



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

I should have put my bigger coat on this morning! As beautiful as a frosty morning can look, it does make standing on the gate a chilly start to a Monday! I hope you all had a relaxed and enjoyable weekend.

Last week I spent time on both playgrounds during break and lunch and it was great to see how well the OWPS pupils get on with each other. Several times I saw children looking out for their class mates, picking them up if they fell over or inviting them to join in with their game. They followed the PRIDE code and helped to make our school a safe and happy place for all.

Talking to some of the children in the dinner hall, they could tell me the importance of a healthy lifestyle and their understanding of a balanced diet was impressive. I look forward to hearing about children completing the Healthy Lifestyle Challenge set by Ms Porter and Mr Cowles!

Colin Marks
Deputy Head Teacher

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This Morning's Assembly Theme:

This morning's Assembly was all about Burns Night is a celebration held in Scotland on or around the 25th January. It celebrates the life and work of the famous poet named Robert Burns.

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



Attendance

Last week our Whole School Attendance was: 97.19%

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by this classes who had the highest attendance of 99.35%:



IGUANAS

Shining Stars



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

Penguins: Alexis Siozos	Magpies: Lily-Ann Law
Elephants: Thomas Barrows	Iguanas: Laiq Rudd
Giraffes: Dominic Clements	Caterpillars: Adrian Da Silva
Macaws: Jacob Forster	Nightingales: Elyse Morgan
Cobras: Logan Ridley	Flamingos: Libby Green
Wombats: Maita Benson	Armadillos: Ethan Stephenson
Sharks: Zoe Markland	Toucans: Koki Leshtarov

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: 7.9	★	Magpies: 5.3
Elephants: 6.8		Iguanas: 5.7
Giraffes: 5.6		Caterpillars: 4.0
Macaws: 4.2		Nightingales: 5.3
Flamingoes: 5.1		Cobras: 5.3
Armadillos: 4.2		Wombats: 4.6
Sharks: 5.8		Toucans: 4.4



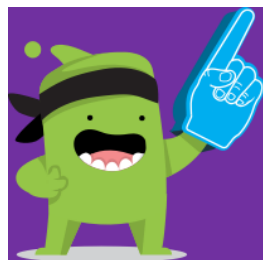
Children in Years 1-6 earn Dojo Points for their class by reading with an adult at home, demonstrating the PRIDE Code and our Learning Toolkit and for gaining House Points.



ClassDojo

This week's Dojo Scores were:

Elephants: 485	★	Iguanas: 381
Giraffes: 341		Caterpillars: 450
Macaws: 254		Nightingales: 309
Cobras: 371		Flamingoes: 391
Wombats: 235		Armadillos: 137
Sharks: 447		Toucans: 249



Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Isabella Millen (32)

LKS2: Finn Hayward (20)

UKS2: Ria Hastie (27)



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: Samuel Hales
Sharks: Masie Hutchings
Wombats: Maita Benson
Armadillos: Nathan Hadfield
Cobras: Millie Johnstone-Neacy
Flamingos: Libby Green
Macaws: Lex Ross
Nightingales: Layla Siyahla

HOUSE POINTS

DEMPSEY
79

1ST MALLARD
98

NENE
74

1ST FENS
98

ECO and PE news!

By Ms Porter and Mr Cowles

As Eco and PE Co-ordinators, we are working together to promote keeping healthy as part of a healthy lifestyle. As we know healthy eating is only one part of our general wellbeing so we are hoping to link eating to physical activity.

We will be setting a weekly activity challenge that will be in the newsletter for your children to try.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE IS:

We would like to see a photo of your child doing this exercise along with a healthy snack.

We will be showcasing photographs of children carrying out these activities and would like you to send your photos to the office for our attention. They will then be sent to the class teacher, celebrated in assembly and displayed in school.

If your child does any other activities these can also be photographed and sent into school to office@owps.org.uk. Maybe we will see gymnasts with a smoothie or some football skills with a snack of carrot sticks.

If you do the challenge with a fruit you get one dojo and vegetables two dojos.



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.

Eco Focus - Eat Healthily

By Ms Porter

Please look out for a questionnaire that will be sent to all parents over the coming weeks about 'food in school.'

We have had some response from our previous newsletter, one idea being a tuck shop where children can buy a healthy snack rather than parents sending one into school for their child.

If you have any further ideas that you think will be worthy of a 'vote' through the questionnaire, please could you let me know.

As always, we appreciate your views and are keen to work with you to promote a healthy lifestyle!

Marks and Spencer Plastic Recycling Challenge

By Ms Porter
Eco Co-ordinator

We are delighted to tell you we are taking part in a Marks and Spencer EPIC Primary Schools Plastic Recycling Challenge (plasticchallenge.net/).

The Challenge teaches children about the benefits of recycling plastic, how all types of plastic can be recycled, and that 'hard to recycle plastics', not currently collected at home, can be brought into school on a collection day to be made into useful items, such as construction hoardings and playground equipment.

As part of the learning activities, the children will watch a clip from the Waste buster website and pledge to recycle paper and plastics. They will ask you at home to do the same and **bring your recycling waste into school.**

OUR SCHOOL COLLECTION DAY IS ON MONDAY 27th JANUARY 2020. Please bring your bags into the front entrance of the school

Please bring your plastics into school on collection day, in bread bags or plastic carrier bags with tied tops and place them into the large collection bags, for same day collection.

