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Message from our Executive Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have now been back at school for four weeks, which seem to have really flown by. It has been **lovely** to be on the gate some days, as well as being out and about in the school again. I cannot believe how much some of the children have grown, both physically and emotionally. It has been **brilliant** to see how **confident** and **independent** they are. I have also loved seeing our new starters and how they have settled so quickly into the school.

We are eagerly awaiting a piece of equipment to finish our **trim trail** for the children to enjoy in the playground but, as it is coming from abroad, we are unfortunately still waiting. We do, however, hope it will be here very soon and will keep you updated.

New and Reviewed Policies

Over the summer holidays, we worked hard with the Governing Body to review and update our **Policies**, as well as introducing a new **Positive Behaviour** policy. Staff have introduced this to the children and are using it now. Please see our webpage for all of these changes. https://www.moggerhangerprimary.co.uk/policies

School Improvement Advisor

Our **School Improvement Advisor** visited the school recently and took part in a walk round, going into every class and talking to staff and students. She commented on what a **lovely** and **calm learning environment** she saw, as well as how **impressed** she was with the **relationships** built up between **staff** and **pupils**.

Staff Absence

Unfortunately, we have had a lot of staff absence over the last two weeks due to Covid-19, which resulted in us having to close Reception for two days and Preschool for four days. I would like to thank all parents/guardians for their understanding during this time.

It is never an easy decision to close a class, as I really do appreciate the additional pressure it puts on you and your family. However, public health guidance insists that, if school **staff** test positive for the virus, they must stay away from school and self-isolate for **five days**. The guidance for **children** who test positive is **three** days self-isolation.

I would like to assure you that both Reception and Preschool areas were **thoroughly deep cleaned**, and I am pleased to say all the **staff** have now **returned** to **school** and we are **fully open** once again.

Mrs Kellow, however, remains absent from school, following a health issue in the summer holidays. We hope that she will be back very soon and wish her well. In the meantime, her classes are being covered by Mrs Robbins, Mrs Hardyman and Mr Maccinnes.

We now have **Sports Premium** delivering **PE** to **Years 1**, **2, 3 and 4**, as well as offering activities on a Monday lunchtime and after school, as well as on Thursday after school, all of which are proving very popular.



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Macmillan Cancer Support

I would like to **thank** all of you and the children in supporting us to raise as much



money as we can for **Macmillan** on **Friday**, through our doughnut day sales. This is a charity very close to my heart and the work they do to support patients with cancer and their families is **amazing**. Without donations like this they could not offer the much needed services they do. So, **thank you**.

Weather Appropriate Clothing

The weather has certainly turned more autumnal over the last four weeks. We returned in September to a mini heat wave, to now cooler days and darker mornings. Therefore, please can I ask you child comes to school suitably dressed and has an outside coat and wellies.

It has been **lovely** to receive so many applications for **House**Captain and see so many children apply for School Council and other duties, which will give them responsibility and the ability to develop leadership and team building skills.



Please be aware that the week of 9th October we will be doing some **in-class assessments** across the school, so that we can review progress and discuss any further interventions needed. Please **do not** let the **children worry** about these **tests**, we just ask that they try their **best**.

I hope you have a lovely autumnal weekend.

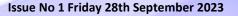
Miss K Hayward Executive Principal

Key Dates

12 th October	Curriculum Information Evening for KS1/ EYFS
17 th October	Harvest Festival
19 th October	KS2 Parent Information Evening SEND Coffee Morning in School
31 st October	Moggies After School Club— Halloween Disco
20 th October	FOMPS— Non school Uniform
17 th November	Children In Need
22 nd November	Parents' Evening
23 rd November	Parents' Evening
19 th December	Christmas Lunch/ Christmas Jumper Day
20 th December	Pantomime



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Head of School's Blog



Dear Parent/Guardian

BACK TO SCHOOL

Firstly, welcome back to a new school year!

