



# Wistow Ways

Orton Wistow  
Primary School



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## Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After the false rumours that started last week about me leaving, it feels good to write a newsletter as Headteacher! I hadn't realised that 'fake news' had reached Orton Wistow.

I am delighted that so many parents have signed up to attend one of the information meetings on Wednesday. I think some parents have replied accidentally as they haven't selected a specific time. Either way, we have nearly one hundred parents joining us. I will lead the presentation, which explains why we have decided that we want to form a Multi-Academy Trust. I will also be joined by Philip Cranwell, the consultant we have employed to help us with the process.

Nene Valley and Woodston are also holding their parent meetings next week and we have a joint staff meeting as well.

Once again, we used half term to complete a few odd jobs, which included painting the shutters in the hall a striking shade of purple. I hope that we will be able to buy new curtains in the near future as the last part of the make-over project.

Best wishes,

Simon Eardley - Headteacher

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### This week's Assembly Theme:

Mr Marks led this morning's assembly and he launched our Growth Mindset week.

# Monty

by Mr Marks

This week's Monty's Mealtime Marvels are:

- Riley Dean
- Michael Williamson
- Tess Atkin
- Phoebe Beckett

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



# Mothers' Day Lunches

by Mr Eardley

We have been inundated with bookings for this year's Mothers' Day lunches in a couple of weeks' time.

Over the two weeks, we will welcome 207 mums to join us for lunch. We think that this is probably our highest number yet and a great reflection of how wonderful our meals are.



# Shining Stars were awarded to:

# Attendance

- Hedgehogs:** Daisy Wright
- Penguins:** James McEwan
- Magpies:** Halima Oliver
- Iguanas:** Paige Toyne-Gray
- Wallabies:** Momina Moghul
- Caterpillars:** William O'Callaghan
- Sharks:** Charlie Marriott
- Giraffes:** Holly Billington
- Armadillos:** Keira Buchanan
- Hummingbirds:** Ilona Steenkamp
- Macaws:** Luca Borgognoni
- Toucans:** Finlay Kean
- Nightingales:** Mya Fitzgerald
- Wombats:** Jimmy Saidler

Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **97.33%**

The class with the highest attendance was:

**Nightingales and Wombats with 100%.**

# House Points by Mr Eardley

**DEMPSEY**

**NENE**

**MALLARD**

**FENS**



# This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

Caterpillars Lunch week

CATERPILLAR'S CLASS LUNCH WEEK	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Feel Good Thursday	Basket Meal
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Main Course 1	Sticky Chicken Drummers ✓	Mini Sausage & Bacon & Yorkshire Pudding	Southern Fried Chicken	Beef Cottage Pie ✓	Hot Dog in a Bun
Main Course 2 (V)	Margarita Pizza ✓	Quorn Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Macaroni Cheese ✓	Quorn Cottage Pie ✓	Quorn Dog in a Bun
Main Course 3		Fish Pie		Jumbo Fish Finger	
Starchy Food	Rice Hash Brown Nuggets	Roast Potatoes New Potatoes	New Potatoes Jacket Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes Potato Wedges	Oven Chips
Dessert 1	Fudge Tart & Chocolate Sauce ✓	Seasonal Fruit Muffin ✓	Cornflake Tart & Custard ✓	Cherry Bakewell & Custard ✓	Assorted Ice Cream Tub
Dessert 2	Melting Moment ✓	Fruit Salad & Shortbread ✓	Iced Bun ✓	Carrot Cake ✓	Chocolate & Orange Marble Cake ✓

## Outside Paint

by Mrs Matthewman



Platform One are planning to update their outside area as soon as the weather allows and they would be very grateful for any spare outside paint anyone could donate to them - the prettier or brighter the better!! Even a tiny bit in a tin can be put to good use! Please bring any donations either directly to P1 or to the School Office.

Many thanks in advance!

## 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.



## Parents Consultations

by Mr Marks

This term's Parent Consultations take place on **Tuesday 13th March** (3.30 – 7.30pm) and **Thursday 15th March** (3.30 – 6.00pm).

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 12th March).

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 and 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.

