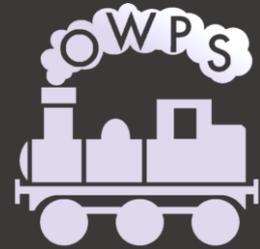


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**Orton Wistow
Primary School**

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This week's Assembly Theme:

Today we thought about courage and that being courageous means being able to do something that frightens you.

We heard the story of David and Goliath and thought about times in our life when we don't do something because we are scared.

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a strange sensation coming back to school this morning after six days out of school at a conference and then completing my first lead Ofsted inspection.

I have learnt a great deal training for Ofsted and know that it will benefit our school. As this week's assembly theme is about Courage, I was able to tell the children that I had a wobble last week and doubted whether I could lead an inspection. Thankfully, common sense kicked in and I was able to work through my nerves. I think it is good for the children to see that as adults, we sometimes aren't as confident as we may appear.

I have kept an eye on the weather forecast over the weekend just in case we were heading for a repeat of last year's Beast from the East. Don't forget, if it does snow – we will try to stay open unless we have to close and would let you know by local radio and on Twitter.

Tomorrow evening I have another meeting with the LA, local councilors and a representative from one of our neighboring roads to discuss what can be done about the parents who park selfishly and dangerously. It is frustrating that so much time is spent dealing with the aftermath of people who are putting their own needs above others. We are not unique as a school for experiencing parking issues and I hope that some positive actions come out of the meeting tomorrow.

Best wishes,
 Simon Eardley
 Headteacher
 (Currently reading 'The Book of Dust by Philip Pullman)

Reading

	%
Penguins	90
Magpies	79
Hérons	76
Cobras	76
Armadillos	72
Flamingoes	72
Sharks	72
Elephants	69
Caterpillars	69
Giraffes	62
Iguanas	55
Nightingales	61
Macaws	45
Wombats	37
School	64

Our expectation is that every child reads a minimum of five times per week. Last week's results were:

It is encouraging that we have seen another week-on-week increase and we have almost broken the records from last November of 67%.

I know that for some of you and your children, it can be a battle to either get them to read, find the time to read, or both.

So, thank you to everyone who is still making reading 5 times a week a priority and thanks also to anyone who has upped their game and is winning the battle over reading.

Attendance

Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **97.48%**

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by these classes who had the highest attendance of 100%:



**ARMADILLOS
NIGHTINGALES**

Shining Stars



Well done to the following children who all received a Shining Star last week!

Penguins: Lauren Carter

Magpies: Leo Stanley

Elephants: Harry Gray

Iguanas: Scarlett Rolt

Giraffes: Riddhi Ghosh

Caterpillars: Boe Woodruff

Macaws: Victoria Leshtarova
Armadillos: Reeha Mahmood
Flamingoes: Tianna Emmins
Hérons: Holly Billington
Sharks: Alistair Oates
Cobras: Charlie Jackson
Nightingales: Charlie Moorby-Stebbins
Wombats: Gracie Baker

House Points by Mr Eardley

Dempsey
59



Mallard
71



Nene
55



Fens
70



This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

Flamingoes Lunch Week

FLAMINGO'S LUNCH WEEK	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Feel Good Thursday	Basket Meal
	W/C Monday 21 st Jan	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course 1	Sausages & Gravy (optional) ✓	Chicken Fillet in Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding	Spanish Meatballs in Tomato & Basil Sauce ✓	Wistow Sausage Roll ✓	Chicken Nuggets
Main Course 2 (V)	Quorn Sausage & Vegetarian Gravy (optional)	Quorn Fillet in Vegetarian Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Balls in Tomato & Basil Sauce ✓	Quorn Sausage Roll ✓	Vegetable Nuggets
Main Course 3	Battered Fish		Cheese Whirl ✓		Assorted Rolls ✓
Starchy Food	Mashed Potatoes Hash Brown	Roast Potatoes New Potatoes ✓	Pasta Potato Smiles	Mashed Potatoes Waffles	Oven Jacket Wedges
Dessert 1	Apple Strudel & Custard ✓	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard ✓	Lemon Sponge & Vanilla Sauce ✓	Chocolate Fudge Brownie ✓	Fairy Cake ✓
Dessert 2	Honey & Oat Biscuit ✓	Fruit Salad & Shortbread ✓	Flapjack ✓		Fruit Smoothie

Riding Cycles and Scooters Safely

by Mrs Nalton

(Currently reading 'The Man I Think I Know' by Mike Gayle)

Please can you remind your children that it is very important for them to ride their bikes and scooters with due care and attention, paying special attention to any pedestrians on the path and slowing down when approaching corners.



