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# Wistow Ways



**Orton Wistow  
Primary School**

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**This week's Assembly Theme:**

This morning we learnt about Mindfulness. We thought about our physical and mental health and learnt that mindfulness is simply noticing what is happening right now.

Mindfulness is taking notice of how your body feels and what you see, smell and taste.

## Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather last week certainly made a difference in school. I cannot remember a time in February when the children have been able to play on the field at break and lunch time!

It was great seeing the vast majority of you at the parents evenings last week. Once again, the system worked well and all the appointments ran to time. Feedback from the teachers was very positive and we are already organising alternative dates and times with the few parents who were unable to make it on the Tuesday or Thursday.

We have some fantastic events happening this week. Year Two are off to Warwick Castle on Tuesday, Year One are taking part in the 'Potato Planting Event' on Thursday and Year Five are visiting the Leicester Space Museum on Friday! However, the highlight has to be pancakes for dessert on Shrove Tuesday!

Best wishes,

Colin Marks  
Deputy Head Teacher

(Currently reading the March issue of White Dwarf Magazine)

## Reading

	25/02/2019
	%
Penguins	90
Magpies	79
Caterpillars	72
Sharks	72
Elephants	66
Giraffes	62
Cobras	62
Iguanas	59
Flamingoes	55
Armadillos	52
Macaws	48
Hérons	38
Wombats	45
Nightingales	27
Percentage	
	59

Well done to the Penguins class who had the highest percentage of children who had read 5 times a week at home last week

I know finding time to read can be a challenge and wanted to say thank you to everyone who managed to make the time last week.

## Attendance

Last week's our Whole School Attendance was: **97.10%**

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by these classes who had the highest attendance of 99.33%:



**ELEPHANTS**  
**PENGUINS**

## Shining Stars



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

**Penguins:** Harry White  
**Magpies:** Alanna Sterne  
**Elephants:** Hazel Fyfe  
**Iguanas:** Skylar McKie  
**Giraffes:** Jake Piercy  
**Caterpillars:** Elissa Smith

**Macaws:** Jayden Singh  
**Armadillos:** Alex Francis  
**Flamingoes:** Sammy Merry  
**Hérons:** Ruben Esward  
**Sharks:** Keira Buchanan  
**Cobras:** Maisie Hutchins  
**Nightingales:** Ethan Marriott  
**Wombats:** Samuel Giffen

## House Points by Mr Eardley

**Dempsey**  
**34**



**Mallard**  
**49**



**Nene**  
**33**



**Fens**  
**43**



## This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

Sharks Lunch Week

SHARKS LUNCH WEEK	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Feel Good Thursday	Basket Meal
	W/C Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	SHROVE TUESDAY	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course 1	Sticky Chicken Drummers ✓	Mini Sausage & Bacon & Yorkshire Pudding	Southern Fried Chicken	Beef Cottage Pie ✓	Hot Dog in a Roll
Main Course 2 (V)	Margarita Pizza ✓	Quorn Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Macaroni Cheese ✓	Quorn Cottage Pie	Quorn Dog in a Roll
Main Course 3				Jumbo Fish Finger	Assorted Rolls
Starchy Food	Rice ✓ Hash Brown Nuggets	Roast Potatoes New Potatoes ✓	New Potatoes ✓ Jacket potato	Mashed Potatoes Potato Wedges	Oven Chips
Dessert 1	Fudge Tart & Chocolate Sauce ✓	Pancakes with Choice of Flavoured Syrup	Cornflake Tart & Custard ✓	Fruit Crumble & Custard ✓	Assorted Ice Cream Tub
Dessert 2	Melting Moment ✓		Iced Bun ✓	Carrot Cake ✓	Chocolate & Orange Marble Cake ✓

## Congratulations

**by** Mrs Simmons  
(Currently reading 'Cosmic Disco' by Grace Nichols with her class)

Congratulations to Rishi Ghosh from Cobra's class who submitted a mathematical reasoning solution to the nrich website ([nrich.maths.org](http://nrich.maths.org)) linked to the Magic Crosses investigation.