I must also start by apologising that this first edition of Moggy Messenger is later in the term than we had planned for. As I am sure you will be aware, we have had a slightly turbulent start to the term, with staff and pupil illnesses impacting our overall capacity. One great, thing, however, that has come of this for me is that I have had the **pleasure** of teaching across all of our classes, getting to know all of our pupils very well. Moving forward, please expect to see a new edition of the **Moggy Messenger** every three weeks.

Although the start of the year has been somewhat different to that which we had expected, I also want to share the **wonderful** developments and progress we are making as a school.

Pupils have returned this year with a great deal of enthusiasm and are working hard to show exemplary behaviour. Our Dojo system is pinging regularly with rewards for fantastic effort, as well as for the consistent application of our school's 'Three Be's' (Be Safe, Be Ready and Be Respectful).

The school as a whole is also looking **wonderful.** We have spent a great deal of time this summer reorganising and re-working our layout to provide additional spaces and calm, refreshed environments that are conducive to a calm and purposeful **learning**

environment. My **thanks** goes to all of our teachers and support staff for their efforts with this, giving up much of their summer break to ensure the school was ready for our re-opening in September.

Our **new class structure** is also proving to be very successful, with **Miss Clark** and **Miss Hinson** working very well together in our new **Hawks** and **Eagles** classes. **Owls** have settled very well into their new classroom, as too have **Woodpeckers** in their larger classroom space.

Our new playground is proving to be very popular and provides us with much more space for play, as well as our **calm area** for our **Year 5 and 6 pupils** to access during their break times. Our **log cabin** at the rear of the field is also now being utilised as a '**Nest'** provision. This is now a break out space for pupils to use for many reasons, including small group work, sensory exploration and focussed quiet learning time. All of our pupils are taking great care of these spaces and seem to be enjoying learning in them.

In regards to wider internal developments, the team and I have been working tirelessly on developing our whole school **curriculum** offer.

We have introduced a new bespoke writing curriculum, as well as developing our Reading, Spelling Maths, History, DT, Art and Science curriculums, all of which are bound to have a **wonderful impact** on our pupils.



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I very much look forward to sharing more information about these developments at our upcoming Parent Information Evenings.

I am currently in the process of adapting our **residential trip** offer for pupils from **Years 3-6** at the end of this year. Information on these trips will also be communicated during our parent information events later this half term. Our residential offer this year will look a little different to last year, but will provide **excellent experiences** for all who choose to participate.

I have been so pleased to see so many **happy** and **smiling** faces as we open the gate each day, and seeing those smiles continue throughout each school day is a real privilege.

Thank you to all of you for helping our children to settle so well into the new school year. I cannot wait to see how this year progresses and look forward to helping your children to grow further.

Please remember to make notes of the diary dates shared in this messenger as we have lots of events coming up!

> Mr C Macinnes Head of School

We are a NUT FREE school.

Please, therefore, ensure all the products you send in for your son/daughter for snack or lunch do not contain any kind of nut, and if possible, no sesame seeds either, please.

Thank you for your support.





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Attendance Protocol

- Please report your son/daughter's attendance every day if they are unwell or have an appointment.
 You can call the school office on 01767 640270 and leave a message or email us at office@moggerhangerprimary.co.uk
- If we do not hear from you, it will be marked as an unauthorised absence.
- If you are going on holiday during term time, a school holiday form will need to be filled out and returned to the office.
- Please inform us of any medical appointments that are during the school day.
- If your child(ren) has diarrhoea and/or sickness we require 48 hours from the last time they were ill, before they can return to school. **Thank you.**

General Notices

We would like to remind you that **earrings** are **not** part of our uniform policy, and we ask that children do not wear them, for safety reasons. Children are able to wear a watch, if they would like.

Forest School is now weekly on a Thursday for Chicks, Robins and Woodpeckers, with Hawks/Eagles on Fridays and Owls on a Monday. Please provide wellies and waterproofs to go over their uniform.