Our Parent Consultations are slick and we know of other schools who have copied our system. It works well because we keep to the ten-minute time slots. If you arrive late, I am afraid you will have less time with your child's teacher. 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 so far this year. 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 will be booked through Parent Mail and went live on Friday **23rd February**.

Appointments are booked on a first come, first served basis. Don't forget to book!

# FOWS News!



by Sophie Chambers

## Lottery

This week's winner of £21.00 was Toni Ross-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!

## Bag 2 School

Bag2school bags are due to be coming home with the children this week so watch out for them in those school bags! Our collection date is booked for Thursday March 15th however, bags can be returned at any point to the school office.

## The Smartie Challenge!

We are very pleased to report that our Smartie challenge made a profit of £853!!

What a fantastic response from the children and families at OWPS, thank you all so much. We were blown away by not only the amount raised but by the enthusiasm of the children that took part. The Magpies will be receiving the tray of chocolate brownies, courtesy of Mrs Cooper, after they raised a total of £115.40 making them the highest earning class-we'll done to them! This morning Mrs Orchard drew our three raffle winners and we are pleased to report that they are Belle Fisher, Luke Scotney and William Ray. These children will have their prizes waiting at the school office at the end of today, ready for collection.

Mr Marks will be announcing all these winners during this morning's assembly and also giving the children a huge well done from us all.

## Upcoming Spring term events

Thursday 15th March- Bag 2 School collection

Monday 19th March- Mallard Cake Sale

Friday April 27th-Ladies Pamper Night-more details coming soon!

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.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
Magpies	£ 23.05	£ 20.00	£ 3.00	£ 14.20	£ 55.15	£ 115.40
Wallabies		£ 4.60	£ 14.40	£ 15.10	£ 68.84	£ 102.94
Caterpillars			£ 39.60	£ 22.60	£ 32.20	£ 94.40
Sharks	£ 9.40	£ 35.00	£ 2.40		£ 44.85	£ 91.65
Iguanas	£ 5.16	£ 11.60	£ 6.80	£ 28.70	£ 34.24	£ 86.50
Penguins	£ 3.80	£ 7.00	£ 10.00	£ 16.00	£ 47.60	£ 84.40
Armadillos	£ 8.00		£ 9.80	£ 26.60	£ 35.35	£ 79.75
Macaws	£ 3.80				£ 53.50	£ 57.30
Hedgehogs			£ 4.20	£ 17.40	£ 35.36	£ 56.96
Giraffes			£ 6.20	£ 15.64	£ 32.70	£ 54.54
Hummingbirds	£ 1.40	£ 7.00		£ 22.70	£ 20.60	£ 51.70
Toucans		£ 4.00	£ 14.20	£ 5.20	£ 27.80	£ 51.20
Wombats		£ 6.80	£ 20.60	£ 1.80	£ 16.70	£ 45.90
Nightingales				£ 12.60	£ 20.80	£ 33.40
Daily total	£ 54.61	£ 96.00	£ 131.20	£ 198.54	£ 525.69	
					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,006.04</b>

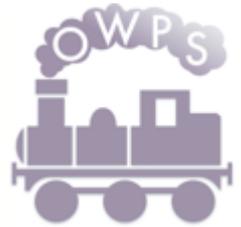
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PROFIT **£853.04**

# Growth Mindset

by Mr Marks

In school this week we are having a focus on 'Growth Mindset' and the children will be taking part in a number of activities, lessons and assemblies with this focus. Below is a quick guide for parents written by Mrs Granville.



## Growth Mindset- Orton Wistow's Guide for Parents/ Carers.

Hopefully you will have heard your child come home and talk about having a 'growth mindset.' We have been helping children to 'grow their minds' through our Learning Toolkit, which we introduced last year, and through assemblies and class activities. We have produced this short guide to help you understand what this means and how you can help your child to continue this at home.

### What is 'growth mindset?'

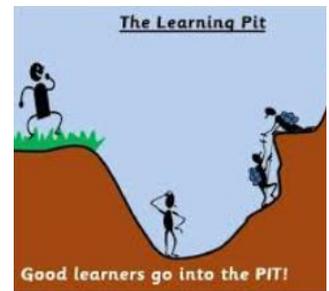
Growth Mindset is an idea based on the work of world- renowned Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck. In her years of research, she identified two types of mindset- fixed and growth. In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities (for example talent or intelligence) are fixed and that they cannot change them. They do not attempt to improve their qualities. In a growth mindset, people believe that with hard work and determination they can improve (or 'grow') their basic qualities. This in turn develops their resilience and develops a love of learning.

