



# The Mawsley Megaphone

*Celebrating our school community's success, interests and talents.*

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## 100 Miles in 100 Days for Charity

Dominic, class 11, has taken on an epic January to kick start 2023. He is travelling 100 miles in 100 days. He is running, walking, cycling and scooting his way to his target. When Dominic was interviewed, he was already over a quarter of his way to his target, having covered 27 miles. Dominic is raising money for the Epilepsy Society and has taken inspiration from his sister who has epilepsy. Epilepsy is a condition that effects the brain and causes seizures. Dominic explained that he is walking whenever he can and every mile counts. He is pounding the pavements in Mawsley and heading for longer walks at the weekend with his most recent being at Pitsford Reservoir. He is keeping track of his miles on a chart and has already raised £80 so far. He said 'I hope to reach my target of a few hundred pounds for the charity as it is really important.'



If you would like to follow Dominic's progress, check out the website:

[www.epilepsysociety.enthuse.com/pf/dominic-lawler](http://www.epilepsysociety.enthuse.com/pf/dominic-lawler)

## Barrel Racing Brilliance

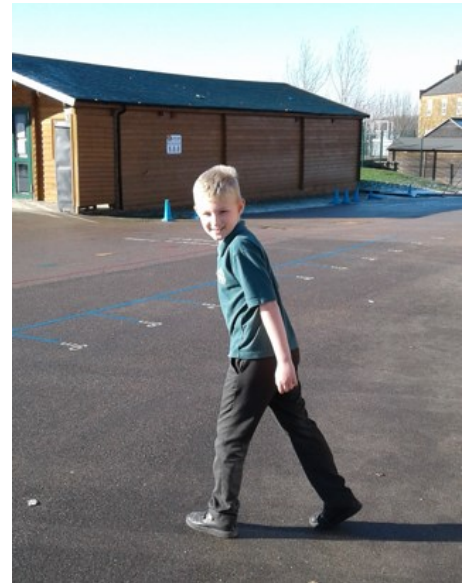
Lizzie, Class 11, spends her weekends riding her pony and she has been invited to train as part of the National Barrel Racing Demonstration team. Lizzie and her pony Duffy take part in multiple equine disciplines but on Sunday 5th February it was their first ever try at barrel racing and Lizzie is gobsmacked to be asked to join the team!

Barrel racing comes from the American West and you have to travel between the barrels in a set order on the pony.

Lizzie said 'I am hoping that my horse can achieve in a new event that he hasn't done before.'



Lizzie with her pony Duffy.



Dominic walking on the playground

## Water-themed Hobbies for Dylan



Dylan with a common carp

There's a common theme to Dylan's, Class 11, hobbies....water! Dylan loves to fish and also uses water colours to create amazing landscape pictures.

Dylan goes fishing every other weekend at a group of lakes near Ringstead. He catches rudd, roach and lots of different types of carp. Dylan's biggest catch was a 14lb koi carp.

When he is not lakeside, Dylan has his very own art studio at home full of watercolours paints, crayons, pastels and acrylics. His favourite art to create are landscapes and said that he learnt the techniques from his mum. When asked what he'd like to do when he is older, Dylan said 'I want to be a professional artist'.



# Sports Competition News



## Football Fever for Year 5 and 6

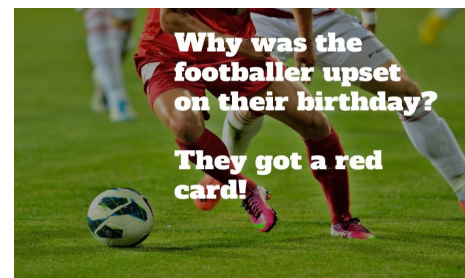


In January, our Year 5/6 girls and boys football teams went to Moulton to compete in the County Finals. The boys managed to end up winning the 5th and 6th playoff, coming 5th in the whole county – well done boys!

The girls also played brilliantly, winning every game apart from one, which was a draw, to make it to the final. They played against a very strong Broughton team. The girls played fantastic football but just couldn't make the break-through, eventually losing on penalties! We are very proud to say we have the number 2 ranked girls team in the county! Thank you so much to the parents for their support and for transporting the all the players - in particular Adam Knight for his help with the girls at the competition.