We have noticed a few children on their **bikes and scooters** riding around the front entrance, parked staff cars and down the path leading to the front sheds.

Could we please ask all parents/guardians to make sure children **avoid that area** for their safety and to make sure no accidents happen.

Learning to play a musical instrument

If your child would like to learn to sing or play a musical instrument, one place to start is with Central Bedfordshire's Inspiring Music Centres. Please go to www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/lessons-schools/overview to see all they have to offer.



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Chicks Class



It has been wonderful to see the children so excited to see their friends and teachers after the summer holidays we hope you all had a relaxing time.

We would like to welcome Miss Meakins to our class, she will be our new early years apprentice, we can't wait to make special memories with her!

We had a wonderful start to the year spending time focusing on establishing rules and routines and making friendships. We will continue the term focusing on our topic 'All about me' and look forward to learning more about ourselves and our families.

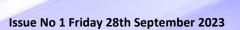
A few pictures of just some of the activities the children have enjoyed.



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Robins Class

Over the past couple of weeks Robins have been settling into their new classroom and learning their routines! They have worked hard to learn their new friends names and started their new topic 'All About Me'. We are learning all about ourselves and our bodies! We will learn about the people around us and how they help us. We will talk about our community and the changes around us as we start school!



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Woodpeckers Class

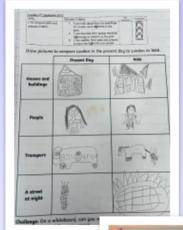


We have had a fantastic start to the new term!

The children have settled back really well and are quickly picking up old and new routines and expectations. Unfortunately Mrs Kellow is still unwell and so Woodpeckers have been taught by myself, Mr Macinnes and Mrs Robbins and will continue to be until Mrs Kellow is well enough to return. The children are very lucky to have our wonderful support staff Mrs Hardyman and Mrs Morris to support them with their learning. We have also welcomed our new trainee teacher, Mr French, who has really enjoyed getting to know our lovely children.

The children have been so excited to learn about the Great Fire of London, they have shown such enthusiasm for the topic it has been lovely to teach them. Our English lessons have also been taught through the topic, and this week the children will produce their first piece of writing- newspaper articles detailing the events of the fire. I have been really impressed with the children in maths, they have shown really good knowledge and engagement in these lessons.

Moving forward we are excited to continue with our Great Fire of London topic and we will soon begin introducing spellings and homework, more information on this will follow soon!











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Owls Class

We've had a great start to the year in Owls! We explored states of matter in Geography using a frozen hand, and created our own animations on Scratch which move and talk like they are having a conversation. We're looking at forces and magnets in Science and discovered that the Earth has a magnetic field.

We've started our topic of Invasion and got into our new text for English, Beowulf, and created our own monsters. The children have worked very hard on their Maths topic of Place Value.

Well done, Owls!





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Hawks and Eagles



Hawks and Eagles have had a great first few weeks back at school. The children are loving going up to Sandy Secondary School for PE with Mr Miller and having Mrs. Perrin coming to Moggerhanger to teach DT where the children are designing and making money boxes.

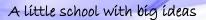
The children are enjoying our new topic of the ancient Mayans and even played the ancient Mayan game of Pok-ta-Pok (which is a game in which they can only use their elbows, hips and knees to pass the ball). Within science the children have carried out experiments with newton meters to test surfaces around the school to test friction.

Hinduism is sparking interest within RE as we look at the different symbols and beliefs Hindus have as well as discussing reincarnation.











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New Termly Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) coffee mornings



<u>Dates</u> 19th Oct 15th Feb and 20th June at 9am

These meetings will be a chance to meet with Mrs Smith our SENCO at Moggerhanger Primary School and to speak together about SEND.

As we go through the year, other visitors will be invited to attend and share information on SEND.



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Pupil Power



House Captains:

Ms Hayward and Mr Macinnes were delighted to receive such wonderful letters of application from so many of our pupils! Thank you and well done to all who put themselves forward. After much deliberation, this year we have decided to also introduce a 'deputy house captain' role.

