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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Wow, what a week we have ahead of us! We have a Lower Key Stage Two football competition today between 4 local primary schools, being held on our field (a first for us), we have another Upper Key Stage Two football competition on Wednesday and we are taking two teams to that, on Thursday Year Three have an Ancient Egypt experience day and on Friday Year Four have a Mayan drama workshop! A very exciting few days.

I have written to parents before about the importance of encouraging the pupils of OWPS to look after our local area. I'm always happy to see children enjoying the outside and having a balance between 'screen-time' and active play and we have some wonderful spaces for children to play locally. Sadly, two parents mentioned to me this morning that a number of our older pupils are causing damage to the trees and posts that make up part of the pirate ship area. If your children use this space, can you remind them to take care of it as it is for everyone to use and enjoy. Thank you.

Colin Marks  
Deputy Head Teacher

This Morning's Assembly Theme:

This morning's Assembly was all about Wellbeing, and being nurtured.

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



## Attendance

Last week our Whole School Attendance was: 97.57%

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by this class who had the highest attendance of 99.68%:



**ELEPHANTS**

## Shining Stars



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

Penguins: Jenny Drover	Magpies: Harry Perich
Elephants: Alanna Sterne	Iguanas: Jay Dobb
Giraffes: James McEwan	Caterpillars: Chloe Bewick
Macaws: Idara Samson	Nightingales: Ava Gopan
Cobras: Mia Garcia-Rowland	Flamingos: April-Rose Goodey
Wombats: Ellie Read	Armadillos: Rory Fyfe
Sharks: Isla Richardson	Toucans: Phia Witt

## 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: 8.7 ★	Magpies: 6.9
Elephants: 6.4	Iguanas: 4.6
Giraffes: 6.7	Caterpillars: 3.8
Macaws: 4.0	Nightingales: 5.6
Flamingoes: 4.8	Cobras: 6.3
Armadillos: 3.7	Wombats: 5.7
Sharks: 5.8	Toucans: 3.6



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: 489 ★	Iguanas: 360
Giraffes: 294	Caterpillars: 457
Macaws: 230	Nightingales: 151
Cobras: 375	Flamingos: 433
Wombats: 298	Armadillos: 283
Sharks: 375	Toucans: 374



## Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Isabella Millen (32)

LKS2: Courtney Morton / Finn Hayward (22)

UKS2: Michael Mouzoures (35)



Children in Years 2-6 are challenged to practise their times tables at [www.trockstars.com](http://www.trockstars.com).

These children are the most improved this week.

<b>Toucans:</b> Samuel Hales
<b>Sharks:</b> Maisie Hutchins
<b>Wombats:</b> Maita Benson
<b>Armadillos:</b>
<b>Cobras:</b> Eden Behenna-Benton
<b>Flamingos:</b> April-Rose Goodey
<b>Macaws:</b> Abigail Bright
<b>Nightingales:</b> Brandon White

## HOUSE POINTS

**DEMPSEY**  
73

**MALLARD**  
80

**NENE**  
83

**1<sup>ST</sup>** **FENS**  
84

## Staffing News

By Mr Eardley

Miss Cameron will be leaving us at the end of this term. It is always sad when one of our colleagues and friends decides to leave us. Having been poorly this last term, she has taken the difficult decision to give herself a break from being a class teacher to pursue one of her other passions. In her new role, she will teach music to pre-school children and we are sure that she will be brilliant in her new role.

We wish her every success and happiness as she begins an exciting new chapter in her life.

## School Nurse

By Mrs Nalton

Our School Nurse, Clare Harrington, will be holding a Drop In Session on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Thank you!

By Ms Porter

Thank you to all our families who have supported our plastics challenge and delivered your waste into school for the collection last week.

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.



Look out for the pledge activity coming home with your child to ensure we continue recycling our waste.

## Parent Consultations

By Mr Marks

This term's Parent Consultations take place on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February (3.30 – 7.30)** and **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 **internal** 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.

## 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: YOGA / BALANCES

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](mailto: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.



## Honours Award

By Mrs Russell

The following children received an Honours Award on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Harry Green  
Zuzanna Bialoskorska-Franc  
Sophia Stevens  
Everly Goose  
Amy Kean  
Scarlett Mahon  
Elissa Smith  
Lily Read  
Isaac Adkins  
George Bramley  
Jamie Hinge  
Victoria Ajayi  
Ella Morby  
Olivia Fincham

The reason was 'For showing great responsibility. You have shown that you are in charge of your own learning! Well done!

