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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

The last week of term has arrived and we are all thoroughly looking forward to the festivities ahead! The whole school assembly this morning was all about Christmas traditions and it was lovely to hear some of the children share some of their own traditions, special to them and their family. We have a number of OWPS Christmas traditions including going to Alwalton church for a Christmas service with Reverend Ingham. I have just returned from this and it was a lovely way to start this week, the children in Years Three and Four were brilliant ambassadors for the school once again.

Tomorrow the kitchen will be serving Christmas dinner to 390 children (plus lots of the staff), this is the highest number in OWPS history! Tomorrow is a non-uniform day but the children have to wear something Christmassy and on Wednesday they can bring a toy or game into school.

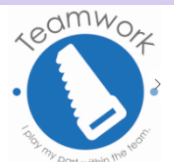
I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we shall see you in 2020!

Colin Marks – Deputy Head Teacher

This Morning's Assembly Theme:

This morning's Assembly was all about Christmas Traditions.

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



Attendance

Last week our Whole School Attendance was: 96.31%

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by this class who had the highest attendance of 98.71%:



IGUANAS

Shining Stars



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

Penguins: Sam Joy	Magpies: Rosie McBride
Elephants: Millie Massingham	Iguanas: Jasmine Revell
Giraffes: Amy Kean	Caterpillars: Mayzee Hodgson
Macaws: Lexi Newson	Nightingales: Riddhi Ghosh
Cobras: Molly Smith	Flamingos: Safiya Khan
Wombats: N/A Trip	Armadillos: N/A Trip
Sharks: Ella Morby	Toucans: Taara Singh

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: 6.9 ★	Magpies: 6.1
Elephants: 6.8	Iguanas: 4.8
Giraffes: 5.7	Caterpillars: 3.8
Macaws: 3.2	Nightingales: 5.1
Flamingoes: 2.6	Cobras: 6.7
Armadillos: 3.4	Wombats: 5.7
Sharks: 5.7	Toucans: 3.8



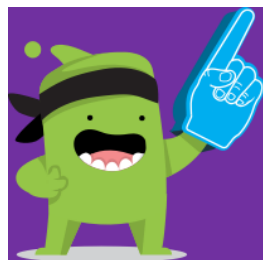
Children in Years 1-6 earn Dojo Points for their class by reading with an adult at home, demonstrating the PRIDE Code and our Learning Toolkit and for gaining House Points.



ClassDojo

This week's Dojo Scores were:

Elephants: 236	Iguanas: 374
Giraffes: 341	Caterpillars: 361
Macaws: 176	Nightingales: 183
Cobras: 302	Flamingoes: 409 ★
Wombats: 332	Armadillos: 252
Sharks: 108	Toucans: 246



Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Poppy Neal 19

LKS2: Isaac Adkins 23

UKS2: Antoni Piotrowski 17



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: Rafa Bustea
Wombats: Maita Benson
Armadillos: Rosie Bisla
Cobras: Lily Carter
Flamingos: Joshy Unwin
Macaws: Michael Williamson
Nightingales: Ellie-May Carter

HOUSE POINTS

DEMPSEY
79



MALLARD
86

NENE
56

FENS
72

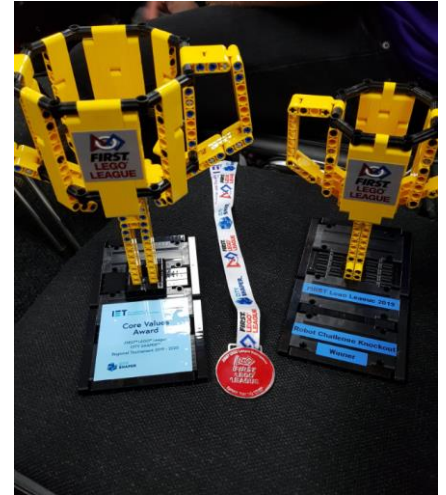
First Lego League Competition – 7th December 2019

By Miss Tansley

Last weekend this year's First Lego League team – Brighter Future - spent the day at Perkins Engines ready for the annual competition against 12 other, local primary schools. The team were a credit to themselves, the school and their families.

Throughout the day, they had to present their project to judging panels, compete in the robot matches, discuss with engineers their robot missions and design ideas, as well as continually being observed for their teamwork. The day was non-stop and very intense, resulting in a few tired team members – including Miss Tansley and Mrs Simmons by the end!