What plastics can you bring?

- Plastic packaging
 - soft plastic that can be scrunched into a ball i.e. any bags (bread, frozen food, pasta and rice, cereal box liners, carrier bags, etc), cling film, biscuit and sweet wrappers, crisp packets, sachets, pouches
 - black hard plastic i.e. ready meal and any other trays
- Toys
 - broken plastic toys
 - Battery powered toys, but these must be kept separate

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE CLEAN AND DRY.

Bread bags and plastic carrier bags used to bring plastics in for collection will be recycled as part of this scheme.

If our school has the most children participating in our collection, we will win the Challenge and special playground equipment made from our recycled plastics!

We hope you will help us win the Plastic Challenge.

Golden Mile

By Mr Cowles

Most Miles per week(Class)	Most Miles (Individual)	Total Current Miles Per Class	Whole School Miles
1. Cobras (16.26)	<u>KS1</u> Dylan Howard	1. Nightingales (223.37)	1,560.74
2. Sharks (11.56)	<u>LKS2</u> Jayden Singh	2. Iguanas (175.88)	
3. Iguanas (11.37)		3. Cobras (173.41)	
4. Elephants (10.81)	<u>UKS2</u>	4. Caterpillars (160.31)	
5. Armadillos (8.48)	Henry Saidler	5. Armadillos (135.10)	

FOWS Update

By Sophie Chambers (Chair)

Spring Term events

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

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

Donation Friday

Many thanks to everyone who made a gift or toiletry donation on Friday, it was very much appreciated. Our stash has now been well replenished following the Christmas events!

School Lottery

Congratulations to Miss Ranton on winning £13.50 this week! Please help to boost our weekly jackpot by taking a moment to sign up by visiting www.yourschoollottery.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!

FOWS meeting-Thursday 23rd January

Our next meeting is being held at Starburcks (Ortongate) this Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend then please feel free to pop along, we always welcome new faces and extra hands!

Mallard Cake Sale-Monday 27th January

Cake plates will be sent home to Mallard children on Thursday this week and donations just need to be dropped off to volunteers on the playground on Monday morning please. Cakes will be available for purchase from 3pm under the playground canopy, don't forget to bring a few pennies after school to help support our Mallard families and their efforts!

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

UFO Crash Landing

By Miss Ellis

This Morning, the Elephants and Iguanas had a huge surprise to discover that a UFO had crash landed on the school field.

We went straight outside to investigate the scene, taking notes and recording evidence.

Stay tuned via the Elephants and Iguanas twitter page to discover what happens next...



UKS2 Reading Cafe

By Mrs Campling

Our Reading Cafes this term are based on the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series of biographies, and we kicked them off this week with years 5 and 6!

To begin with we read a little from Amelia Earhart's story to see how the things that happened when she was young helped her passion for flying to grow and lead her on to do amazing things. Did you know that as well as famously disappearing on her trip to be the first woman to fly round the world, she was also the first woman to fly to 14,000 feet? And the first to cross the Atlantic? And that she established a women-only pilots club, enabling other women to follow their dreams and learn to fly?



The children then spent some time with their parents thinking about their own passions and dreams, and creating either a 'map of my brain' or a 'mood board' that reflected those things and the possibilities that they represent. We also had one child choose to begin writing her own biography in the style of the 'Little People' books, and sharing them all, we could see how our different memories, passions and interests shape who we are and what we grow up to do.

Finally, we asked the all-important question: What do you want to be when you grow up? With answers varying from 'marine biologist' to 'chef' to 'teacher', it was really interesting to see how the things the children love shaped their dreams for the future. Of course, we will have to wait and see what happens next!



School Census

By Mrs Nalton

Thank you very much to every child who had a school dinner last Thursday, which was Census day. We had over 95% take up on the day. Every meal FS/KS1 meal taken helps us to secure funding for the following year.



We are very grateful, thank you very much.

Coming Up!

This Week: WB: 20th January 2020

Sharks Lunch Week

CLUBS START

Wednesday

Accelerated Reader Information Evening for parents 6 pm

Thursday

Year 6 - 2 Can Learn 9.10-10.10am

FOWS Meeting - at Starbucks (Ortongate) 7.30pm

Next Week: WB 27th January 2020

Monday

FOWS Mallard Cake Sale

Year 6 Visit to Bletchley Park

Thursday

Honours Award Assembly 9am

In Two Weeks: WB 3rd February 2020

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday

LKS2 Reading Café 2.30PM

Wednesday

Football Competition 2-4.30pm- Selected children

Thursday

Year 3 History Off THE Page Experience day - Ancient Egypt School Disco

- FS / KS1 4.30-5.30pm /KS2 - 5.45-7pm

Friday

Year 4 Ancient Maya Drama Workshop

In Three Weeks: WB 10th February 2020

Armadillos Lunch Week

Online Safety Week 3

Tuesday

Long Parents Evening 3.30-7.30pm

Wednesday

School Nurse 9-12pm

Thursday

Short parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Friday

Valentines Lunch