## Platform 1

By Mrs Matthewman

Over the past two weeks we have noticed an increase in late collections of children from Platform One.

Children should be collected and have vacated the building by 6 p.m., failure to do so incurs a £25.00 penalty fee per 15 minutes or part thereof.



This is in accordance with the Platform One Agreement.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Year 6 visit Bletchley Park

By Mrs Tansley



On Monday 27th January, Year 6 visited Bletchley Park to help them understand how code breaking happened during World War Two.

The day began with a guided tour of the site, we were able to do some exploration and missions in our classes and we also took part in a code breaking and cyber secrets workshop.

It was extremely fascinating, how so many of the individuals worked there, in a shift cycle, so that deciphering was happening around the clock.

We all learnt that human error and complacency were the reasons for German encrypted messages being solved, which led to the victory that happened on the D-Day landing beaches in Normandy.

The highlight was definitely looking and learning how an Enigma machine works!

A great day was had by all.

## Office Restructure

By Mr Eardley

When we created the OWN Trust with Woodston and Nene Valley primary schools, we all knew that one of the greatest benefits would be sharing resources and expertise. We have already come a long way on this and teachers have begun to work with colleagues across the three schools.

We had already begun to discuss how we could centralise some of the OWN Trust so that we could work more efficiently. When Mrs Orchard resigned, it gave the Trust the opportunity to look at this in more detail. We have decided that we will not replace the School Business Manager role at Orton Wistow and that the Trust will provide the finance and personnel support to all three schools.

This means that Mrs McLaughlin, our Office Manager, will be our most senior member of the Office Team. Other parts of Mrs Orchard's role will be picked up by staff within the school or supported by the Trust.

Mrs Nalton, who works in the school office has also decided to reduce her working days from five to three. This reorganisation has created an exciting new role in the school office and we will shortly be advertising for an Admin Assistant (Thursday/Friday, 8 am to 3 pm). This is a brand new role and the successful candidate will play a key role as Digital Leader; developing the website, our online presence and how we use technology to communicate and interact with parents at the school.

This might be a role that appeals to a parent at the school, or someone they know, so keep your eyes peeled.



# 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-

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February-School Disco

-Half Term-

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March-Bag2School Collection

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March-Nene Cake Sale

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Quiz Night!

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Break the Rules Day

## School Lottery

Congratulations to Mrs Morgan on winning £12.90 this week.

Please help to boost our weekly jackpot by taking a moment to sign up by visiting [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://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

Thank you to all of our Mallard bakers for their generous donations last week and to all of you who bought a treat after school.

We are pleased to report that the cake sale raised £114!

## School Disco-THIS Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Our Spring Term disco is being held this 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/friendsfortonwistowprimaryschool/](http://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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/easyfundraising.app)



# Reading News



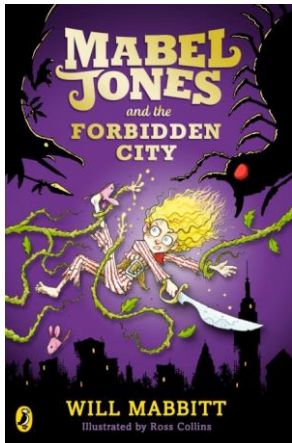
By Mrs Tansley

We have booked an author visit from Will Mabbitt on the morning of Tuesday 25th February 2020. Further details to follow.

Will Mabbitt likes to write. He writes on the train, in the corner of cafés, and sometimes, when his laptop runs out of power, he writes in his head.

Will has a background in children's media, producing digital content for Disney, Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network.

He lives with his family, cats and a woodlouse infestation in Lewes on the south coast of England.



The Mabel Jones series is in the School Library. When Mabel Jones unknowingly commits 'the deed' she finds herself swiftly bundled into a sack and carried off to the pirate ship the Feroshus Maggot. Crewed by the strangest bunch of pirates you would ever want to meet and captained by the dreaded Idryss Ebenezer Split (a wolf with a false leg carved from a human thighbone, a rusty cutlass, and a loaded pistol tucked into his pants with no fear of the consequences), the Feroshus Maggot whisks Mabel Jones off on the adventure of a lifetime.



## Coming Up!

**This Week: WB: 3<sup>RD</sup> February 2020**

**Children's Mental Health Week**

**Monday**

Year 3 / 4 Football Competition 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

**Next 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 One Week: WB 17th February 2020**

**HALF TERM**

**In Two Weeks: WB 24th February 2020**

**Monday**

Ancient Greek Workshop Year 5

**Tuesday**

Author visit from Will Mabbitt am

**Thursday**

Honours Award Assembly 9am