Despite not winning overall, the team, yet again, did not come away empty handed. They were presented with 2 trophies for 'Robot Challenge Winners' as they scored the most points on the table and 'Core Values – Teamwork' as they were noticed for the way they worked together, completed team challenges and supported other teams too.



On a personal note, I would like to thank all the parents of the team, who enabled the event to be attended. Without you giving up your time (on a Saturday), the children would not have been able to be a part of such a great event. Thank you.



Christmas Dinner Day

By Mr Eardley



Tomorrow Tuesday, 17th December, is Christmas Dinner day!

As in previous years, this will be a non-uniform day as long as the children are wearing a Christmas inspired outfit, preferably a Christmas jumper.

Thank you for pre- booking your child's food choices for this special day, your children will be reminded of their food choices on the day.

RSE Parent Consultation Meeting

By Mrs Attwood

PSHE Subject Leader

Thank you to those families who were able to attend our Relationships and Sex Education Parent Consultation meeting on Wednesday 4th December.

We had just under 70 families sign up and 55 arrive on the day. I have begun to collate the responses from parents and will be sharing them with you in the near future along with some leaflets and other documents which we hope all parents will find useful.

Year 6 parents will be given further information later in the year regarding the sex education lessons for their classes.

School Nurse

By Mrs Nalton

Our School Nurse, Clare Harrington, will be holding a Drop In Session on **Wednesday 12th February 2020 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.

Student Update Form

By Mr Eardley

Please can you send your signed Student Update forms as soon as possible to the School Office, even if there are no amendments. There are still **5** remaining to be collected.



This is a statutory requirement every year to ensure that we have the up to date information for all children. Thank you very much.

Library Update

By Mrs Campling

It's hard to believe we are at the end of term already, and there have been so many highlights in the library that it's hard to think of them all! Alongside the regular weekly class visits I've been running Reading Cafes, looking at the same book across the school but doing different activities: we had Chinese fans, pastel line drawings, sand pictures to name a few! It's been really great to get to meet some parents this way and spend time having book-based fun together. These will be continuing in the Spring and Summer terms with new books, so if you didn't make it to one this term you haven't missed out!

This term's Story Writing Club have been fantastic at coming up with original and imaginative ideas (sometimes new ones every week!) and it's been a real joy to see their stories develop. So many of them kept up their scribbling between sessions too, and it's safe to say we have some very talented writers in the school. Well done Story Writers!

Special mention for this term's top borrowers has to go to Maita Benson (Wombats) who has been steadily working her way through the Horrible Histories, and Elsie Johnson-Paul (Flamingoes) who has probably had the most variation in her book choices! I love spotting the patterns in people's reading and when someone gets hooked on a particular series or author.

Christmas is my absolute favourite time of year & I love that there are so many Christmas traditions that started in books. Every December I re-read the same three: The Nutcracker by ETA Hoffman, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, and The Hogfather by Terry Pratchett. They always get me feeling festive! I had some help from some of the Sharks class to make a beautiful Christmas tree display using green book covers, and combined with the Iguanas' "book page baubles" it looks lovely and festive in the library.

Finally, a huge thank you to all those who have come in these past couple of weeks to help with stickering up the library books, and all my student volunteers & library monitors who keep the library ship shape!

Have a wonderful Christmas!



PRIDE Code 'Everybody Matters'

By Ms Porter

Following on from an idea on social media, the staff took part in a 'reverse advent calendar.' The challenge was for everyone to donate an item over the month of December that would be given to Peterborough food bank.

Lots of members of staff happily added a treat to the basket and when we had 24 items we donated them so others less fortunate could have some yummy Christmas treats!



Computing Walk

By Mrs Fidgett



On Monday 2nd December, myself and Governor Adam Green observed a series of Computing lessons across the school.

It was great to see the range of Computing skills being demonstrated and our chrome books in full use. Even the children in Foundation stage were handling I-pads and beebots carefully as part of their structured play. We observed KS1 classes in an unplugged Computer Science lesson, using dance and PE to sequence a series of dance moves.

Year 3 were putting their touch typing skills to the test and Year 4 were using Purple Mash to create stop motion animations inspired by the eruption of Pompeii. Year 5 and 6 consolidated their coding work from Autumn 1 by using timers and sequencing to design and program a game.

Pupil voice was extremely positive about the subject; it's clear children love to engage in Computing in school.

