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# Wistow Ways



**Orton Wistow  
Primary School**

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**This week's Assembly Theme:**

The 11 February is Unicef's International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

We looked at gender stereotypes and found out some inspirational women scientists.

## Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It wasn't complete darkness when I woke up this morning which means only one thing, the daylight hours are getting longer. It is hard to believe we are now already past the half way point of this academic year's school days!

The last week of this half term sees a group of Year Five children going to Ormiston Bushfield for the indoor rowing primary school finals (good luck to them!), an exciting 'Thinking Afternoon' organised by Mrs Granville and involves all the classes taking part in some challenging activities, the Spring term discos and Valentine's Day lunch on Thursday. Phew! We are going to need half term to recover.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at one of the Spring term parent consultation evenings during the first week back after half term. The booking system goes live today. There is more information about this below and you will also be contacted via ParentmailX.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes,

Colin Marks  
Deputy Headteacher  
(Currently reading 'Practical Mindfulness' by Ken A. Verni)

## Reading

	04/02/2019
Penguins	73
Magpies	73
Elephants	73
Iguanas	53
Giraffes	67
Caterpillars	77
Macaws	47
Armadillos	63
Flamingoes	43
Hérons	67
Sharks	80
Cobras	77
Nightingales	35
Wombats	41
Percentage	62

We are still battling with the problem that some children never have their reading diaries in school. Reading diaries should be in school every day.

## Attendance

Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **97.37%**

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



**ELEPHANTS**

## Shining Stars



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

- Penguins:** Izna Javed
- Magpies:** Lucas Stephenson
- Elephants:** Chase Halfhide
- Iguanas:** Amelie Beeken
- Giraffes:** Niall Fox
- Caterpillars:** None

- Macaws:** William O'Callaghan
- Armadillos:** Frances Woolford
- Flamingoes:** Emmie Jinks
- Hérons:** Ronnie McIntyre
- Sharks:** Samuel Hales
- Cobras:** Jacob Ford - Large
- Nightingales:** Kieran Leaves
- Wombats:** Harry - James Honour

## House Points by Mr Eardley

**Dempsey**  
44



**Mallard**  
35



**Nene**  
44



**Fens**  
40



## This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

Valentines Lunch - Thursday 14th

	Top Ten Favourite W/C Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Roast Tuesday	Comfort Food Wednesday	Valentine's Lunch Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Main Course 1	Fish Star	Beef Nachos ✓	Sausage in BBQ Sauce (optional) ✓	Chicken Fillet in Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding
Main Course 2 (V)	Quorn Bolognese ✓	Macaroni Cheese ✓	Quorn Sausage in BBQ Sauce (optional) ✓	Quorn Fillet in Vegetarian Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding
Main Course 3	Beef Bolognese ✓	Bubble Crumb Salmon Fillet (gluten free)	Ploughman's (Grated Cheese, Pickled Onion & Bread Roll)	
Starchy Food	New Potatoes ✓ Potato Smiles	Oven Herb Diced Potatoes New Potatoes ✓	Potato Wedges Mashed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes New Potatoes ✓
Dessert 1	Fudge Tart & Chocolate Sauce ✓	Honey & Apple Cake & Custard ✓	Jam Sponge ✓ & Custard	Decorated Chocolate Cup Cake ✓
Dessert 2	Frozen Yogurt	Scone with jam & cream ✓	Shortbread & Juice	Shortbread Heart Biscuit ✓

## Engineering Course

**by** Miss Ellis  
(Currently reading 'Happy' by Fearn Cotton)

On Wednesday, Mrs Simmons and I attended a Primary Engineering course at Perkins, Peterborough.

The course shared many opportunities of how to make engineering exciting and inspiring for all pupils in primary school. The Course focused on structures, mechanisms and electronics. We are excited to incorporate these aspects of engineering into our STEM learning.

## School Nurse Drop In

**by** Mrs Nalton  
(Currently reading 'Our House' by Louise Candlish)



Our new School Nurse, Mr Sam Davies, will be holding Drop In Session on Monday Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 9 - 12pm, and parents are invited to attend.

