



# Wistow Ways

Orton Wistow  
Primary School



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## Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

New month, new photos on the newsletter!

We continue to be busy, busy, busy in school and we are always thinking about what we want to do next and what we can improve. We have even started planning a project to mark the school's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday next September!

There is always lots to celebrate each week and I am constantly amazed by how much we pack into five days. Hot on the heels of the phenomenal success of the Farm to Fork day came the Y2 trip to Warwick Castle. I know that the children, staff and volunteers all had a great time. I also look forward to any opportunity to walk past the Hall when Years 5 and 6 are having their dance lessons. We clearly have some very talented dancers!

I am delighted that so many of you have signed up to the Safer Internet Parent sessions tomorrow. We have almost 100 parents joining us – our highest number ever. It would be good to see more parents from the top of the school, as your children are telling us they have the most access to the internet.

It is hard to believe that this half term is coming to a close but I think the staff and children will be ready for a rest by the end of the week.

Best wishes, 

Simon Eardley- Headteacher

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### This week's Assembly Theme:

My assembly this week was on **The Rule of Law**. We thought about why we have laws and why it is important to follow them.

## Monty

by Mr Marks

This week's Monty's Mealtime Marvels are:

**Emily Rose Cunnington**  
**Oakley Ellwood-Jeal**  
**Olivia Jones**  
**Nathanael Ngwira**

All four children have shown that they remember the PRIDE Code when eating in our dining room.



## Parking

by Mr Eardley

We continue to receive messages from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking. One of our parents recently parked over the drive way of a local resident, which meant they couldn't park on their own drive when they arrived home.

Last week, one of our parents parked in the entrance road to school. This is quite clearly not a parking place and makes it dangerous for other cars and pedestrians.



## Shining Stars were awarded to:

- Hedgehogs:** Autumn Wright
- Penguins:** Imaan Moghul
- Magpies:** Elyse Morgan
- Iguanas:** Toby Hatton
- Wallabies:** Eva Chapman
- Caterpillars:** Izzy Loader
- Sharks:** Maria Mavrogenis
- Giraffes:** Jack Lincoln
- Armadillos:** Imogen Brown
- Hummingbirds:** Isabella Cleworth
- Macaws:** Darcie Hourican
- Toucans:** Charlie Morby-Stebbins
- Nightingales:** Rory Taylor
- Wombats:** Kaysey Clifton

## Attendance

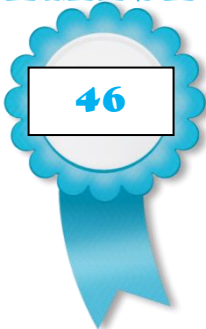
Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **96.26%**

The class with the highest attendance was:

**Caterpillars with 99.33%.**

## House Points by Mr Eardley

**DEMPSEY**



**NENE**



**MALLARD**



**FENS**



## This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

Armadillos Class Lunch Week	LUNCH WEEK	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb
	Main Course 1	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding	Wistow Sausage Roll ✓	Pepperoni Pizza ✓	PROFESSIONAL DAY
	Main Course 2 (V)	Vegetable Nuggets	Quorn Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding	Cheese Whirl ✓	Quorn & Vegetable Noodles in Sweet & Sour Sauce ✓	
	Main Course 3	Salmon Finger		Quorn Sausage Roll ✓		
	Starchy Food	Potato Wedges Dauphinoise Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes New Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes New Potatoes	Potato Smiles New Potatoes	
	Dessert 1	Chocolate Fudge Brownie ✓	Jam Roly Poly & Custard ✓	Chocolate Chip Sponge & Chocolate Sauce ✓	Lemon Crunch Pie & Custard ✓	
Dessert 2		Fruit Salad & Shortbread ✓	Fromage Frais & Sponge Finger	Chocolate Chip Cookie ✓		

## Lesson Observations

by Mr Marks

Mr Eardley and I are in the middle of completing our Spring Term Lesson Observations and recently completed one of our Learning Walks. It is an honour to visit each classroom. We have been struck by the quality of the relationships between children and staff



and children with their classmates. The lessons have been pacy and the children have to work hard to apply their knowledge and skills.

## School Nurse Drop In Session

by Mrs Nalton

The School Nurse, Lindsay Edis, will be holding Drop In Sessions on Monday 12th March from 9.15 - 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.



## Vacancies

by Mrs Orchard

We have a number of part-time positions currently available in school. Please find below details of these positions and if you have friends or family who you believe would be interested, please direct them to **our website from tomorrow** where they can find all the information they need.

### Platform One

Platform One is looking for a play worker to join their friendly team. This position will be for 3 hours per night (3pm to 6pm) for 52 weeks a year with additional hours on a timesheet basis in school holidays.

### Class Teaching Assistant

The role involves assisting the classroom teacher in the support and inclusion of children and to encourage them to become more independent. This position is for 3 hours per day (to include a 15 minute break) (8.55 to 12.10) term time only 38 weeks per year.

