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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

The Autumn term is not only the longest term, it often feels the busiest! It is amazing how much we have done over the past 6 weeks at school and I think we are all ready for a well-deserved break next week.

It is always great to see so many children (and family members) arrive to school on their bikes and scooters and this week 42 Year Five children are taking part in Bikeability (this was called cycling proficiency when I was at school). They will take part in sessions on the playground and then on the roads near to the school, learning how to keep themselves safe when on their bike.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at this week's parents' evenings. Please remember to arrive at school at least ten minutes before your first appointment and make your way round to the music room (follow the blue arrows) where you will have a chance to look through your children's books.

Colin Marks – Deputy Head Teacher

This Morning's Assembly Theme:

As part of our ongoing theme of Wellbeing, this morning we thought about Staying Healthy.

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



Attendance

Last week our Whole School

Attendance was:

98.25%

Gordon the Good

Attendance Gorilla

was most impressed

by this class who had

the highest attendance of 100%:

ARMADILLOS

COBRAS

MACAWS

NIGHTINGALES

TOUCANS



Shining Stars



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

Penguins: Jack Marchbank

Magpies: Ava-Mae Jones

Elephants: Isabella Millen

Iguanas: Poppy Neal

Giraffes: Alexander Goose

Caterpillars: Lucy Francis

Macaws: Layla Siyahla

Nightingales: Ellie-May Carter

Cobras: Ethan Moody

Flamingoes: Alex Francis

Wombats: Jasper Taylor

Armadillos: Lily Stocks

Sharks: Keira Buchanan

Toucans: Yasmin Lashley

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 an adult at home, 5 times a

week. This week's class averages were:



Penguins: 8.8 ★

Magpies: 5.2

Elephants: 6.2

Iguanas: 5.6

Giraffes: 6.0

Caterpillars: 4.4

Macaws: 5.6

Nightingales: 6.1

Flamingoes: 6.4

Cobras: 7.6

Armadillos: 4.7

Wombats: 5.0

Sharks: 7.8

Toucans: 7.0

Children in Years 1-

6 earn Dojo Points

for their class by

reading with an

adult at home,

demonstrating the

PRIDE Code and our Learning Toolkit and for

gaining House Points.

This week's Dojo Scores were:



ClassDojo

Elephants: 530

Iguanas: 433

Giraffes: 363

Caterpillars: 392

Macaws: 377

Nightingales: 126

Cobras: 354

Flamingoes: 462

Wombats: 344

Armadillos: 254

Sharks: 688 ★

Toucans: 350



Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Cian Connor (31)

LKS2: Mia Marchbank (29)

UKS2: Ria Hastie (60)



Children in Years 2-6 are

challenged to practise

their times tables at

www.trockstars.com.

These children are the most improved this week.

Toucans: Dylan Clasper

Sharks: Paulo Beltrame

Wombats: Gareth Drover

Armadillos: Oscar Cxyz

Cobras: Kayla Hatton

Flamingos: Makayla Hadfield

Macaws: Jacob Forster

Nightingales: Niall Fox and Oscar Hodgson

HOUSE POINTS

DEMPSEY

101

MALLARD

70

NENE

76

FENS

105



2019 Girls 4 Tech Event

By Mrs Simmons

On Thursday 10th October, thirty girls from Year Five and Year Six made their way to the MasterCard offices in Hampton to take part in the 2019 Girls 4 Tech event.

The event is run by the community department and offers the children problem solving activities linked to the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Some of the areas that the girls solve problems in are: fraud detection, cryptology, digital convergence and algorithms.

All of the girls had a fantastic time and MasterCard commented about how respectful and well behaved our children were. Well done!



Reading Learning Walk

By Mrs Edwards

As always it was a real joy to get the chance to pop into classes across the school and see Reading in action! Our children were using a wide variety of inference, deduction, skimming and scanning techniques to understand what they read. They were reading a huge range of texts including simple non-fiction, funny picture books, historical texts and even song lyrics. During our visits we saw some super Reading Station sessions, with props and action; and we were so impressed by our new starters in the Foundation Stage who were already spotting and sounding letters themselves!