His full solution has been uploaded to the website and has been recognised in an email to his teachers as being 'very thorough' by the lecturers at Cambridge University.

A link to his work can be found here: <https://nrich.maths.org/14011/solution>

## School Nurse Drop In

**by** Mrs Nalton  
(Currently reading 'The LightKeepers Daughter' by Jean E. Pendziwol)

Our new School Nurse, Mr Sam Davies, will be holding a Drop In Session on 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.



## Reception Outdoor Play Area

**by** Ms Porter  
(Currently reading 'The Food Medic For Life by Dr Hazel Wallace')

You may have noticed that our outdoor learning area has had a revamp!

We have repaired the fort to make it safer to use and added some bark and gravel to make a walkway up to it and around it. We have left some areas paved to provide different surfaces for children to play on.

The children were excited to use it again and have been busy making flags to decorate the fort.

We were lucky enough to win funding that we originally thought would be used for a new water play facility, however we had to change this due to the area it needed putting on. We have used the money instead to make this area safer and have used our existing water trays. The criteria was that the funds were to be used for outside play, to encourage children to be outside rather than in.

I'm sure you will all agree it has gone to good use and with the current lovely weather it has been a perfect time to enjoy it!





## FOWS

**by** Sophie Chambers

(Currently reading with her children 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' by Jeff Kinney').

### Upcoming Events

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

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Mallard Cake Sale

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Break the Rules Day!

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

Bookings will be taken via the school office until this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March for our Quiz Night!

Teams of up to six people-forms are available from the office or by printing from the OWPS website. Places are £10 per head (payable upon booking), which will include a fish and chip supper! Hot drinks will be available on the night but please bring your own soft or alcoholic drink.

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 adults only evening so no under 14's please.)

### School Lottery

Congratulations to Georgina Johnson on winning £15 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.

New supporters this month could be in with a chance of winning one of five £50 restaurant vouchers!

### 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)

FRIENDS OF ORTON WISTOW SCHOOL

# QUIZ NIGHT

*£10 entry-includes Fish & Chip supper!*

*Teams of 6-pre booking and payment essential via OWPS school office*

*Bring your own drinks!*

*Raffle and games!*

*Please join our Facebook event for more details - <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofwistowschool>*

**FRIDAY 15TH  
MARCH @ 7PM  
FOR 7.30PM START**



## World Book Day 7<sup>th</sup> March

by Mrs Edwards

(Currently reading 'The Cows by Dawn O' Porter)

As a school we have our special week to celebrate books in November. However it would be amiss to not acknowledge that this week hosts World Book Day. The children will be talking about books in school as always and will come home with their special World Book Day voucher which entitles them to £1 off a book of their choice or a FREE BOOK at selected shops.



This is a great opportunity to look at books again at home and to review your own reading habits. Are you still reading and writing in diaries five times a week? Is your child getting stuck on a genre or author? How can we help? Remember class teachers are always there to guide and support reading choices but also look out for our very exciting new plans for opening the library to pupils and parents after school.

In the meantime the World Book Day website is full of fantastic little story videos, tips for what to read next, quizzes and much more. It's free for anyone to use and well worth a visit!

Happy Reading! [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

### Year 6 Reading Cafe

by Mr Newton

(Currently reading Join Me by Danny Wallace)

Last Monday it was Year 6's turn for our reading café.

We had a lovely afternoon reading through a story together, discussing some of the language



and then making some Totem poles based on a key item from the story.

Many thanks to all the parents who came.

### Honours Assembly

by Mrs Russell

(Currently reading 'The Complete Works Of Sherlock Holmes' by Arthur Conan Doyle)

The following children received an Honours Award on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Harsha Gannamaneni  
Kacie Riviere  
Frankie Allpress-Freeland  
Eddie Radford  
Millie Cox  
Lyla Friend  
Amelie Stevenson  
Madilyn Cooper  
Thomas Barham  
Noah Barrie  
Zoe Markland  
Bobby Byrne  
Ton Ilgunas  
Sharuha Nithyhasan

The reason was 'For showing great perseverance. You keep going, no matter what! Well done!

