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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I'm sitting writing this newsletter on what has been a beautiful autumn day at the end of a busy week. I was pleased that the Hilltop trip went so smoothly and know that the children had a great time. These trips only happen thanks to the hard work of staff, including those who are happy to be away from their own homes and loved ones for three days.

I have also been delighted to see our exciting curriculum in action. Along with the other two schools in the OWN Trust, we have joined a new sports provider and it is exciting to see the activities that the children are already enjoying. We have some VERY exciting plans for PE this year, but I will let Mr Cowles (Sports Lead) tell you more in the coming weeks.

We have also just put the finishing touches in place for this year's Curriculum Evening for Yr 1 - 6 parents on TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER. I hope that the Hall will be packed as this is your main opportunity to find out what we do, how we do it and what you can do to help!

Best wishes, Simon Eardley –Head Teacher

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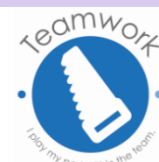
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This Morning's Assembly Theme:

Rev. Ingham joined us to launch this year's harvest festival



Polite • Respect • Independent • Do your best • Everybody matters



Attendance

Last week our Whole School Attendance was: 98.38%

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

TOUCANS



Shining Stars



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

Penguins: N/A	Magpies: N/A
Elephants: Sophia Stevens	Iguanas: Cian Connor
Giraffes: Hazel Fyfe	Caterpillars: Willow Smith
Macaws: Oakley Ellwood Jeal	Nightingales: Zoe Gluszko
Cobras: Courtney Gauton	Flamingoes: Momina Moghul
Wombats: Tianna Emmins	Armadillos: James Webb
Sharks: Morgan Hull	Toucans: Ellie Hughes

Reading Champions

Every time a child reads with an adult at home, they earn a Dojo point towards their class reward.

Our target is that every child reads **WITH** and adult at home, 5 times a week. This week's class averages were:



Penguins: NA	Magpies: NA	This week's Dojo Scores were:	
Elephants: 6.6	Iguanas: 6.2	Elephants: 536	Iguanas: 367
Giraffes: 5.4	Caterpillars: 4.7	Giraffes: 275	Caterpillars: 339
Macaws: 4.7	Nightingales: 5.2	Macaws: 260	Nightingales: 304
Flamingoes: 4.6	Cobras: 7.1 ★	Cobras: 444	Flamingoes: 262
Armadillos: 3.2	Wombats: 2.9	Wombats: 179	Armadillos: 123
Sharks: 4.7	Toucans: 5.5	Sharks: 641 ★	Toucans: 351



ClassDojo



Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Lucy Francis (27)

LKS2: Lily Francis (32)

UKS2: Ria Hastie (53)



Children in Years 2-6 are challenged to practise their times tables at www.ttrockstars.com.

This week's Rock Gods/Goddesses were:

Yr 2: Lucy Francis 33.33

Yr 3: Riddhi Ghosh 7.50

Yr 4: Lily Carter 1.58

Yr 5: Sebby Mehedintu 1.39

Yr 6: Rishi Ghosh 0.64

Well done! You rock!

HOUSE POINTS

DEMPSEY
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MALLARD
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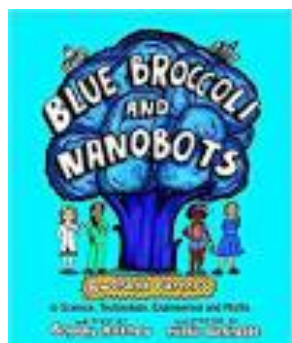
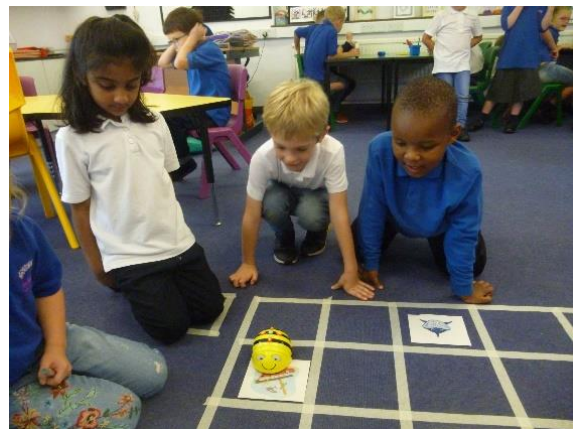
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National Coding Week

By Mrs Fidgett

Last week we celebrated National Coding Week in school. Each class devoted a number of lessons to working on their programming skills. From creating algorithms to design a crazy character in Year 1, programming physical simulations using Purple Mash in Year 3 to applying their Computational Thinking Skills in Year 6; it was a skilful week of Computer Science for OWPS.