We have seen an increase in girls recognising the subject as an important skill for a future career too, which is a wonderful sign of the attention staff have been paying to developing STEM in school over the last year.

Coding Workshop

By Mrs Fidgett

On Thursday 5th December we welcomed volunteers from Barclays to deliver a coding workshop for a group of KS2 pupils.



This is the second workshop Barclays have kindly organised and was an excellent opportunity for children to develop their programming skills.

The volunteers remarked on how much they have enjoyed working with our children whose behaviour and effort have always been superb.

Well done OWPS!



OWPS Family Challenges

By Mrs Granville

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

Go for a night walk as a family.
What can you hear?
See?
Feel?




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 email to the school office. We look forward to seeing what you get up to!

Good luck!

The Golden Mile – Top 5 Classes

By Mr Cowles

Most Miles per week (Class)	Most Miles (Individual)	Total Current Miles Per Class	Whole School Miles
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Iguanas (11.47) Elephants (10.63) Cobras (8.98) Macaws (6.99) Flamingos (6.08) 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>KS1</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jayla Dobbs</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>LKS2</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Logan Ridley</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>UKS2</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matthew Spencer</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nightingales (205.46) Iguanas (164.51) Caterpillars (160.31) Cobras (157.15) Armadillos (126.62) 	<p>1,450.04</p> 

Applying for a Reception place and Tours 2019 / 20

By Mrs Nalton

The application round for Reception September 2020 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.

	Date	Time
LAST TOUR	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.

Honours Award

By Mrs Russell

The following children received an Honours Award on Thursday 12th December 2019

- Lauren Carter
- Noah Wade
- Eireann Connor
- Luke Barker
- Leo Elliott
- Oliver Heaton
- Luke Scotney
- Eden Behenna-Benton
- Rosie Bisla
- Ronnie McIntyre
- Nathaniel Readfern-Grey
- Phia Witt

The reason was 'You have been chosen as the Autumn Term Honours Award Winner for your commitment, hard work and enthusiasm. Congratulations!'

FOWS Update

By Sophie Chambers (Chair)

Children's Christmas Sale

The Christmas Sale on Friday was a busy but successful afternoon, raising a total of £941! Most children were able to purchase gifts for their family members, even if we did have to be a little more creative with gifts for men towards the end! Thank you, as always, to the families who sent children in with some money to participate and also to our team of volunteer market sellers for giving up their precious time at this busy time of year.

Fundraising total and spending

The Autumn term has been another successful one in terms of fundraising. A total of **£5,747** has been raised thanks to our events and £500 worth of BGL match funding for the Christmas Fayre. Thank you to everyone who has participated, volunteered and supported us-this is a great result! We have been able to hand over a cheque for £7,000 to the school to enable work to begin on

the pond area renovation, which is due to start after Christmas. Watch this space for more updates but the goal is to have this project completed and ready for children to use by Easter, at the very latest.

Spring Term events

Below is a list of the events that we will be running over the Spring term-

Friday 17th January-Donation Friday (Gifts & Toiletries)

Monday 27th January-Mallard Cake Sale

Thursday 6th February-School Disco

-Half Term-

Friday 6th March-Bag2School Collection

Monday 16th March-Nene Cake Sale

Friday 20th March – Quiz Night!

Friday 3rd April – Break the Rules Day

Easyfundraising

Don't forget to help raise funds for FOWS whenever you shop online, particularly at this time of year! 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/

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

Accelerated Reader

By Miss Tansley

We would like to invite parents from Years 3-6 to an evening to launch information about Accelerated Reader and how this will be used throughout OWPS.

This will happen on Wednesday 22nd January 2020, between 6-7pm.

More information about this event will be sent out nearer the time, but we look forward to welcoming you.



Coming Up!

This Week: WB: 16th December 2019

Monday

Alwalton Church visit

Year 4 Athletics Festival at Ormiston Bushfield

Academy from 1:30pm till 2:45pm- selected children.

Tuesday

Children's Christmas Dinner 12pm

Wednesday

TOY DAY

Last day of term

Thursday / Friday

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Next Week: WB 23rd December 2019

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

In Two Weeks: WB 30th December 2019

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Friday

Professional Day – For Staff only

In Three Weeks: WB 6th January 2019

Penguins Lunch Week

BACK TO SCHOOL MONDAY JANUARY 6TH

Monday

Term starts

Tuesday

New FS 7 Tour 9.30-10.30am

Thursday

Year 4 Family Learning 9.10-10.10am