Our House Captains for this year are as follows:

Excellence

Captain: Ernie

Deputy: Sebastian

Courage

Captain: Mia

Deputy: Harry

Determination Inspi

Captain: Harley

Deputy: Tommy

Inspiration

Captain: Joseph

Deputy: Oscar

Student Council Representatives:

Our annual democratic election has taken place this half term, and pupils put themselves forward to their year groups to be nominated as the representatives.

After a count up of our confidential voting slips we were delighted to introduce our School Council representa-

tives for this year...

Year 6: Noah H

Year 5: Daisy

Year 4: Areya

Year 3: Annabelle

Year 2: Joseph

Year 1: Erin

Robins and Chicks: Jeremiah



Pupil Champions:

Applications for Pupil Champion roles are open. Mr Macinnes will be reviewing applications and inviting all successful applicant to the next stage, interviews and presentations, in the first weeks of September.

This year we have carrying posts available for 5 different roles:

Lunch Hall Champions,

Reading Champions,

Playground Champions,

Responsibility Champions &

Environment Champions

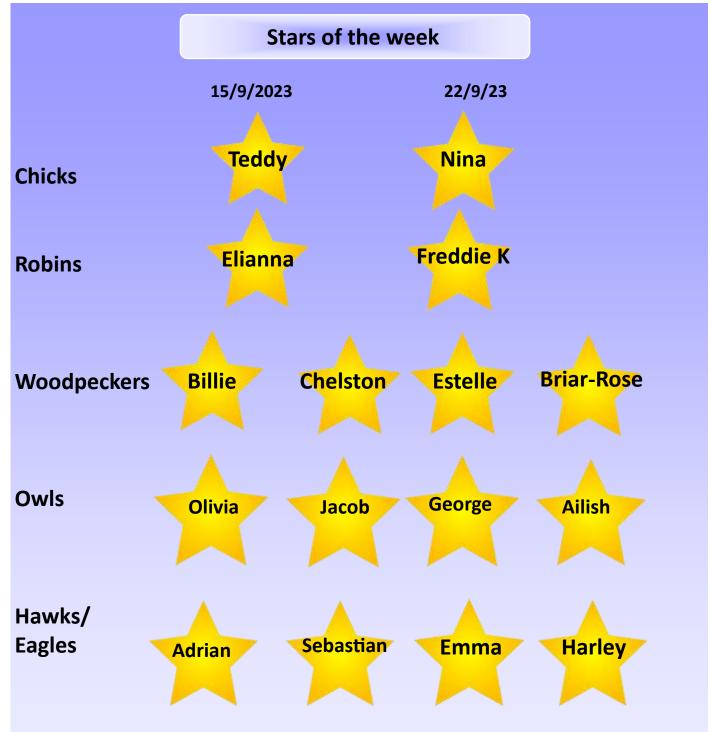
Each of these roles contributes significantly to the wider life of our school.





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Moggies—Messy Play





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Emotional Wellbeing Workshops

Early Help - Central Bedfordshire Council
September - December 2023

Workshop	Date	Link to Book
Building Self- Esteem and Self- Confidence	Tuesday 19th September 10:30am	https://www.eventbrite .co.uk/e/7031782239 97?aff=oddtdtcreator
Supporting Emotional Regulation	Wednesday 25th October 6:00pm	https://www.eventbrite .co.uk/e/7032649132 87?aff=oddtdtcreator
Managing Anxiety	Thursday 12th October 10:30am	https://www.eventbrite .co.uk/e/7032664478 77?aff=oddtdtcreator
Emotionally Based School Avoidance	Thursday 9th November 10:30am	https://www.eventbrite .co.uk/e/7032695872 67?aff=oddtdtcreator
Managing Transitions	Wednesday 6th December 6:00pm	https://www.eventbrite .co.uk/e/7032972800 97?aff=oddtdtcreator

All workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams and are aimed at parents/carers of children or young people in Central Bedfordshire. Workshops will run each term.