OWPStoucans @OWPStoucans · 16 Sep

We also began our coding lessons for #NationalCodingWeek today, using key vocabulary such as; algorithm, debugging, and collaboration.



OWPSsharks @OWPS_sharks · 16 Sep

It is #nationalcodingweek and we have become computer scientists to create our own game on @purpleMash Using computational language, we then wrote a reflection about our learning...it was lots of fun with lots of tinkering!



Classes also enjoyed a range of texts in their whole class reading time this week, designed in particular to highlight the successes of females in the field.

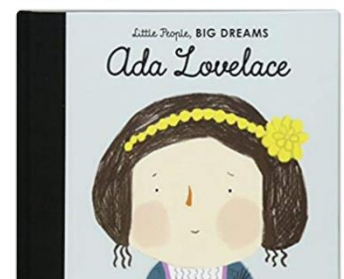
We heard about the historical achievements of Ada Lovelace and Grace Hopper and explored the technological careers available today through the text 'Blue Broccoli and Nanobots'.



OWPSnightingales @OWPSnightingales

We were also inspired at the end of the day by reading about how Ada Lovelace created some of the world's first computer codes.

#NationalCodingWeek #WomenInSTEM



Alongside work in classrooms, we also welcomed volunteers from Barclays who ran taster coding sessions with some children across KS2. They used Scratch to use code to make music, forming some great rock bands. The children who attended the sessions demonstrated a superb attitude and were commended by the volunteers for their perseverance skills.

A huge thankyou to the KS1 parents and carers who attended the first of our 'Come and Code' sessions this week. We shared information on how to support programming skills further at home and used activities from the 'Hour of Code' site to practise coding together.



To finish the week, an information leaflet was sent out to share some guidance on Primary Computing and ideas to try at home.

Please take a look.

Year 1 History Off The Page Toy Day

By Miss Ellis

On Wednesday 19th September the Elephants and Iguanas had a really enjoyable topic day. We were visited by Ruth from History Off The Page, who brought along an amazing selection of old toys which the children were able to explore, handle, discuss and play with.



We then became archaeologists, using brushes to carefully sweep away the soil to discover broken toys hidden under the surface.

It was fascinating trying to work out what we had found.



After lunch, we became toy makers and created beautiful Victorian inspired toys- including spinning tops, hook a fish, peg dollies and thaumatropes and cork boats. Mrs Ironside and I were so impressed by how well the children utilised the Learning Toolkit skills to make their toys.

Mrs Ironside and I would just like to thank all the adults who came along to help with our toy day. You made the day possible, and we really appreciate it!



Hilltop

By Miss Wyatt

Last week some of the Year 5 pupils along with Mrs Attwood, Mr Marks and Miss Wyatt visited Hilltop Activity Centre in Norfolk.

We had three days full of challenging and varied activities which put all of our Learning tools to the test. The ethos of the centre is 'Challenge by Choice' and the pupils were asked to set their own goals with the emphasis being on Learning through Activity, Enjoyment, Achievement, Discovery, Responsibility and Reflection.

Through the activities the children were encouraged to use many of our Learning Tools, in particular teamwork and this was also developed during the mealtimes where they had to set up, and help to clear up the tables after themselves.



As always, the children were a credit to the school and behaved exceptionally well throughout the three-day trip, (the adults even managed some sleep!)

Everyone had a fantastic time and I'm sure have come back with some great memories.



Reading

By Mrs Edwards

We have been delighted that many children have risen to the challenge of reading with an adult at home 5 times a week. Each score is turned into a Dojo point and this helps the class achieve their Class Reward.

Points mean prizes!

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We are now tracking reading much more closely and know which children are not reading regularly at home. We were surprised to see that 39 children had either not read with an adult at all, or did not have their reading diary at school. We expect every child to have their reading book and reading diary in school every day, and many children will need the help of their parents to make sure this happens.



As we have now been back for three weeks, we will begin to flag up with parents if their child is not reading with an adult at home. This is our minimum expectation and many children in school are doing more than this. There is also a close link between how well children read and how often they read with an adult at home.

