



Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has September gone? It has been a whirlwind four weeks in school but I couldn't feel prouder of all the hard work from the staff and children, making it a great start to the school year under some difficult circumstances. I'd also like to thank all the parents, carers and family members who have played their part in making the start and the end of the day run smoothly. The poster below was shared with all schools in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire and it is an important message for all involved in our school.



We have continued to work hard in school to establish our expectations and it is clear that this hard work is also paying off. The children are demonstrating the PRIDE code and learning tools from the minute they walk through the gate in the morning. Nearly all children are walking their scooters and bikes (Responsibility) and saying hello or good morning (Polite). In class, they continue to learn the routines and are playing their part to keep themselves and others safe (Teamwork and Respect).

One part of the school day we still need to improve is lunchtime. The routines we have put in place for a staggered lunchtime start and end has worked well; the children all understand that they need to remain in their zone in the hall, sitting down, until asked to line up by a midday supervisor.

Year Four all did a lesson on table manners this week and other year groups will also do this at some point. We still have a lot of children, including some in Years Five and Six, not using their cutlery properly and, in some cases, they will stab a large item of food with their fork and take bites from it rather than cutting it into smaller pieces. The noise level in the hall is another issue that we are working on. We have introduced the playing of calm music in the background and this has had some positive effect.

Parents could really play their part with this (Teamwork), by encouraging children to use their cutlery correctly at home and reminding them to sit nicely on their chair, talk quietly with the people at their table and wait until they have swallowed their food before speaking. These are all things we are reminding the children of in school as well. When children are getting the same messages at home and in school, we always find there is a greater chance of seeing progress! I would also like to point out that many of our children have impeccable manners at lunch time and are fantastic role models to others, including some of our new Foundation Stage children!

We had another fire drill yesterday and I'm pleased to say that everyone was out of the building in 1 minute and 15 seconds and we had checked all our class and staff registers in 2 minutes and 40 seconds. This was 20 seconds faster than our first fire drill. Well done everybody!

Have a great weekend.

Colin Marks

Deputy Headteacher



Attendance

This week, our Whole School Attendance was:

98.35%

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by the following classes which had the highest attendance of 100%:

**IGUANAS
MACAWS**



Shining Stars



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

Penguins: Owen Parnell	Magpies: Indie Ellwood-Jeal
Elephants: Kassie Duckmanton	Iguanas: Edward Gash
Giraffes: Darcie Hodgson	Squirrels: Ellie Jones
Macaws: Alexandra Calder	Nightingales: Amelie Beeken
Cobras: Niall Fox	Flamingoes: Avie Crockett
Wombats: Ryley Honey-wood Down	Armadillos: Phoebe Beckett
Sharks: Nathan Hadfield	Toucans: Seby Mehedintu

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:



Children in Years 1-6 earn Dojo Points for their class by reading with an adult at home,

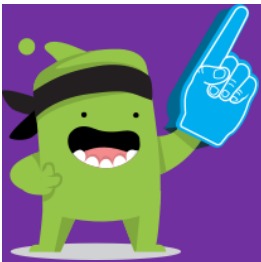


ClassDojo

demonstrating the PRIDE Code and our Learning Toolkit, and for gaining House Points.

This week's Dojo Scores were:

Penguins: n/a	Magpies: n/a	Elephants: 515	Iguanas: 646
Elephants: 6.2	Iguanas: 7.0	Giraffes: 524	Squirrels: 144
Giraffes: 5.8	Squirrels: 6.8	Macaws: 438	Nightingales: 312
Macaws: 5.5	Nightingales: 5.2	Cobras: 248	Flamingoes: 385
Cobras: 5.3	Flamingoes: 3.9	Wombats: 377	Armadillos: 481
Wombats: 5.2	Armadillos: 7.1 ★	Sharks: 846 ★	Toucans: 382
Sharks: 4.3	Toucans: 5.5		



Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Esmee Chambers 32

LKS2: James McEwan 20

UKS2: Sammy Merry 44



Children in Years 3-6 are challenged to practise their times tables at www.trockstars.com.

These children were the most improved this week:

Toucans: Hollie Normington	Sharks: None
Wombats: Bethany Byrne	Armadillos: George Dalton
Cobras: Jessica Powell	Flamingoes: Lexi Newson
Nightingales: Chase Halfhide	Macaws: Sonny Clifton

HOUSE POINTS

DEMPSEY
89

MALLARD
74

NENE
47

1ST
FENS
90

Honours Awards

By Mr Eardley, Headteacher

We seem to spend time each day thinking about how something will work in a COVID safe school. This week's discussion was 'How will we do Honours Award assemblies?'. We have now come up with our solution.