We're looking forward to hearing all about the Power of Reading texts and Reading Station books being explored this year. Make sure you ask your children about what they are reading in class at the moment, there's always lots to talk about!

Reading with an Adult at Home

By Mr Eardley

I was over the moon to discover that we had a record breaking week last week. 290 children managed to read with an adult at home at least 5 times. That is 69% of the children in school.

This is an amazing result and I wanted to say thank you to everyone who has made time to read with their child. They will benefit in many, many ways. As a working parent, I know it can be a juggling act to make time to read with your child but I cannot over emphasise how important it is.

Sadly, 12% of children have not established this habit yet and 51 children haven't managed to achieve the target even once in the last 5 weeks. These children are now being monitored by Mrs Edwards and we are thinking about what more we can do to prioritise reading regularly at home.

Peterborough Foodbank



By Mrs Nalton

We are again collecting for the Peterborough Foodbank, as it relies on your goodwill and support.



Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why our food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Last year they collected over 10 tons of donations and we are hoping that we are hoping to help them beat that target this year. The shopping list below shows the food items that they need right now:

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

JARS OF PASTA SAUCE
LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE/MILK
TINNED MEAT
TINNED FISH
TINNED TOMATOES
BISCUITS AND SWEET TREATS
TINNED FRUIT
TEA - 40 TEA BAGS

THEY HAVE GOT PLENTY OF:

BEANS
PASTA
CEREALS

We will be collecting donations in school from today until Friday 18th October. The Foodbank always welcome donations and promise to use them to provide help to people in crisis.

Honours Award

By Mrs Russell

The following children received an Honours Award on Thursday 10th October 2019

- Annabelle Czyz
- Shona Benson
- Danika Meshi
- Sonny Clifton
- Millie Cox
- Isabel Stevenson
- Finn Haywood
- Izzy Loader
- Oscar Czyz
- Aimee Barrett
- Rafa Bustea
- Cameron White

The reason was 'For rising to the challenge and expectations of a new school year. Well done!'

Secondary School Sept 2020

By Mrs Nalton

Online applications opened for your child's **Secondary School places** for September 2020 for children born between: 1 September 2008 - 31 August 2009 who are due to join Year 7 in 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.

Applications will close on 31st October 2019.

Accelerated Reader

By Mrs Edwards



Never a school to sit back and relax: we have invested in a reading program called Accelerated Reader. We hope that the system will allow the pupils to read consistently appropriate books, whilst giving them the opportunity to take quizzes and show us what they have understood about a text. We hope that it will both support and challenge our pupils' reading, from Years 2-6.

We are very excited to have begun our staff training and currently, a core staff team is working to learn how the systems of levelling, reading, quizzing and assessing are implemented. Our trial pupils have been in Year 6 and Year 3, and we have been so pleased with how the children have tackled the online systems so far.

Watch this space for updates as we hope to be ready to roll out the program to the whole school early in the New Year.

Bonfire Lunch!

By Mrs Nalton

Please look out for a special Bonfire lunch invitation which will take place on Tuesday 5th November. This will be sent to all parents / carers via a form on ParentmailX. There will be limited availability.



OWPS Family Challenges

By Mrs Granville

Here is our next **Family Challenge** for you to try. The Third Challenge is...

Can you Design a Coat of Arms for your family?

If your child/children produces something they have made at home, send it into school and we will display it on our Home Learning display in the HUB corridor.

Please send in any photos, models, posters or anything else you create as part of this Family Challenge. Or you can tweet or e mail to the school office. We look forward to seeing what you get up to!
Good luck!



Peer Mentor Training

By Mrs Attwood PSHE Subject Lead

I am delighted to announce our new Peer Mentoring Scheme at OWPS which has been inundated with keen children wanting to support their peers.

Mrs Johnson and Myself are offering the 32 mentors 3 training session in school to support them in their new roles The new peer mentors will focus on:

- Organising circle games and activities on the playgrounds
- Coaching peers to understand others points of view
- Promoting anti-bullying and well-being



Mrs Johnson and I will look forward to overseeing and guiding our mentors as they begin this new responsibility.