Bike to School Week

By Ms Porter

23rd - 27th September 2019

Please remember it is Bike to School Week this week.

Hopefully the weather will continue to be kind to us. Please don't forget to tweet a photograph of your journey with the hashtag #SustransWin for your chance to win a bike. Spot prizes will be given out in school for children cycling to school.



Dinner Money Accounts

By Mrs Cole

Dinner Money Accounts for Children in LKS2 and UKS2:

Please may we remind you that we do require your child's dinner money account to be in credit prior to you sending them in for a school meal each day. Any family that consistently sends their child in for lunch without sufficient credit in their account will result in us advising you to provide a packed lunch each day until their account is in credit.

Payments can be made via your ParentMail account or alternatively by Card, Cash or Cheque through the School Office. Many thanks.

Trainee Teachers

By Mrs Granville

As you know, we welcome the opportunity to support the next generation of teachers.

We are pleased to welcome two trainees from Teach East this year.

Mrs Heeley will be working in the Iguanas and Miss Pearson in the Wombats.

We hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Secondary School places for September 2020 – Year 6

By Mrs Nalton

Last Thursday online applications opened for your child's Secondary School places for September 2020. Please can you ensure that you visit the Peterborough City Council website www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions Here you will be able to:-

- access the Secondary Admissions Booklet 2020
- find advice on which schools require a SIF and availability to download them (Supplementary Information Forms)
- access the Parent Portal page where you will be able to log in or create an account if you have not used the system before to apply for their child's school place
- and find information on each secondary schools open evening.

FOWS Update

By Sophie Chambers (Chair)

Autumn Term Upcoming Events

Friday 4th October-Donation Friday (Wacky Socks for Gifts)
Friday 4th October @ 7pm-Bingo Night!
Thursday 10th October- School Disco
Monday 14th October – Fens Cake Sale

School Lottery

Congratulations to Janet Warren on winning £12.60 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.

For any parents new to the OWPS, this is such an easy way to support your school- please do sign up if you can and also let your friends and family know, as anyone can play!

AGM

The Friends Committee for the 2019/20 academic year was decided at last week's AGM. We also confirmed dates for all of our regular fundraisers as well as throwing some new ideas around the table!

We have handed a cheque over to the school for £2,000 for them to spend on new library books and titles for the Year 6 kindles. Mr Eardley is still keen to renovate the existing pond area but would also like to include some development of the wooded areas around the school field. We will be able to update everyone with the plan once we have further details.

Bingo Night-Friday 4th October 7pm

Please support your school by booking a place at our Bingo night! Following the success of the Quiz Night during the Summer term, we will be holding a Bingo Night at school. The cost for this will be £10 per person, which includes a game card and a portion of Fish & Chips (alternatives available). We will provide hot drinks on the night but you are welcome to bring your own cold refreshments, soft or alcoholic! The feedback we received from the Quiz Night was that people enjoyed a child-free evening, so this event will be for adults only also. Booking is essential to allow us to pre order from Fishtastic, forms need to be obtained and then returned with payment by the end of this week please.

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



Working Party Priorities

STEM WORKING PARTY

By Mrs Simmons

After a successful year of STEM learning last academic year, the STEM working party had a productive meeting to decide upon key priorities for the 2019/20 academic year. Our focus this year is to ensure that key skills are embedded within the curriculum, rather than as an 'add on' week, along with ensuring that the excitement and buzz around STEM continues.

With this in mind, after careful consideration, we decided on the following priorities for this year:

- Establish regular opportunities for applying STEM skills within the curriculum
- Continue to ensure the curriculum is enriched with visitors to provide real world STEM skills
- Develop children's own inquisition and innovation through the use of STEM subjects

We are looking forward to continuing our STEM journey this year and also look forward to sharing our learning with you.

If you have any ideas or links to anything STEM related, please speak to a member of the STEM team (Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Newton, Mrs. Fidgett, Miss. Wyatt and Miss. Ellis)

OUTDOOR LEARNING WORKING PARTY

By Mrs Granville

The Outdoor Learning Working Party met for the first time last week. On the Working Party are: Mrs Granville, Mr Eardley, Mrs Morris, Mr Cowles, Mrs Ironside, Ms Porter, Mrs Kahn and Mrs O'Hara.