There have been a few accidents recently, one involving an elderly lady who was knocked over and subsequently hospitalized by a child from the school riding a scooter far too fast. Other elderly people have also been bumped into and children knocked over and injured.

Thank you very much.

School Census Day

by Mrs Nalton

(Currently reading 'The Man I Think I Know' by Mike Gayle)

Thank you very much to every child who had a school dinner last Thursday, which was Census day.

Every meal FS/KS1 meal taken helps us to secure funding for the following year.



We are very grateful, thank you very much.

Music Learning Walk

by Mrs Ironside

(Currently reading 'The Descent of the Child' by Elaine Morgan)

As joint music lead for the school it was great to be able to spend some time last week visiting each year group to see music being taught. I am always so impressed by the children at OWPS, their enthusiasm and their drive to succeed, and my music learning walk gave me a chance to find out how we are doing as a school, and how it's being received by the children.

Every year group that I visited was engaged in making music, and were confident at using musical terms and vocabulary to talk about their work. The Year 3's had especially loved their opportunity last term to learn the ukulele (thanks Miss Cameron!).

One of the children I spoke to told me that music helps her to feel calm, whilst another recognised the value of playing in a group, saying 'It's all about team work, isn't it, and being able to communicate when it's our turn.' The children have obviously benefited from the links we have made with Peterborough Music Hub, Peterborough Centre for Young Musicians and RockSteady Music School, and it's really encouraging that yet again we have almost 20% of all the children in the school signed up to sing in the choir!

We are really fortunate at OWPS that we recognise the benefits of keeping music prominent within our curriculum, and that ALL of our children have the opportunity to engage in meaningful music education, from Foundation Stage through to Year 6.

As Freidrich Nietzsche said 'Without music, life would be a mistake'.

Attendance Information

by Mrs Russell

(Currently reading 'Sherlock Holmes by Conan Doyle)

We would like to remind you of our Attendance Policy which can be found on our website and also in the School Directory handed out to parents / carers when their child starts in Foundation Stage.

The policy contains important information regarding all aspects of attendance including understanding types of attendance, persistent absence, leave of absence during term time, lateness and circumstances where a Penalty Notice may be requested from the Local Authority by the school.

Cambridge Math's Hub

by Miss Wyatt

(Currently reading Les Miserables by Victor Hugo)

The Cambridge Maths Hub is a group which was developed to promote excellence in maths teaching across the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough regions.

The Cambridge Math's Hub aims to support the learning of mathematics by assisting schools and teachers in:

- improving math's achievement at all levels
- improving participation rates in mathematics at all levels
- improving students' problem solving ability
- developing students' fluency hand in hand with conceptual understanding
- improving the recruitment and retention of math's specialist teachers in the area

The project is designed to develop teaching for mastery in mathematics in primary schools. This goes hand-in-hand with the new Maths-No Problem scheme that we have bought into school this academic year. Each maths hub has a team of primary Mastery Specialists who have taken part in national training and each of these specialists leads a group of schools in developing their approach to teaching for mastery, through collaborative professional development and bespoke in-school support.

As part of the training, Mrs Fidgett and I went to Warboys Community Primary School last Wednesday to observe two teachers from Singapore teaching maths lessons. We watched a Year 2 multiplication lesson and a Year 5 area lesson. It was very interesting to see how each lesson only focussed on one learning point and the children progressed through the lesson in very small steps, which ensured that a deep understanding was made. Mr Marks and Mrs Granville will also be observing the teachers from Singapore this week and we will feed back what we have observed to all teaching staff in order to further develop our understanding of Maths Mastery.

FOWS

by Sophie Chambers

(Currently reading with her children 'The Wizards of Once' by Cressida Cowell with Arthur).

Upcoming Events

Fens Cake Sale-Monday 4th February

Donation Friday-Friday 8th February

Disco-Wednesday 13th February

School Lottery

Congratulations to Emma Stevenson on winning £14.10 this week! Please help to boost our weekly jackpot by taking a moment to sign up by visiting www.ourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Orton Wistow Primary School. Everyone should have received a leaflet home last week with further details on how to sign up. You could be in with a chance of winning the weekly £25,000 prize too!