We feel it is a brilliant reflection of our PRIDE code that so many pupils wanted to be involved in this initiative.

Go Wistow!

Reminder of what we have learnt

- What a peer mentor is.
- That listening carefully is very important if you are going to be a good mentor- we call this active listening.
- It involves thinking about your body language and asking open questions.
- The more you practice the better you will get at active listening.

Flu Immunisation - URGENT

By Mrs Nalton

The Flu Immunisation team have asked us to send out an **URGENT** reminder about the next Flu Immunisation session on 28th October. Please can parents / carers that have NOT already done so **CONSENT** or **DECLINE** for their children to have / or not have their flu vaccination.

Please consent or decline by clicking on the link below

<https://tinyurl.com/yyvhmopy>

Session Date: 28th October 2019

The link will close on: 16th October 2019

If you need any further information, please call the flu team directly on 0300 555 5055. Thank you very much.

RE Learning Walk

By Miss Cameron

On the afternoon of Tuesday 8th October, I was lucky enough to see RE learning happening throughout the whole school, from Foundation Stage through to Year 6. I also got to talk with lots of very passionate, enthusiastic children about their own and others' beliefs.

I was also joined by Mark Bewick, our new Chair of Governors, who was keen to see how our RE learning developed as children moved up the school. Both of us were very impressed by how much our children knew about all the largest World Religions, the links they made between them and the comparisons they could make between them and their own beliefs. When asking the children why it is important that we learn about RE, children understood that we learn about it in order to help us better understand, respect and celebrate our differences. I was really proud and impressed by the enthusiasm shown by both the teaching staff and the children and am looking forward to seeing what the children produce in our off timetable RE day on the 1st November.

Flag Fen

By Mrs Morris, Abigail Bright and Layla Siyahla.

On Friday the 11th of October, we (Year 3) visited Flag Fen as part of our history topic, The Stone Age. First, we explored the grounds, finding pre-history evidence like the Bronze Age causeway and wooden boats. We even spotted some Soay sheep that had brown wool instead of white.

Next, we went into a Bronze Age roundhouse and listened to a story, with a fire burning in the centre. Everyone made a wish on the magical dragon sword. After lunch, we looked at different pre-historic artefacts, thinking about what it was used for, what time period it was from and what material it was made of. Some of the artefacts were: flint, copper ore, wode, there was also a Bronze Age spear head. Lastly, we finished our day creating beautiful clay pots, which were decorated using natural materials such as, shells, sticks and pine cones. We created replicas in the style of the time.

Attachment Awareness School Champion

By Mrs Harries

Last year, Mr Marks, Mrs Johnson and I were fortunate to be part of a pilot scheme to raise awareness of attachment disorder and how this can impact on a child's emotional well-being as well as their learning. The pilot scheme was run by Peterborough Virtual School for children in care (PVS). The Virtual School works strategically across the local authority and in partnership with schools and other agencies, in order to improve standards of achievement for this group of children and young people, whether they are placed in or out of Peterborough.

At the end of the pilot scheme, we were invited to submit a research proposal so that we could join the second year of the project, ultimately leading to Orton Wistow Primary School becoming an Attachment Aware School Champion.

Mr Marks and I submitted a proposal about developing 'Safe Spaces' in school. We were delighted to receive this email from the Virtual School, 'You have been successful in your recent application to further participate in the Attachment Aware Schools Project- Phase 2! We are impressed with the work that has been put into the applications and the research questions that have been submitted, so thank you. We are pleased to see that there has been much attachment aware activity going on in schools across the last academic year.'

Mr Marks and I have already attended the first training session, led by Dr Chloe Marks, the Educational Psychologist who works with the Virtual School. We have five further training days planned throughout the year and a conference to round up the second year of the project.

We are excited to be a part of this project and look forward to developing our research project. We know that the additional training we receive will benefit many children in school, not just those who are in the care system.