We have discussed how we wish to develop Outdoor Learning at OWPS, and our key priorities this year are:

- To develop opportunities for the outdoors to be used across the curriculum, ensuring that an element of outdoor learning is included for every subject, at least once a year.
- To investigate the Forest Schools programme and contact other local schools which already use this, to ascertain if this would be of benefit to OWPS.
- To create a set of ready to use outdoor activities suitable for use across the school.
- To develop the use of the outdoor environment in lunchtime activities.
- To develop the outdoor environment at OWPS to provide a dedicated area for outdoor learning.
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WELL-BEING WORKING PARTY

By Mrs Attwood

Our first Well-being working party was completed on Thursday 19th September with lots of discussion around raising the profile of well-being across the school.

We discussed creating new school policies to support well-being of both pupils and staff as well as the introduction of 2 new lunchtime clubs for KS1 and KS2.

We will be exploring a range of resources to use in the classroom; we will be sending out surveys to pupils, staff and parents for their views on well-being and some staff will be attending training in October and November.

It was an exciting first meeting with lots of idea sharing, watch this space for further news!

Year 6 Family Learning

By Mrs Simmons



On Thursday 9th of September, Year Six hosted children and parents for our Family Learning session.

The session incorporated information and a lesson taught from Maths No Problem.

This is only our second year of teaching from the Maths No Problem scheme and it was lovely to see parents engaging with their children in a 'classroom' set up in the hall.

Thank you to all parents who attended the session, we are looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

Foundation Stage First weeks

By Ms Porter

The Foundation Stage children have enjoyed their first two weeks in school and have started to learn the rules and routines of the classroom.

It has been lovely to see them start to make friends and to hear them use some new school language, such as 'polite' and 'respect' as part of our PRIDE code.

They have enjoyed exploring the unit, both inside and out. Most of them now know the routine when they come into school and are already able to put their things away and organise themselves independently.

WOW!



School Nurse Drop In

By Mrs Nalton

We have a new School Nurse, Clare Harrington, who will be holding Drop In Sessions on Tuesday 1st October 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.



Individual School Photographs 2019

By Mrs Russell

Our school photographer, Tempest will be in school on this Thursday 26th September 2019 to take individual photographs of your children.

If any parent requires a further proof for whatever reason, please contact the School Office by Wednesday 25th September 2019.

If you would like your child to have their photograph taken with a pre-school sibling, please bring them to the Music Room between 8.05am and 8.25am.

All siblings in school will be taken together unless otherwise requested.



New Reception Tours 2019 / 20

By Mrs Nalton

Just as one new group of children join the Foundation Stage, we start preparing for the coming year! New reception tours for entry to Orton Wistow Primary School September 2020.

	Date	Time
1	Tuesday 8 th October 2019	9.30-10.30am
2	Thursday 17 th October 2019	9.30-10.30am
3	Thursday 31 st October 2019	1.30-2.30pm
4	Wednesday 6 th November 2019	1.30-2.30pm
5	Monday 18 th November 2019	1.30-2.30pm
6	Wednesday 27 th November 2019	9.45-10.45am
7	Tuesday 7 th January 2020	9.30-10.30am

If you would like to book a place on one of the tours, please call the School Office on 01733 370646:

Date of Birth applicable for September 2020 start:

1 September 2015 - 31 August 2016 start school in September 2020

Coming Up!

This Week: WB: 23rd September

Bike To School Week

Monday

FS start full time

Clubs start

Thursday

Individual School Photos

LKS2 Come and Code Session - 3.30-4.30pm

Next Week: WB 30th September 2019

Monday

UKS2 Come and Code Session 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday

School Nurse Drop In session 9-12pm

Curriculum Evening 6pm

Thursday

School Census

Year 2 Family Learning 9.10-10.10am

Friday

FOWS Donation Friday (Wacky socks for gifts)

FOWS Bingo Night – 7pm

In Two Weeks: WB 7th October 2019

Cobras Lunch Week

Online Safety Week 1

Tuesday

New Foundation Tour 1: 9.30-10.30am

Thursday

Honours Award Assembly 1- 9-9.30am

School Disco:

KS1 / FS 4.30-5.30pm KS2 5.45-7.00pm

Friday

Year 3 Flag Fen Trip

In Three Weeks: WB 14th October 2019

Bikeability Week Mon – Thursday Year 5

Monday

FENS cake Sale

UKS2 Reading Café 2.30-3.15pm

Tuesday

Long Parents Evening 3.30-7.30pm

Thursday

New Foundation Tour 2: 9.30-10.30am

Short Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Friday

Sponsor Day