your help and continued support and wish you a happy and peaceful Easter.

Kind regards,

Margaret Newman

**We have raised a fantastic
£148.00 for Red Nose Day and
received £324.47 to spend on
books from the Book Fair.**

**This half term's value was
Forgiveness and next
half term is
Friendship**

THANK YOU!

Let's Get Active!

PE Kit

Please note our PE Uniform.
On PE Days all children are expected to wear their school PE kit which is:

- Yellow PE top - school branded or plain
- Black PE shorts
- Trainers or Plimsolls
- Black tracksuit - optional when cold

Pre-loved Uniform For Sale

There is pre-loved uniform on sale outside the office for a small donation

Street Tag

Well done to our Street Tag team. We are doing so well and are currently in first place on our leader board in the semi-finals. The board resets on 11th April so keep going with that final push to help us keep that top spot.

Use your Street Tag app to:
Copy and Paste to redeem this
PEcode 'Newsletter_SMXB'
for 1000 bonus points.



Competitions

As part of our PE curriculum, children have the opportunity to attend sports events competing with other schools in our area. Our Year 2 children won the recent New Age Kurling Tournament which was a fantastic achievement.

#MightyMeppershall

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023

On Thursday 2nd March we celebrated all things books with World Book Day. We had some fantastic outfits as we all dressed up as our favourite book characters. Thank you for all your support with our celebrations

**HAPPY
WORLD BOOK DAY**





This half term we have...



Elms enjoyed making rain gauges this half term. They wrote some fantastic instructions so that other people would also be able to create their very own. Fortunately for the rain gauges, we have had lots of rain and they have been full to the brim!



This term Oaks class have really enjoyed their History lessons and learning about the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings, all about William the Conqueror and how he used castles to keep control of England after 1066. To help us with our learning we had a visitor from Hitchin museum who talked to us all about castles and life in them at the time. The children were given opportunities to build their own castles and look closely at a range of artefacts including goblets, chainmail, watering pots and pee pots! We all had a great time and learnt a lot.





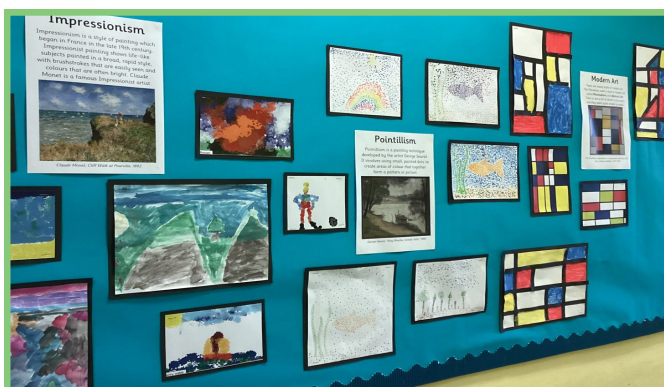
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Willows have had a busy half term learning about explorers. To enrich learning the children were able to visit the local Shuttleworth collection where the children learnt about some of the planes in the collection and learnt about their development through history. The trip concluded with a journey on a bus which was more than 100 years old.



After all that learning, the children were able to enjoy some time in the lovely playground. A great day was had by all. The children represented Meppershall Academy so brilliantly. Back in school, the children have used their experiences by writing an interview with Neil Armstrong the astronaut and Amy Johnson, the first woman to fly to Australia from England.

In Art and Computing, Willows have been looking at the work of famous artists, and trying to create art in a similar style, both on the computer and on paper.



In Science we have been looking at how seeds grow. Willows really enjoyed looking inside a bean seed



and seeing the embryo plant inside! After half term we will be planting different seeds and seeing what happens!

A collection of colorful illustrations of gardening tools and plants, including a pair of red-handled scissors, a yellow watering can, a potted plant with two green stems, a red gardening glove, a yellow envelope with a green leaf, a green boot with white flowers, a green fork, a green shovel, a green trowel, a green watering can, and a green fork, all scattered around the text.

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**APRIL 22ND & 23RD
10-4PM**

We urgently need help to develop a new outdoor learning area.

This includes painting fences, weeding, jet washing etc.

If you have them, please bring a pair of gardening gloves.

All help is appreciated - however small. If you are not able to partake; but have tools that we could use, please get in touch.

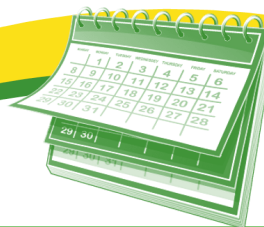
Please remember to wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Please email meppershallpta@gmail.com to sign up or speak to the school office.



Dates to Remember



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 17th April	First day back	
Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd April	Your School Needs You!	Help us develop our outside area. See poster for sign up details
Monday 24th April	St George's Day themed school dinner	Full English Breakfast & St George's Day Cookie
Tuesday 25th April	Acorn Class Parent Breakfast	More details to follow
Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday	School closed
Tuesday 2nd May	Elms Class Parent Breakfast	More details to follow
Monday 8th May	Extra Bank Holiday	Extra bank holiday for the King's Coronation
Wednesday 10th May	Willows Class Parent Breakfast	More details to follow
Wednesday 17th May	Birches Class Parent Breakfast	More details to follow
Thursday 18th May	Census Day themed school dinner	Pizza buffet
Wednesday 24th May	Oaks Class Parent Breakfast	More details to follow
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June	May Half Term	

We are delighted to inform you that a consultation will begin after Easter. The proposal will include details of formalising Meppershall Academy's arrangement with Henlow Academy in order to become a split-site primary school. This plan will enable Meppershall Year 5 and 6 pupils to be taught in purpose built new classrooms on the Henlow site with continued access to the impressive new facilities as part of their curriculum. Further details to follow after Easter