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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

There is a real buzz around school at the moment as so many exciting things are happening or are in the pipeline.

Sometimes, they come as a surprise to me! I love that Mr Cowles and Ms Porter have joined forces for a joint PE/ECO project. It was great to see the tweets from the Year 6 '2 Can Learn' event which had a French focus. Mrs McIntosh is busy planning an exciting art event for later this year and our work as an Attachment Aware School is helping to shape how we support children's mental health. I could go on and on about the special work we do. It all reminds me how lucky I am to work at Orton Wistow.

As you know, developing the children's love of reading is a passion of mine and a mission that we are on as a school. You'll see a new Reading section at the end of this newsletter to reflect what a high priority we give reading in our school. There is a lot happening in the library and classrooms and it is important that you keep yourself up to speed. We are thinking about taking a tougher stance with children who don't remember to bring their reading diary to school. The change will probably be introduced after half term so it gives everyone a few more weeks to start some good habits.

Simon Eardley
Head Teacher

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This Morning's Assembly Theme:

As part of our ongoing theme of **WELLBEING**, this morning we thought about the importance of feeling **Included**.

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



Attendance

Last week our Whole School Attendance was: 97.36%

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by this class who had the highest attendance of 99.67%:



PENGUINS

Shining Stars



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

Penguins: Oliver Horsfall	Magpies: Katie Barker
Elephants: Harsha Gannamaneni	Iguanas: Shona Benson
Giraffes: Bradley Gauton	Caterpillars: Willow Smith
Macaws: Belle Fisher	Nightingales: Isabel Stevenson
Cobras: William O'Callaghan	Flamingos: Makayla Hadfield
Wombats: Gareth Drover	Armadillos: Lily Stocks
Sharks: Emily-Rose Cunnington	Toucans: Elsie Allen

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: 8.5 ★	Magpies: 6.3
Elephants: 7.4	Iguanas: 4.9
Giraffes: 5.8	Caterpillars: 4.2
Macaws: 3.6	Nightingales: 5.3
Flamingoes: 5.1	Cobras: 5.5
Armadillos: 3.9	Wombats: 4.7
Sharks: 5.2	Toucans: 3.7



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: 671 ★	Iguanas: 300
Giraffes: 511	Caterpillars: 354
Macaws: 236	Nightingales: 290
Cobras: 136	Flamingoes: 440
Wombats: 300	Armadillos: 370
Sharks: 401	Toucans: 251



Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Isabella Millen (40)

LKS2: Amelie Stevenson (23)

UKS2: Jack Whittaker-Osborne (38)



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: Taara Singh
Sharks: Alfie Evans
Wombats: Maita Benson
Armadillos: Oscar Czyn
Cobras: Jaiden Singh
Flamingos: Rose Bull
Macaws: Dexter Howlett
Nightingales: Daisy Wright

HOUSE POINTS



DEMPSEY
99

MALLARD
45

NENE
57

FENS
73

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.

Accelerated Reader Launch Event

By Mr Eardley

On Wednesday evening we launched Accelerated Reader to parents at the school.

When we advertised the event on Parent Mail, we quickly had 144 parents book places.

As our limit was 150, we capped bookings at 144 to avoid disappointing anyone. Sadly, even though we set up the hall for 145 people, we think that only about 90 turned up on the night. This means that 50+ people booked but didn't turn up. This happened once before at a previous event.

Please make sure that if you book for an event, you remember to come. We appreciate that sometimes there are unavoidable reasons for not being able to join us, but I doubt whether this accounts for all of the 'no shows'. Unfortunately, some people who would have liked to have come, were not able to book a place because we thought the event was full.

The presentation was sent out last week via Parentmail.

ECO and PE News!

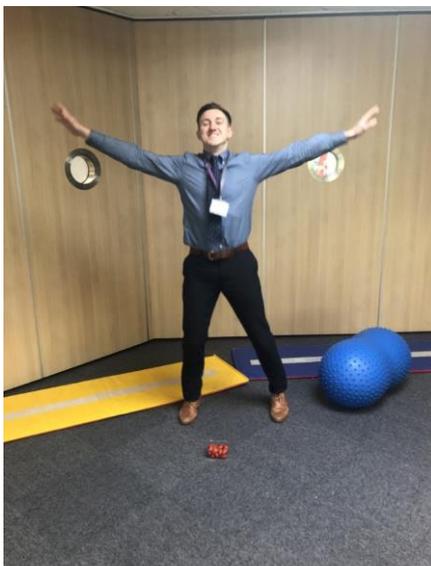
By Ms Porter and Mr Cowles

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.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE IS: STAR JUMPS

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.

We have received 19 photos from last week and these have been placed up all around the school.

Thank you very much.

