



ORTON WISTOW  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The spring term is always our shortest term but this one seems to be racing by! I can't believe that we are already at half term. I shall be keeping my fingers crossed in the hope that we avoid any snow- every Headteacher's nightmare; 'Do I close the school or not?'

As always, it's been a busy half term with lots going on in school. It has been interesting to see how teachers have brought the new topics to life and I know that Y4's Mayan Day on Friday was a huge success. We have been redeveloping what was our Music Room as part of our Attachment Awareness School project and the change to Sensory Circuits is working well.

We are approaching our one-year anniversary of creating the OWN Trust, along with Nene Valley and Woodston primary schools. A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes and we are looking at more ways to work closely together. Next month we have our first Members, Trustees and Governors development day to look at how we can grow as a Trust and how we can work to benefit everyone at the OWN Trust schools.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this week's Parent Consultations. We have always been very fortunate that almost every parent manages to attend and we chase the ones who don't so that we can see them at another time.  
Kind regards

Simon Eardley -Head Teacher

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This Morning's Assembly Theme:

This morning's Assembly was all about Safer Internet Week and safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

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



## Attendance

Last week our Whole School Attendance was: 97.79%

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by this class who had the highest attendance of 100%:



**COBRAS**

## Shining Stars



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

Penguins: Emily Bewick	Magpies: Theo Unwin
Elephants: Annabelle Czyz	Iguanas: Lucas Stephenson
Giraffes: Harry Gray	Caterpillars: Lyla Marriott
Macaws: Dexter Howlett	Nightingales: NA
Cobras: NA	Flamingos: William Dalton
Wombats: Aimee Barrett	Armadillos: Charlie Marriott
Sharks: NA	Toucans: Alistair Oates

## 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: 7.8	Magpies: 8.0
Elephants: 8.0	Iguanas: 5.5
Giraffes: 5.8	Caterpillars: 4.1
Macaws: 4.0	Nightingales: 4.8
Flamingoes: 5.5	Cobras: 5.2
Armadillos: 3.0	Wombats: 5.2
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: 469	Iguanas: 352
Giraffes: 359	Caterpillars: 590
Macaws: 228	Nightingales: 258
Cobras: 319	Flamingos: 350
Wombats: 306	Armadillos: 417
Sharks: 323	Toucans: 248



## Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Flora Witt and Alex Buchanan (28)

LKS2: Isaac Adkins (19)

UKS2: Jack Whittaker-Osborne (21)



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.

Toucans: Taara Singh
Sharks: Alfie Evans
Wombats: Ellie Read
Armadillos: Camilla Avolio
Cobras: Kayla Hatton
Flamingos: Courtney Morton / Joshy Unwin
Macaws: Lexi Newson
Nightingales: Felix Guttman

## HOUSE POINTS

**DEMPSEY**  
81

**MALLARD**  
66

**NENE**  
82



**FENS**  
71

## Golden Mile

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"> <li>1. Armadillos (21.25)</li> <li>2. Wombats (13.42)</li> <li>3. Cobras</li> <li>4. (13.12)</li> <li>5. Iguanas (5.78)</li> <li>6. Flamingos (5.34)</li> </ol>	<p><u>KS1</u></p> <p>Luca Wilson</p> <p><u>LKS2</u></p> <p>Jools Carey</p> <p><u>UKS2</u></p> <p>George Starkey</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nightingales (228.43)</li> <li>2. Iguanas (201.14)</li> <li>3. Cobras (186.53)</li> <li>4. Armadillos (177.23)</li> <li>5. Caterpillars (166.40)</li> </ol>	<h1>1,812.58</h1>

## School Nurse

By Mrs Nalton

Our School Nurse, Clare Harrington, will be holding a Drop In Session this **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 from 9 – 11.30am**, 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.

## Family Challenge

By Mrs Granville

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

**PREPARE AND COOK A MEAL TOGETHER**



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!

## Parent Consultations

By Mr Marks

This term's Parent Consultations take place this **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 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.

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 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.

## 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:

### BALANCE ON A PART OF YOUR BODY

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 several 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.



### Year 5/6 Football (OWPS vs The Peterborough School)

By Mr Marks

Last Wednesday Mr Cowles and I took two Year 5/6 football teams on a minibus to The Peterborough School for a mini football tournament. After one school dropped out last minute, it ended up just being our two teams playing against their two teams. There were four 24 minute matches in total and OWPS won all of them!

Our Year 5/6 team(s) are still unbeaten this year and we comfortably beat The Peterborough School, one game finishing 14-0!

The boys and girls from OWPS were superbly behaved and represented the school with PRIDE. The Peterborough School took very good care of us, taking all the children, teachers and parents in for 'tea' after the match, supplying the teams with sandwiches, juice and homemade cakes!

A great way to end an afternoon of football.

### Orton Wistow Year 3/4 Football Competition

By Mr Cowles

On Monday the 3rd of February, three schools walked to OWPS to take part in a football competition. This competition went towards the Orton Cup, where the different schools compete throughout the year to earn points. OWPS and Winyates had two teams taking part, St Johns and Ormiston Meadows had one. The teams were split up into two different groups, with three teams on each pitch. Ormiston Meadows and Wistow A progressed through the Semi-Finals, along with St Johns and Winyates A. This meant that Wistow A would play Winyates A, Wistow winning this game 2-1. St Johns took on Ormiston Meadows, St Johns coming out on top.