### Middy Supervisors x 2

We currently have two vacancies for Middy Supervisors. The hours are 12.10 to 1.20 each day working with your own class, supervising them at lunch and when they are playing outside.



## Professional Day

by Miss Tansley (English Lead)

This Friday teachers will be looking at how to Raise Attainment in Spelling, with the help of Adam Reed, from TT Education.

During the day we will think about:

- Why spelling works the way it does
- Government expectations and assessments
- What is already working at Orton Wistow
- Unpicking four key elements of spelling approaches
- Embedding and developing spelling strategies
- Looking at assessment and marking of spelling
- Building pupils' self-image as spellers



## FOWS NEWS



by Sophie Chambers

### Lottery

This week's winner of £22.50 was Michelle Scotney- congratulations! If you don't currently play and would like to be in with a chance to win a Fitbit, then please visit [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Orton Wistow Primary School. Remember that anyone can play our school lottery so spread the word to friends and family!

### The Smartie Challenge!

On Thursday last week, every child was sent home with a tube of Smarties or sweets to enjoy. We hope that they have been enthusiastically earning their twenty pence's to fill up their tubes over the weekend! Just a reminder that the tubes should be returned to your child's class teacher following half term from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We will be doing a daily count of how much each class has raised-the results of this will be tweeted and announced on Facebook each morning. Every child who returns a tube will also be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win some Easter themed treats! The three winners of this and the top class will be announced on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs Cooper has very kindly agreed to bake some goodies for our winning class to enjoy at break time!

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February-Fen Cake Sale

Our Fen cake sale will be happening on the playground TODAY! Please remember to bring your pennies after school to support our Fen families and their efforts.

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February- School Disco

Coinciding nicely with the last day of term is our school disco this Thursday. Our first disco for Foundation and Key Stage 1 children will be running from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, with our Key Stage 2 disco running from 5.45pm to 7pm. We ask that children be dropped off at the school reception entrance and collected from the rear of the main hall, as normal. We are looking forward to seeing them all there!

### Bag 2 School

All children should be receiving a Bag 2 School collection bag this Thursday to bring home. You have until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March to fill them and return to school-plenty of time for clear out! Bags may be returned to the school office at any time before this date, ordinary bin liners are also accepted should you have extra donations.

### Upcoming Spring term events

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Bag 2 School

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March- Mallard Cake Sale

If you can volunteer to help with any of our events then please let us know, every little helps and we can always do with extra pairs of hands.

## Staff Training

by Mr Marks

As you know, we are committed to developing a love of reading across the school and we are always looking for ways that we can improve this area of our curriculum.

I recently visited Eye Primary School with Miss Wyatt and Miss Tansley and we saw an interesting approach to teaching children to read. Last week two of the teachers we met came to OWPS to lead a staff meeting on reading. We look forward to telling you soon about the changes we are introducing after Easter.

## It's Time to Go Home!

by Mr Eardley

Now that the evenings are a little lighter, we have noticed that some families are hanging around on the school site after the end of the school day.



This is a gentle reminder that you should leave the site as soon as you have collected your children and we do not want the children to play on the tyres or the field. The Pirate Ship area is available if you want your children to play before heading home.

## Coming Up!

**This Week: WB 5 February**  
**Armadillos Class Lunch Week**  
 E-Safety Lessons Week

**Monday**

Year 3 / 4 Football Tournament OBA 1-3.15pm  
 Fens Cake Sale 3.15pm

**Tuesday**

National Safer Internet Day – Parent Sessions  
**1:** 9-9.45am, **2:** 2.15-3pm **3:** 6-6.45pm

**Wednesday**

Year 5 / 6 Milton Golf Club Taster Session – 9-12pm

**Thursday**

FOWS Bags 2 School being distributed  
 FOWS Disco FS / KS:1 4.30-5.30pm KS2: 5.45-7pm

**Friday**

Professional Day – Children not in school.

**Next Week: WB 12 February**  
**HALF TERM**

**In 2 Weeks: WB 19 February**

**Monday**

Football Match Away at St Michaels

**Tuesday**

Year 4 Stanwick Lakes  
 FS Pre-Screening talk 1.30pm  
 Height and Weight Checks Year 6

**Wednesday**

FS Screening Tests  
 Year 6 - 2 Can Learn 9.30 -10.30am

**Friday**

Honours Award Assembly

**In Three Weeks: WB 26 February**  
**Caterpillar Class Lunch Week**

**Thursday**

Year 1 Assembly

## Breaking News!



### Building Works

The school holidays are a great time for us to catch up on jobs. During half term, the green shutters in the school hall will be painted a deep purple/blue to fit in with the new colour scheme.

Our grey water harvesting system will also be serviced. This system filters and recycles rainwater from the Y3/4 roof to flush the toilets. Finally, our lightning protection equipment will be repaired. What a busy week!

Last week we had a full Health and Safety inspection of the school and we also had our Fire Equipment serviced.