Please can you contact the School Office if you would like to book a 15-minute slot within this time to see the School Nurse.

School Nursing drop-ins offer a confidential and safe environment for parents to discuss issues about their child's health and wellbeing. Information and advice can be accessed and children and young people can be signposted or referred to other services.

## Parent Consultations

**by** Mr Marks  
(Currently reading 'Practical Mindfulness' by Ken A. Verni)

This term's Parent Consultations take place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** (3.30 – 7.30) and **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** (3.30 – 6.00).



All appointments are for 10 minutes only to allow us time to see everyone over the two evenings. Most parents find that ten minutes is long enough, but if this time is not sufficient please make a further appointment with your child's teacher (this will have to be outside of the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> February). Mr Eardley and I will be available during both evenings should you wish to speak to one of us.

At this appointment, your child's class teacher will talk to you about the academic and personal progress that your child has made in the first two months of the term. They will also discuss any areas that your child needs to address and what we plan to do as a school to support them. We will also discuss how you can support your child at home. Appointments should be booked through ParentmailX and will go live at 4pm today, **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February**.

Appointments are booked on a first come, first served basis.

## Locker Room / Cloakroom Reminder

**by** Mr Marks  
(Currently reading 'Practical Mindfulness' by Ken A. Verni)

Please can all parents avoid going into the locker rooms and cloak rooms when dropping their children off in the mornings. These areas are already very busy with all the children and there is not enough room for parents as well.

Please support the school by encouraging your children to start their day independently and let them organise their belongings by themselves.

Thank you.



## Year 5 Reading Cafe

by Mr Cowles

(Currently reading 'Alex Ferguson – My Autobiography' by Alex Ferguson)

On Monday the 4th the year 5 children were accompanied by their parents/carers to take part in a reading afternoon.

The afternoon was hosted by Mrs Marks who made sure everything was put into place to make it as successful as possible. The afternoon gave our guests the opportunity to interact with the children and their learning, based around a book, children had to come up with their own crafts.

Some amazing crafts were made, making it an extremely enjoyable and productive afternoon.

## Year 3/4 Football Tournament

by Mr Cowles

On Monday 4th February, twelve children took part in a football tournament at OBA. These children were selected by Mr Marks for impressing him during their football club last term. As we had twelve children, it meant we were able to enter two teams. Both teams had at least two girls on the pitch at all times, this was a fantastic chance for those children to show their talents on the football pitch.

The teams were split evenly and were put into two different groups. Having shown brilliant teamwork and quality on the pitch, both Wistow teams topped their groups. This meant that the two teams would meet in the final, with the knowledge that Wistow had already finished 1st and 2nd, it seemed 'bragging' rights were up for grabs amongst the children. Wistow A won the final 4-1, but both teams played positive football, demonstrating sportsmanship throughout. Overall, an extremely successful tournament for Orton Wistow, one of which all the children can be proud.

## Family Groups

by Mr Marks

(currently reading 'Practical Mindfulness' by Ken A. Verni)

On Friday our family groups met to discuss 'Respect' at Orton Wistow Primary School. This is part of our PRIDE code and we often turn our attention to it throughout the year.

The family group leaders helped the children in their teams to define what Respect means and why it is included in the PRIDE code. They then discussed where and when they see Respect in school and where and when they have seen disrespect.



I visited some of the groups during this session and it was clear that the children had a good understanding of this important part of the PRIDE code and some could describe what our school would be like without Respect.

## Year 3 Family Learning

by Mrs Morris

(Currently reading 'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck.)



On Thursday the 7th of February, Year 3 had their GPS (Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling) Family Learning session. We had a great turn out of adults, who came to support their child (and freshen up themselves) learn new aspects of the curriculum.

We covered prefixes, word families, prepositions, conjunctions, the use of inverted commas and finished with the present perfect tense. It was a jam-packed hour and the hall was filled with collaborative learning.

Mrs Attwood and I would like to thank all of the adults who came and supported their child as it's an important part of the curriculum.