Year 5/6 Girls Football Team



## World Cup Marathon for Mrs Walker



Mrs Walker at the finish line of The World Cup Run

Do we need to change Mrs Walker's name to Mrs Runner? Mrs Walker's hobby is running whenever she gets a chance. She runs at the weekends with her husband and likes to enter challenges and competitions. In December, Mrs Walker competed in The World Cup Marathon where she ran a marathon in an incredible time of 4 hours and 22 minutes.

When asked why she likes to run, Mrs Walker said 'I see so many lovely things when I am out running and it is good to take time for yourself to do something you enjoy'.

So what is the next challenge for Mrs Walker? In March, she is doing an ultra marathon in Huntingdon, which is 30 miles and then her next event is a Cow Man in Olney which is a 1.2 mile swim, a 56 mile bike ride and a 13 mile run.

### Did you know a marathon is 26.2 miles?

The event is named after the legendary 26-mile run made by a Greek soldier called Philippides from the scene of the battle of Marathon to Athens, where he announced the defeat of the invading Persians.



# Club News



## What has been happening at our school clubs?

### Lego Club

Harry, class 3, has enjoyed attending Lego club this term. He said there is lots of Lego to choose from and you are able to choose what you'd like to build. He said it is good fun to be around other people who also like building and get ideas from each other.



### Pokemon Club

Ben, class 5, loves going to Pokemon Club, which is one of the most popular clubs put on at school. Children are allowed to bring their own cards where they can challenge each other in tournaments and talk to each other about the Pokemon. Ben said 'I love going as nobody at home has their own cards so going to the club means I can do the challenges.' Ben said other people should try the club if you like Pokemon cards.



### Recorder Club



Leila, Class 7, has joined Recorder Club this term and is really glad she did. Leila is already learning the violin and was keen to learn another instrument. She said they are very different instruments to learn but they are both fun. Leila said she has learnt to play the notes B, A and G already so will be soon ready to learn a song. Mrs Haynes leads the club and Leila said that she makes it fun and it is a good place to learn how to read music and play an instrument.



Felt flowers made in sewing club

### Young Leaders Share Skills

Eliza and Emmeline have been sharing their self-taught crochet skills in our new Sewing and Crochet Club. Both of the girls taught themselves to crochet at home using Youtube videos. They have been leading the tuition for the children who want to learn to crochet. In the first week, they showed them the basic stitches and the children were able to make a simple bracelet. Miss Harris has even been spotted wearing one of the amazing creations!



Eliza & Emmeline modelling one of their creations

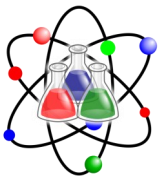
Eliza said 'It makes us feel grown up to help and it can be a bit stressful when the children all need help at the same time but they are doing really well.' Emmeline added 'It is so lovely to help them.'

### Sewing & Crochet Club

Another new club this term is Sewing and Crochet Club. Thea, class 7, has been attending and was full of enthusiasm sharing what she has been doing. The children have been able to choose whether they crochet or sew and Thea has chosen the sewing option. She said they are making a bag at the moment with a felt flower design on the pocket. Thea said 'it is a really fun club and I am doing something I haven't done before. I just have to be really careful not to prick my finger with the needle!'



Have you won a trophy or award outside of school? Let Mrs Buckle know all about it and you might feature in the next issue of The Mawsley Megaphone.



## Science Club

Matthew, class 6, is thrilled to be able to attend Science Club at school. The children are doing lots of investigations and experiments. The Club has been provided for children following views raised by the Key Stage 2 children who said they wanted to be able to do some more experiments. Matthew explained that they have been making optical illusions and have been trying to push an egg into a bottle. He said 'my favourite part was when the egg just went pop and it was in the bottle.' Apparently the secret to this was loads of smelly vinegar! Matthew said he would recommend anyone attending the club



An egg in a bottle



## Computing Club

Computing club has been really well attended this term. Bee, class 7, has been going and really enjoying herself. She explained that they are currently learning how to use lots of features on Powerpoint and Word. Bee said 'We have been adding pictures, changing the font and doing animations.' She said one of her favourite things is changing the background to make them really eye-catching. Bee's current presentation is about horses and dogs. She said she recommends the club to everyone because it is so much fun.



Some examples of the ongoing projects from Computer Club

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## British Science Week

bacteria      engineering      living  
curious      environment      populate  
discovery      growth      scientist  
earth      investigate

British Science Week is taking place from 10th to 19th March 2023.

If you love science and would like some more information and activities, visit the website for lots of free science fun!

[www.britishscienceweek.org](http://www.britishscienceweek.org)