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St John the Evanglist Church Moggerhanger

Monday Morning Meet Up

Drop the kids off and come along to St John's for a warm, safe space with drinks and snacks company and chat

Monday mornings during term time 8.45am - 10am

From Monday 11th September

All are welcome!

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Shefford Majorettes





Shefford Majorettes train on a Tuesday from 18:30-20:15 during term time at the STMA, Shefford, Beds.

Girls aged 4-18 are welcome; no prior experience necessary.

Please email us to book a taster session.

We perform throughout summer at local carnivals, fetes and fayres. For all booking enquiries please contact us via email.

"I love that everyone encourages each other to achieve to the best of their ability, and the trainers and committee have always made it welcoming. We're like one big family and friends for life.

-Mig. 13 year's service



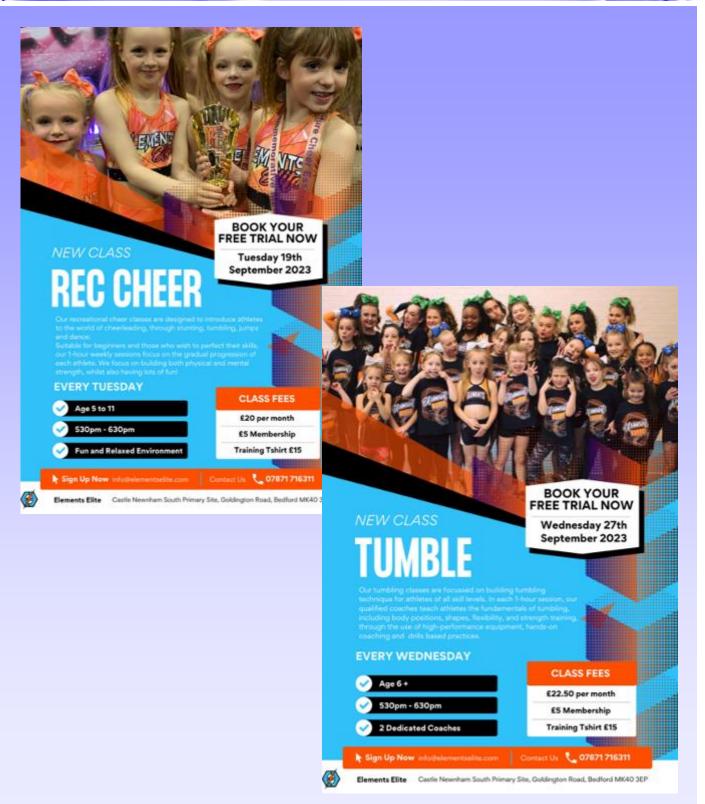
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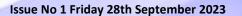
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MBF SPORTS LTD OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP

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- 3 Days £66
- 2 Days £50
- 1 Day £27.50

10% DISCOUNT AVAILABLE TO:

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23-26 OCTOBER

- Skills & ball techniques
- Footwork exercises
- Strategy & teamwork exercises
- Fun games & matches



INFORMATION

5-16 years old 10AM - 3 PM

EARLY DROP OFF AND LATE PICK UP

Extra £5 per day per child 9am Drop Off - 3.30pm Pick Up



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Moggies Calendar October 2023

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23 Half Term	24 Half Term	25 Half Term	26 Half Term	27 Half Term	28 Half Term	29 Half Term
30 Moggles R-2 Multi Sports (can be booked for £5)	31 Halloween Disco					



2023/2024 Academic Calendar

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Training Day

Student Day

Bank Holiday

School Holiday

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Student contact will amount to 190 days. There are an additional 5 days for teacher training to take place in accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service. Schools can decide when these take place. Training days: Friday 1st and Monday 4st September 2023 (2 days), Friday 1st December 2023, Thursday 18st and Friday 19st July 2024.

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