Easyfundraising

Don't forget to help raise funds for FOWS whenever you shop online. Use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,500 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS and Booking.com-and when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for us every time. It's that easy!

Help support us: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofortonwistowprimaryschool/

If you do your shopping on your mobile or tablet, get the free easyfundraising app on iOS or Android and you'll never miss a donation for FOWS.

The easyfundraising app makes it easier to raise donations with over 3,500 retailers every time you shop online: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/easyfundraising.app

Spring Term Clubs

by Mr Marks

Letters were sent out last Thursday to show which Club your child has been allocated.

Please see below the locations and times for each of the clubs that are taking place this term. Please note revised end time for Running Club of 4pm and Purple Mash to Monday lunchtime.

KS1 clubs (Year 1 and Year 2)

Club	Where	When
Colouring Club	Iguanas	Tuesday 12.30 – 1.00
Purple Mash	Giraffes	Monday 12.40 – 1.10
Go Noodle Dance Club	Elephants	Thursday 12.40 – 1.10
Finger Knitting Club	Magpies	Tuesday 12.40 – 1.10

LKS2 clubs (Year 3 and Year 4)

Club	Where	When
Girls Running Club	Field	Thursday 3.15 - 4.00
Purple Mash Club	Macaws	Tuesday 12.30 – 1.00
Origami	Armadillos	Monday 12.30 – 1.00
Dodgeball	Hall	Thursday 3.15 – 4.15

UKS2 clubs (Year 5 and Year 6)

Club	Where	When
Coding Club	Sharks	Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15
Badminton Club	Hall	Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15
Deaf awareness / sign Language	Nightingales	Monday 12.30 – 1.00
Film Club	Wombats	Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15
Girls Running Club	Field	Thursday 3.15 - 4.00

Whole school clubs

Club	Where	When
Chess	Train Station	Thursday 3.15 – 4.00
Story Tree Bible Club	Iguanas	Friday 12.30 – 1.00
Choir	School Hall	Monday 3.15 – 4.00

Clubs will start the week beginning 21st January.

The last club sessions will be during the week beginning 25th March.

Clubs will not run during the week beginning 25th February (parents evening week).

Online Bullying Assembly

by Mr Marks

(Currently reading 'The Light Between Oceans' by ML Stedman)

On Friday there were two E-Safety assemblies for the children. FS to Year 4 had an assembly lead by myself on how we should behave online. We looked at 'THINK before you post'. Is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? Is it Kind?

The children showed a good understanding of the importance of being kind to others when online and we shared thoughts around how we can make the internet a safer and happier place to spend time. Years 5 and 6 had a visit from two of our local PCSOs, Sam and Jan.

They spoke to them about online bullying and how this can have serious consequences for the victim and the bully. Again, the children listened well and made some very thoughtful contributions to the session.

Coming Up!

Week: WB 21 January 2019

Flamingoes Lunch Week

Monday

Clubs Start

School Nurse Drop in 9-12pm

Year 5 / 6 Rowing event – 1-3pm Selected

Year 2 Reading Café – 2.30-3.15pm

(Booking Required PMX Form to follow)
children

Thursday

African Mask Drumming Day – Year 3

Next Week: WB 28 January 2019

Monday

Year 3 Reading Café – 2.30-3.15pm

(Booking Required PMX Form to follow)

Wednesday

2 Can Learn Year 6 9.10-10.10am

Thursday

Honours Award Assembly 4

In 2 Weeks: WB 4 February 2019

Caterpillars Lunch Week

E-Safety week

Monday

FENS cake sale

Year 3 / 4 Football Tournament – Selected children
1-3pm

Year 5 Reading Café – 2.30-3.15pm

(Booking Required PMX Form to follow)

Tuesday

National Safer Internet Day

Thursday

Year 3 Family Learning 9.10-10.10am

Friday

Donation Friday

Year 6 height and weight dates

Pre Screening talk School Nurse for Reception
Children

In Three Weeks: WB 11 February 2019

Monday

FENS cake sale

FS Screening

Year 4 Reading Café – 2.30-3.15pm

(Booking Required PMX Form to follow)

Wednesday

School Disco:

Foundation and Key Stage 1 - 4.30-5.30pm

Key Stage 2 – 5.45-7pm

Thursday

Valentines Lunch

Last Day of school before Half Term

Friday

Professional day for Staff only