## Red Nose Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

by Mrs Johnson

(currently reading 'Uniquely Human, A Different Way Of Seeing Autism' by Barry M. Prizant)

This year we will be raising funds for Comic Relief by:

- Selling Red Noses - **£1.25** (on sale from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March).
- Red Nose Day will also be a non-uniform day.
- Please try to wear something red (socks, wigs, t-shirt, shorts) but please no face paint or hair dye.
- Please donate **£1** if you are not wearing school uniform.
- Children can buy a delicious Wistow Biscuit on Red Nose Day - **50p**.



# The Big Pedal 2019

by Ms Porter

(Currently reading 'The Food Medic For Life by Dr Hazel Wallace')

Get set... we're taking part in The Big Pedal 2019, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.

The challenge runs from 25th March to 5th April 2019.

Last year we came second in Peterborough. It would be great to come first!

It's free to enter and we would love everyone to be involved.



## The details

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents walking, cycling or scooting to school. Our best 5 days will determine our final position in the challenge. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

The format will be the same as last year with a great new addition to the criteria!

## WALKING TO SCHOOL WILL COUNT TOO!

With so many of you living walking distance to school we are hoping to have more children, parents and carers joining in. In previous years we have had children say their parents don't have time to get bikes out of sheds as they normally walk to school. Although we encourage cycling we are really pleased we are able to count walking this year too!

There will be spot prizes during the fortnight for children who travel to school sustainably. If you live a distance from school and as a family you have chosen to leave the car behind and travel to school by bike or scooter, we would love to see a photograph, please email Ms Porter at [lporter@owps.org.uk](mailto:lporter@owps.org.uk).

If you do need to drive to school maybe you could park further afield (Orton Northgate) so your child can still take part in this important event. The children are asked every day how they travelled to school. They enjoy sharing with their class that they travelled by bike or scooter!

## Why we're taking part

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We will be competing to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

## What's next?

All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle, walk or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way – parent and sibling journeys count too! Last year we had parents who borrowed scooters to travel to school with their children! Well done!

For more information about the event ask me or go to

[www.bigpedal.org.uk](http://www.bigpedal.org.uk)



## Secondary School Places Year 6

by Mrs Nalton

(Currently reading 'The LightKeepers Daughter' by Jean E. Pendziwol)

Year 6 pupils have now been offered school places for Year 7 in September.

Parents / carers are advised to accept the offer of a school place through contacting the offered school directly.

If you wish to decline an offer School Admissions (Contact details below) will require an email to confirm the child's name and date of birth and the reasons for declining the offered school - they will require information of the education provision that the child will be attending in September.

Admissions Team

Email: [admissions@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@peterborough.gov.uk)

Peterborough City Council

Sand Martin House

Ground Floor

Bittern way

Fletton Quays

PE2 8TY

Tel: 01733 864007

## Coming Up!

### Week: WB 4 March 2019

#### Sharks Lunch Week

##### Tuesday

#### Shrove Tuesday Lunch (Fully Booked)

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

Cross Country Competition Arthur Mellows selected children KS2: 9 – 12pm

### Next Week: WB 11 March 2019

#### Monday to Wednesday

Year 3 Burwell Trip

##### Wednesday

School Nursing Team – rechecks selected children

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

##### Thursday

School Nurse Drop In 9-12pm

Junior Science Day Peterborough School – selected children only 9.30-12pm

##### Friday

Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day

FOWS Quiz Night 7pm

### In 2 Weeks: WB 18 March 2019

#### Mother's Day Lunch Week 1

##### Monday

Mallard Cake Sale

##### Thursday

Year 2 - 2 Can Learn 9.15-10.15am

### In Three Weeks: WB 25 March 2019

#### Mother's Day Lunch Week 2

#### E- Safety Week

##### Tuesday

Year 1 visit to Mosque 9-12pm

##### Thursday

Year 3 - 2 Can Learn 9.15-10.15am