Parent Consultations

By Mr Marks

This term's Parent Consultations take place this week on [Tuesday 15th October \(3.30 – 7.30\)](#) and [Thursday 17th October \(3.30 – 6.00\)](#).

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 14th October). 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 can be booked through Parent Mail.

Please arrive in plenty of time to look through your child's books, which will be available in the Music Room. There will be arrows to direct you to the Music Room. Mr Eardley or I will then call you through from the Music Room just before your appointment is due to start so that you can be ready on time.

Just a reminder that there will no clubs this week due to parents evening.

Lost Property:

Lost Property will be on display outside the School Office on Parent Consultation days. We will dispose of any unclaimed items on Friday.

Operation Christmas Child

By Mr Eardley

I am proud that for the last twelve years we have supported the Samaritans Purse charity, who forward Christmas gifts to underprivileged children around the world. If you would like to find out more about this Christian charity and Operation Christmas Child, you can find their website at: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> Each child will bring home a leaflet for the Shoebox appeal this Thursday 17th October.

STEP 1 Find a Shoebox: Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper or order pre-printed shoeboxes online. Attach the appropriate boy/girl label, marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox. (Some shoeboxes are available in school)

STEP 2 Fill with gifts:

"WOW" ITEM: Include a toy that a child will immediately love as soon as they open the box.

Ideas include: Stuffed animal, deflated football & pump, toy truck, doll (baby, Barbie etc.), musical instruments.

TOYS: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

OTHER ITEMS: Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.

If you cannot manage a whole shoebox, please drop off any items and we will make up some shoeboxes.

STEP 3 Make your project donation: A suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs, including shipping, to enable a local church or group overseas to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. Or you can enclose cash or cheque (to Samaritan's Purse) and place it in an envelope inside your shoebox on top of the contents.

STEP 4 Drop Off Your Shoebox: Place a rubber band around each closed shoebox.

Closing date for the Shoeboxes is Wednesday 13th November.

Curriculum Evening

By Mr Marks

Thank you to all the parents who came along to this year's curriculum evening on October 2nd.

We had around 150 parents brave the wet weather and join us for just over an hour. Mrs Granville, Mrs Fidgett and Miss Wyatt presented first, focusing on maths and in particular, times tables. Myself and Mr Eardley then spoke about the new positive behaviour policy and then finally, Mrs Ironside, Miss Tansley and Mrs Edwards shared information with the parents on phonics, reading and writing.

There was a lot of information for parents to take on board and today we will be sending home the presentation slides to all parents for future reference.

Applying for a Reception place and Tours 2019 / 20

By Mrs Nalton

The application round for Reception September 2020 is now open and will **close on 15th January 2020**. Please visit the Peterborough City Council website: www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions to apply.

Date of Birth applicable for September 2020 start:

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

New reception tours for entry to Orton Wistow Primary School September 2020.

	Date	Time
1	Tuesday 8th October 2019 – Taken place	9.30-10.30am
2	Thursday 17th October 2019	9.30-10.30am
3	Thursday 31st October 2019	1.30-2.30pm
4	Wednesday 6th November 2019	1.30-2.30pm
5	Monday 18th November 2019	1.30-2.30pm
6	Wednesday 27th 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.

Mobile Phones

By Mr Marks

It is always lovely to see parents and carers in school, joining their children for various events or for lunch. Can I please ask you not to use your mobile phones during these visits, especially to take photos. We have a number of children in school whose parents have requested that they are not photographed in any situation and they are not to appear on any social media. There are times in school, such as at the end of a production or honours award when there are opportunities to take photographs and members of staff can ensure there are no children in the background that can't be photographed. We can't do the same during family learning events or when you stay for lunch.

Thank you for your support.

School Nurse Drop In

By Mrs Nalton

We have a new School Nurse, Clare Harrington, who will be holding Drop In Sessions on **Tuesday 3rd December 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.



Aldi Stickers

By Mr Cowles

Orton Wistow Primary School is taking part in Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion, one of 20 primary schools given the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school.

Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store you'll receive a Team GB sticker.

Please bring your stickers to school to help complete our poster.

