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Mousehold Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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To all our families,

We have had a lovely week in school with samba, capoeira and ukulele lessons, as well as forest school.

Please take a look at our **website** and in particular the section on **Curriculum**. We have updated this recently and you will see lots of information and photos explaining what we teach, how we teach and why we teach certain lessons, and how each lesson forms part of a sequence of lessons.

Introduction to your Link Trustee

Hi, I would like to introduce myself as the Trustee who is linked with Mousehold Infant and Nursery School and George White Junior School.

My name is Neil Park, and I have been a Trustee at Inclusive Schools Trust (IST) since 2020. IST is the multi academy trust which also includes both Lionwood schools and Drayton and Taverham infant schools. Our aim is to support the schools to be the best they can be, and our vision is to improve outcomes and increase life chances for children. We have a CEO, Mrs Sawyer, who works closely with the Heads and there are 8 Trustees who provide oversight, challenge and support. It is the Trust's responsibility to ensure that the CEO is held to account, sets the strategic direction for the trust and oversees the trust's financial performance.

As Link Trustee for GWJS and MIANS it is my role to champion our schools at Trust meetings and provide challenge and support to Mr Tolson and Mrs Petchey. I regularly visit the school, and I am also a parent of two children who have been through Mousehold and are now at George White. I have enjoyed being a Trustee as I feel that I am giving back to the schools, helping the children and our amazing staff and learning new skills which help me in my job.

I proudly live in NR3, work at Jarrold, love to keep fit and I also play guitar. If you would like to get in touch, please email npark@istnorfolk.co.uk. I would also recommend that you visit www.inclusiveschoolstrust.co.uk to learn more about the Trust.

Mr. Tolson and the Mousehold Team

This Week's Attendance

We hold a celebration assembly every Friday afternoon to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week. In Key Stage 1, the class with the highest attendance receives 'Top Dog' to keep in their classroom for the week, while the top class in Reception is awarded 'Top Cat.' Well done to **Robin** this week, for having the highest attendance.

Goldfinch: 92.96%

Greenfinch: 82.05%

Chaffinch: 97.73%

Swift: 96.79%

Sparrow: 94.87%

Robin: 98.48%

Barn Owl: 95.98%

Raven: 94.25%

Whole School: 94.43%

Target: 96%

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mr Tolson, Mr Smith, Miss Balachandre, Mrs Greenwood, and Miss Wood.

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020

Please see our website for all our policies and more information about safeguarding

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/safeguarding>

CURRICULUM UPDATES

Exciting PSHE/RHE news from Mrs Breakenridge:



Over the last few weeks, the staff at MIANS have been launching our new approach to how PSHE and RHE are taught. All of the children from Nursery to Year 2 have now been introduced to the Jigsaw programme. You may have heard your child talking about their Jigsaw lessons, their class Jigsaw character, Calm Time or

they may have been singing our whole school Jigsaw song, 'Together.' The children are enjoying their lessons and it's been lovely to see the children taking turns and using their listening skills.

Our whole school puzzle (theme) for this half-term is called: **Being Me in My World**

For more information, please visit our school website (Curriculum, Jigsaw PSHE/RHE) or click on the link below:

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/jigsaw-pshe-and-rhe/>

Nursery

Our book of the week has been '*Out and About - A First Book of Poems*' by Shirley Hughes, we have been focusing on the Autumn poems about weather, leaves and Harvest. Out in the Secret Garden we have been listening to the birds who have started to return now that we are putting food out for them again. The children are hoping to see a Kingfisher - no luck yet! We have been finishing making Owl Babies for our indoor tree. We add sticks to our counting cups every day, they show that we have been at Nursery for 20 days now; when we get to 100 days we are going to have a party.

Reception

Your child will have brought home their first reading book from our Little Wandle scheme this week. Please remember to keep these in your child's bookbag to come into school every day. You might find the videos on the Little Wandle site helpful to support you with reading at home:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabBooksComingHome>

Reception children have enjoyed another busy week. They have learned the sounds g, o, c and k; they enjoyed an exciting session with Pete's Music using lots of instruments; they celebrated 'What is Special About Me?' and talked about how unique we all are; and they all did especially well this week at practising putting their wet weather gear on

Year 1 & Year 2 – This week's focus: Geography

The children in KS1 have been looking at their local area and journey to school in geography this half term. They have explored maps and map symbols, coming up with fantastic ideas for their own maps. They have explored what four countries make up the United Kingdom, the names of the capital cities and begun to explore some famous UK landmarks. As always we like to support our learning through singing, here's a song all about the United Kingdom [UK | United Kingdom | United Kingdom Song | A Geography Song About the UK and its Capitals \(youtube.com\)](#) why not sing it together at home and make maps of your favourite places. Next week we will begin to explore the different oceans that surround the UK.

REMINDERS

Just a reminder about P.E. sessions:

Children in the main school have two sessions of Physical Education per week.

For health and safety purposes, children need to wear appropriate clothing for these lessons and should come into school wearing PE kit on relevant days. Children are not permitted to wear jewellery, including watches for PE. If your child is unable to have their earrings taken out because they are still in the first six weeks of healing, they will not be able to participate. Long hair should be tied back to prevent it being entangled in any form of apparatus.

- T-shirt/sweatshirt
- Shorts/jogging bottoms
- Tracksuit in cold weather
- Plimsolls/trainers (bare feet are usually fine for indoor lessons)

ATTENDANCE

We are now over 4 weeks into the new school year. We wanted to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers that classroom doors open at **8:40am** each morning, until **8:50am**.

Arriving after 8:50am means that your child is late. Learning begins promptly in the morning with phonics sessions in all classes. Arriving on time at school gives your child the opportunity to not miss any learning and make good progress.



HIGH 5s

This year we have decided to celebrate children's achievements with High 5 postcards. Staff will write these for children each week that demonstrate our school values. Well done to all the children who have received a postcard this week.



Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

Monday 7th October	8:50am—Year 1 and 2 Phonics & Reading Drop ins The drop-in session is an opportunity for you to come and ask our English leads any questions about phonics and reading and how you can best support your child at home.
Wednesday 9 th October	School photographer in
Thursday 24 th October	Last day of Autumn term 1
Open evenings for Nursery and Reception children starting 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monday 21st October at 4pm- Thursday 14th November at 4pm- Monday 2nd December at 4pm