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

Parent Consultations

By Mr Marks

This term's Parent Consultations take place on **Tuesday 11th February (3.30 – 7.30)** and **Thursday 13th February (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 10th February). 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 and went live today 23rd January at 5pm.

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 that 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.

Golden Mile

By Mr Cowles

Most Miles per week(Class)	Most Miles (Individual)	Total Current Miles Per Class	Whole School Miles
1. Toucans (27.35)	<u>KS1</u> Poppy Neale	1. Nightingales (228.43)	1,662.71
2. Wombats (15.94)		2. Iguanas (189.77)	
3. Iguanas (13.89)	<u>LKS2</u> Mia Marchbank	3. Cobras (173.41)	
4. Elephants (10.81)		4. Caterpillars (162.61)	
5. Macaws (10.81)	<u>UKS2</u> Sam Bull	5. Armadillos (145.54)	

OWPS Family Challenges

By Mrs Granville

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

**FIND OUT SOMEONE IMPORTANT OR FAMOUS
LINKED TO PETERBOROUGH.**

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!



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

School Lottery

Congratulations to Emma Stevenson (yet again!) on winning £13.50 this week and thank you for donating your winnings back to the school.

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. 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!

Mallard Cake Sale-Today!

Thank you to all of our Mallard bakers for their generous donations this morning! Cakes will be available for purchase from 3pm today under the playground canopy-don't forget to bring a few pennies after school to help support our Mallard families and their efforts.



School Disco-NEXT Thursday 6th February

Our Spring Term disco is being held next Thursday at the usual times of 4.30-5.30pm (FS and KS1) and 5.45-7pm (KS2).

Children should be dropped off via the main school doors and collected at the rear of the school hall. We look forward to seeing them all there!

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

Year 6 Family Learning

By Mrs Simmons

On Thursday 23rd of January, Year Six invited their families in to experience Cafe Six - a French cafe in the middle of Orton Wistow.

All children experienced discussing likes and dislikes in French conversation and then had to pop into our cafe to order food for their family member.

Once completed, we enjoyed pain au chocolat, croissants, fruit and beverages, listened to French music and basqued in the ambiance of our continental cousins.



Bon Appetite!

Coming Up!

This Week: WB: 27th January 2020

Monday

Mallard Cake Sale

Year 6 Visit to Bletchley Park

Thursday

Honours Award Assembly 9am

Next Week: WB 3rd February 2020

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday

Year 3 / 4 Football Competition at OBA Years 3 / 4 1-3pm

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 One Week: WB 10th February 2020

Armadillos Lunch Week

Online Safety Week 3

Tuesday

National Internet Safety Day

Long Parents Evening 3.30-7.30pm

Wednesday

School Nurse 9-12pm

Whole School Thinking
afternoon

Thursday

Short parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm

Friday

Valentines Lunch



In Two Weeks: WB 17th February 2020

HALF TERM

Book Corner

By Mr Eardley



We have lots of Reading projects on the go at the moment. From now on, Reading News will appear at the end of the newsletter in Book Corner.

We Are Recruiting Reading Buddies

You may not know it, but you have the power and potential to change a child's life...forever.

Can you spare some time to listen to children read in school?

We desperately need adult volunteers to listen to children read in school. Any help is appreciated, whether it is regularly or one in a while.

Why not come in for 20 minutes each morning after you have dropped off your children? Or for the last 20 minutes of the day.

Training and support will be offered and you can help in your child's class or in another class.

WE NEED YOU!

A Parent Mail message will come out next Thursday for you to complete if you are able to help.



Accelerated Reader

By Mrs Campling

As you should hopefully be aware, we are introducing a new scheme into school called Accelerated Reader. As with all things this takes time to implement so we would like to ask for patience as we continue to get things ready. Here are a few FAQ's I've had so far – please share them with your children!

"Where are the ??? level books?"

At the moment the books in the library are still organised in the normal, alphabetical, fiction or non-fiction way. The best way for children to look for specific levels is to browse the shelves like normal but look out for the orange stickers. Any that you're not sure about I can double check on our database and find out if they have a book level or not.

"Why don't all the books have levels?"

Not all of the books we have are on the Accelerated Reader database. That means some of our books won't have levels, but I may be able to give you a rough guess of what its level would be if you wanted to know it anyway!

"Am I only allowed to read Accelerated Reader books?"

Short answer – no! We still want the children to read a wide range of books of varying levels and interests. My recommendation for children who are 'free readers' would be to take one book (a 'reading book') which is the right level, and one book (a 'library book') which can still be anything they want. Obviously non-Accelerated Reader books won't have quizzes and so won't help you progress on Accelerated Reader.

"I can't find a book with my level on"

There are over 5,000 books in our library so chances are, there is at least one with the right level. Not all of them are on the AR database, and not all of them are stickered yet, as I am working through this on my own when I am not busy with classes in the library. If any parents want to come in and help please register interest with the office!