# FOWS

by Sophie Chambers

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

## Upcoming Events

Disco-Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Quiz Night-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

## School Disco

This Wednesday is our Spring Term Disco! The usual timings apply, 4.30pm to 5.30pm for FS / Key Stage 1 and 5.45pm-7pm for Key Stage 2.

Following the great feedback about the DJ from our last disco, we will once again be using M&N Entertainments.

## Fens Cake Sale & Donation Friday

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Fens cake sale last Monday. It was one of our most successful ever, raising a total of £137!

We also saw lots of children in trainers on Friday bearing gift donations, thank you to all who participated!

## Quiz Night-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7pm

Gather your teams for our Quiz Night! Bookings will be taken via the school office after half term for teams of up to six people. Places will be £10 per head (payable upon booking), which will include a fish and chip supper. Hot drinks will be available but please bring your own soft or alcoholic drink.

We can also now confirm our Quizmaster for the evening will be our very own Mrs Ironside, who we know will make it fun for all!

(Please note, this is intended to be an adult's only evening so no under 14's please.)

## School Lottery

Congratulations to Jenny Wan on winning £14.70 this week! Please help to boost our weekly jackpot by taking a moment to sign up by visiting [www.ourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.ourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Orton Wistow Primary School. Everyone should have received a leaflet home 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/friendsfortonwistowprimaryschool/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsfortonwistowprimaryschool/)

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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/easyfundraising.app)



## E-Safety Week

by Mr Marks

(currently reading 'Practical Mindfulness' by Ken A. Verni)

On Tuesday 5th February it was the National Online Safety Day 2019. The focus this year was on 'Permission' and the importance of asking for and giving permission to people to do things online that could affect others.

We had two assemblies on Tuesday. The first was for FS and KS1 and was based around a story of an alien playing an online game and the importance of asking his Dad if he was allowed to go online and how he did the right thing by asking an adult for help when something 'popped up' in the game that he was unsure of. The children had a good understanding of why we shouldn't give away personal information without checking first and they were able to share other times asking an adult for help was important. The KS2 assembly focused on times when it was important to ask for or give permission in relation to a number of online situations. These included; sharing photos online, allowing a new friend to join a chat group and filling in 'pop up' forms that can appear when playing games or visiting websites.

All the children then took part in follow up activities in class also around the same theme. I visited lots of the classes during these sessions and spoke to some of the children about what they were doing and the importance of these lessons. I was very impressed with their levels of engagement, the contributions they made to the lessons and their level of knowledge around this area of the curriculum.

The eCadets and new Digital Ambassadors helped the teachers during these sessions and they continue to do a wonderful job, supporting the children to keep safe when online.



## Coming Up!

**Week: WB 11 February 2019**

**Monday**

FS Screening

Year 5 Rowing Competition Final 12.30-3pm

Year 4 Reading Café – 2.30-3.15pm

**Wednesday**

Year 5 Math's Masterclass OBA selected children only 1-3pm

Whole School Thinking Afternoon

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

**Next Week: WB 18 February 2019**

**Half Term Holidays**

**In 2 Weeks: WB 25 February 2019**

**NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

**Penguins Lunch Week**

**Monday**

**Back to School**

Year 6 Reading Café – 2.30-3.15pm

(PMX Booking Form sent today)

**Tuesday**

Long Parents Evening (3.30 – 7.30)

**Wednesday**

Year 5 Math's Masterclass OBA selected children only 1-3pm

**Thursday**

Honours Award Assembly 5 - 9am

Short Parents Evening (3.30 – 6.00).

**In Three Weeks: WB 4 March 2019**

**Sharks Lunch Week**

**Tuesday**

Year 2 Warwick Castle Trip

**Wednesday**

Year 1 Grow Your own potatoes event

Year 5 Math's Masterclass OBA selected children only 1-3pm

Whole School Music Event BBC Ten Pieces pm

**Thursday**

Year 5 Assembly 9am

**Friday**

Year 5 Trip to National Space Centre