Once the results of the two Semi-Finals were confirmed, we had a St Johns v Wistow A final. A great game was decided by one goal, with St Johns winning 2-1 in the end. Overall, all of the teams showed wonderful teamwork, encouragement and enjoyment throughout the whole competition.

Each child who took part should be proud of themselves.



## Year 3 – Ancient Egyptian History Off the Page Day

By Mrs Morris

On Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February Year 3 had their Ancient Egyptian experience day.

The morning was spent creating crafts in the city of Thebes that were then offered at the Temple of Aten. The children, who were dressed as Egyptians, became lamp workers, scribes, bread makers, tomb painters, amulet makers and potters.

Many children spread 'gossip' around the city and spoke to the different adults in order to gain the answers.



During the afternoon, the children prepared for the Festival of the River Nile. The festival consisted of a play called Isis and Osiris, two dances and a fortune telling Apis Bull, all of which were performed to the Pharaoh.

The slaves served the food, reminding everyone to take the food with their right hand and not their toilet hand!

Thank you to all of the adults that helped make the day a success and for keeping in character, we had some very happy, enthusiastic children.

## LKS2 Reading Café

By Mrs Morris

On Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, Mrs Campling led the LKS2 Reading Café based on a books series called Little People, Big Dreams. Together, we read the Amelia Earhart story and talked about her life, aspirations and personality traits that led her to become the American aviation pioneer that she was.

So with the empowering and inspiring messages, we began to think about our brains and what we'd like to be when we grow up.

Using a template of a brain, we filled it with the things we enjoy doing. (Year 3 and 4 were incredibly ambitious with their choices of careers.)

Thank you to all the parents that came along to our Reading Café.



# 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-

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 Mrs Hastie 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!

## School Disco

Thank you to all of the children who attended the Spring Term discos last week and helped us to make a profit of £652, we hope that everyone enjoyed themselves!

## Bag2School Collection-Friday 6th March

All children should be coming home with a Bag2School collection bag this week ready for filling and returning by Friday 6th March.

A reminder that logo school uniform cannot be placed into the bags however they will accept all other clothing, paired shoes, soft toys, curtains and jewellery.

## Quiz Night-Friday 20th March, 7pm onwards

It's time to start gathering your teams ready for our Quiz Night on Friday 20th March. This event was a huge success last year and lots of fun-Mrs Ironside is set to be our Quiz Master once again! Teams of up to six people may be entered by completing a team booking form and paying the £10 per person prior to Monday 16th March.

The entry fee includes a choice of meal from Fishtastic, details are on the booking forms, which should be available this week to collect from the school office.

Please note that this event is intended to be an adults only evening, no under 16's please.

## 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/](http://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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/easyfundraising.app)

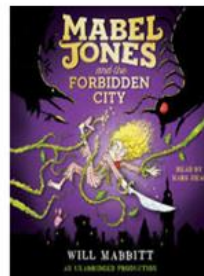
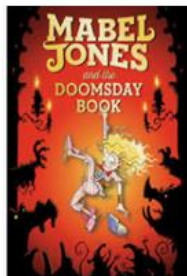
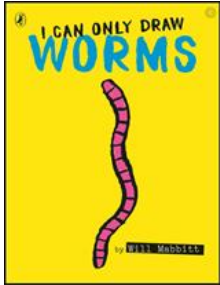
# Reading News

By Mrs Tansley



Following on from last week – we can confirm that author Will Mabbitt will be joining us on Tuesday 25th February 2020.

Will will deliver an assembly/workshop to the school during the morning and will be available for book signings should your child wish.



If you would like to independently purchase one of Will's books prior to the event, some of his titles are listed below:

I can only draw worms (EYFS/KS1)

This is not a Bedtime story/ This is not a Fairy Tale (KS1/Y3)

The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones Series (KS2).

Embassy of the Dead Series (KS2)  
Children will be responsible for looking after their own book that they bring into school.

## Coming Up!

This Week: **WB: 10th February 2020**

**Armadillos Lunch Week**

**Online Safety Week 3**

**Monday**

Rowing Final OBA

**Tuesday**

**National Internet Safety Day**

Long Parents Evening 3.30-7.30pm

**Wednesday**

School Nurse 9-11.30am

Whole School Thinking afternoon

**Thursday**

Short parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm

**Friday**

**Valentines Lunch**

Pre-booked parents only.



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

**HALF TERM**

In One Week: **WB 24th February 2020**

**Flamingoes Lunch Week**

**Monday**

Ancient Greek Workshop Year 5

**Tuesday**

Author visit from Will Mabbitt am

**Thursday**

Honours Award Assembly 9am



In Two Weeks: **WB 2nd March 2020**

**Monday**

KS1 Reading Café 2.30pm

**Monday**

Year 1 Potato Planting Event East of England Showground

**Thursday**

World Book Day

**Friday**

FOWS Bags2School Collection