Once complete with 300 stickers we can send the poster back to receive an exclusive sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000 for our school.



FOWS Update

By Sophie Chambers (Chair)

Autumn Term Upcoming Events

Monday 14th October – Fens Cake Sale

Friday 1st November – Donation Friday (trainers for sweets)

Wednesday 6th November – Bag2school clothing collection

School Lottery

Congratulations to Carly Pask on winning £12.90 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!

School Disco

A huge thank you to all the families whose children attended the Autumn Term disco last Thursday, helping us to raise £678!

Fens Cake Sale-Monday 14th October

Today sees the first cake sale of the year and it is the Fen families who are first up to provide the treats! For the families that are new to OWPS, everyone is welcome to purchase cakes after school, which are priced from 30p-50p. The sale tables are located under the canopy and will be ready from when the gates open at 3pm, usually finishing around 3.30pm. For those children with food allergies we endeavour to keep some of the shop bought cakes aside with packaging so that they also get the chance to participate!

Bags2school

Collection bags are due to be delivered to school this week and will be sent home on Thursday with the children. We ask that you fill these bags with any unwanted clothing and return to the school office prior to the collection date of Wednesday 6th November-further details of what can be donated will be on the bags themselves. This is a great way of having a clear out whilst helping to raise money for the school, your support is greatly appreciated!

Raffle Prize Appeal

As a committee we have been busy collecting raffle prizes ready for the Christmas Fayre on December 6th. We have been very fortunate that the £100 cash prize at our previous Christmas and Summer Fayres, have been generously donated by two local companies; Firmin & Co and 4Aluminum. If there is anyone amongst our parent body that could assist us to secure a cash prize (or any other raffle prizes!) then we would be very grateful. Please do get in touch via email fows@owps.org.uk if you can help, thank you.

RE Days at Wistow

By Miss Cameron

In order to support our children in developing an awareness and an appreciation of different faiths and cultures, this year, we have decided to hold a whole school RE day each term. These days will each focus on a different World Religion.

The first of these days is to be held on Friday 1st November where we will be starting with the Hindu religion. During the day, all the classes will be taking part in activities that explore the Hindu faith. The activities will have a focus on child led discovery and collaboration and will range from cooking, to artwork, to presentations.

We are really looking forward to having this whole school focus for the day and hope your child will come home bursting with lots of new and exciting knowledge.

If yourself, or your family members who practise Hinduism and would be happy to be involved in the day by sharing their knowledge, or by taking part in any activities, then I would love to hear from you. Please email the school office at office@owps.org.uk with, 'RE Days' in the subject box and they will forward them onto me.



Coming Up!

This Week: WB: 14th October 2019

Bikeability Week Mon – Thursday Year 5

Monday

FOWS FENS Cake Sale

UKS2 Reading Café 2.30-3.15pm

Tuesday

Long Parents Evening 3.30-7.30pm

Wednesday

Thinking Afternoon

Thursday

Bag2school clothing bags sent home to parents

Samaritans Purse leaflets sent home to parents

New Foundation Tour 2: 9.30-10.30am

Short Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Friday

Samaritan Purse Christmas Child Operation Assembly
9.10am

Year 5 / 6 Football Match HOME 3.30-4.15pm
selected children

Next Week: WB 21st October 2019

HALF TERM

In Two Weeks: WB 28th October 2019

Giraffes Lunch Week

Monday

FLU VACCINATIONS

Thursday

Honours Award 2 Assembly 9am

Foundation Stage Tour 3: 1.30-2.30pm

Halloween Lunch

Friday

FOWS Donation Friday (Trainers for
sweets

Year 6 to Peterborough Cathedral 10-12.30pm



In Three Weeks: WB 4th November 2019

Wombats Lunch Week

Monday

Year 5 / 6 Badminton Festival OBA 1.30-2.45pm
selected children

Tuesday

Bonfire Lunch

Wednesday – Friday

London Trip – Year 4

Wednesday

Bag2school clothing collection

Foundation Stage Tour 4: 1.30-2.30pm