Although we cannot have assemblies together in the hall, we still want to make this a special experience in recognition of how important an honours award is.

The teachers have now chosen the award winner from their class and sent me the text for the certificate. I will then produce an assembly that will be shown in class on Wednesday 7 October. The children will be able to see which children have won the award in each class and they will hear the reason why the child in their class was chosen.

The award winner will receive their certificate and sticker in front of their class. We will email the parents of the winners the same day so that they know there is a reason to celebrate.

The names of all of the winners will be shared in next week's newsletter.

National Spelling Bee Competition Winner

OWPS is always keen to celebrate children's achievements outside of school as well as in school. Many of the children enjoy a range of hobbies and activities and, as learning is a life-long process that doesn't end when the school day is over, we love hearing about what they have been doing in their spare time.

This week, we'd like to say congratulations to Amy Barrett from the Toucans Class in Year 6, who won first place in the Primary National Spelling Bee Competition in German in September.

Amy was already learning Spanish when she decided that she wanted to learn another language.



Amy explained: 'On August 29th, I said I wanted to learn German and my step mum said she would teach me. A few weeks later she entered me into the competition!'

Amy worked hard, learning German at home with great perseverance and concentration – two skills from our Learning Toolkit.

She was due to compete in front of a live audience at Cambridge University for the final but, due to Covid-19, Amy and the competitors recorded their entries at home and sent them in to be judged.

Amy said: 'My step mum went on a call with the people who judged them all and then, when they were done, my step mum told me I had won.'

Amy's class teacher, Miss Tansley, was delighted to hear of Amy's success and Amy brought her certificate and trophy into school to show the rest of the class.

When asked what she had enjoyed most, Amy replied, 'The best thing was the experience of learning a new language and someone else's culture so that, if I go to Germany, I can understand people.'

Amy hopes to enter the competition again next year and perhaps even learn another new language.

Well done, Amy!

School Census

Thank-you!

Thank you to all those children who enjoyed a hot dinner on Census Day.

We had a fantastic turn-out for the School Census and it will make an enormous difference to our funding over the coming year.

OWPS Website

By Mrs Schneider, Digital Lead

You may have noticed that emails are now being sent out via a new format from our OWPS website rather than parent mail. As of next week, all emails, letters home and the Wistow Ways newsletter will be sent to parents and carers of children in Years 1-6 via our website.

Parents of children in Foundation Stage will continue to receive correspondence via parent mail for now until their contact details have migrated over to our new system. Also, watch out for exciting news about our new e-newsletter in the coming weeks!

If you have any queries or comments regarding the website, emails or the newsletter, please contact me at digital@owps.org.uk

New dishes in the Dining Car

At OWPS, we are fortunate to have our own fully-functioning catering service that makes health and tasty food here on the school premises every day. Children (and staff!) enjoy the delicious range of main courses and desserts on offer, and the Dining Car is always looking for new ways to improve the menu.

Since Mrs Anderson took on the role of Catering Manager in September 2019, the Dining Car has gone from strength-to-strength. Known to the children as 'Libby', she has introduced a range of new menu options to entice the children to try something new.



Mouth-watering new main courses include:

- Lentil and Vegetable Pie
- Salmon and Sweet Potato Fish Cake
- Beef Lasagne
- Vegetable Lasagne
- Sausage and Baked Beans Pie

Delicious new desserts include:

- Rocky Road
- Millionaire Shortbread
- Coconut Tart and Custard
- Lemon Meringue Pie
- Waffles and Fruit



Libby aims to encourage the children to try the new food, even if it just a sample on the side of their plate with the rest of their meal. There is no pressure for children to eat something they don't want to eat, but it is a chance for them to be adventurous if they wish.

Libby loves hearing the children's feedback and uses it to decide which menu options to keep and which to change. One child in Year 4 was inspired to try a vegetable samosa even though she wasn't sure about liking spicy food. Libby was delighted when the child came back to tell her: 'I liked it!'

Libby plans to offer different meals on the menu for the children to taste, as well as including those familiar favourites that she knows the majority of children love. She also intends to introduce 'Well Done' stickers for those children who try something new.

Children are very welcome to have a hot dinner on any day of the week. We simply ask that you have topped up your account on parent mail in advance.

You can find a copy of The Dining Car's latest menu [here](#), along with details of our food allergen advice.



Coming Up!

Next Week: WB: 5th October 2020

Wednesday

Honours Awards announced to children in class and by email to parents of winning children

In Two Weeks: WB 12th October 2020

No confirmed events as yet.

In Three Weeks: WB 19th October 2020

Tuesday

Long parents evening – details to be announced soon

Thursday

Short Parents evening – details to be announced next week

Friday

Halloween Lunch