### What does a child with a growth mindset typically 'look' like?

Children with a growth mindset believe the sky is the limit! They embrace new challenges and experiences, recognising that the path to accomplishing these will not be straightforward, and that the difficulties they face will make them better learners. They do not have a pre-limiting view of their own intelligence, believing that with the right approaches and determination, anything can be achieved. They see being in the Learning Pit as a step on their journey to success. This group has a positive, 'can do,' and determined attitude. Children with a growth mindset will often use phrases such as 'I can't do it ... yet,' and 'that didn't work, so I will try a different approach.'

### **What's the 'Learning Pit?'**

The Learning Pit was created by James Nottingham and is used around the world to promote challenge, dialogue and a growth mindset. The basic idea is that children learn through being challenged and being 'in the pit' and that by trying out different approaches to their learning, they will become more resilient learners and develop a growth mindset.



To give you an idea of what being in the Learning Pit means, here's an analogy. When a child has the stabilisers taken off their bike, they imagine they will be able to jump on and pedal speedily off into the distance! The reality is that many will fall off (several times!) and that it will take multiple attempts and lots of perseverance before they can do this. This falling off and having to keep working to achieve something is what it means to be in the 'Learning Pit.'

### **How can you help your child?**

There are many ways to help your child 'grow their mind' outside of school. Here are a few suggestions- why not try some out!

When talking to your child about school use phrases such as 'What did you learn today?' rather than 'What did you do?' This encourages (and challenges!) children to explain their learning.

When praising children's achievements, praise the effort rather than the outcome. So for example, "well done you've worked really hard on that," rather than 'you are clever at maths.' Talk to children about the idea of growing their minds. Maybe you could share an example of this from your own experience, or talk about famous people who have a growth mindset.

In their activities and play, encourage children to challenge themselves and take (safe) risks. Maybe try out a new activity or challenge together and talk about how you felt completing it.



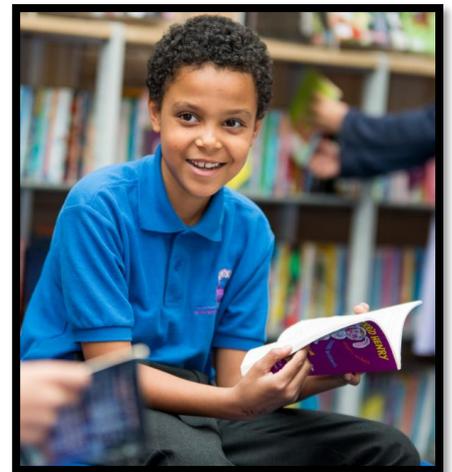
## Year 6 Polo Shirts

by Mr Eardley

Despite the Siberian winds this weekend, I have reminded myself that summer is around the corner and our Year 6 children may feel that they do not want to wear their purple sweatshirt on a hot day.

With this in mind, I have asked Total Clothing to introduce a purple polo shirt – **FOR YEAR 6 ONLY**.

The shirt is very reasonably priced and I think that it will complement the purple sweatshirt. We all feel that Year 6 look great in their purple sweatshirts. This also means that the polo shirts will be available for Year 5 parents to buy in time for their child to join Year 6 in September.



## Honours Award Assembly

by Mr Eardley

The following children received an Honours Award on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018:

- Archie Pywell
- Joseph Barratt
- Zoe Gluzsko
- Lexi Newson
- Millicent Robinson
- George Dalton
- Nathan Hadfield
- Daniel Hall
- Jacob Mehmed
- Alfie Evans
- Damien Howard
- Francesca Di Canio
- Chelsey Dean
- Lewis Barrie
- Sophie Timson – (For Responsibility from 19<sup>th</sup> January)



The wording on the certificate was:

For showing great perseverance. You keep going, no matter what!! Well done!

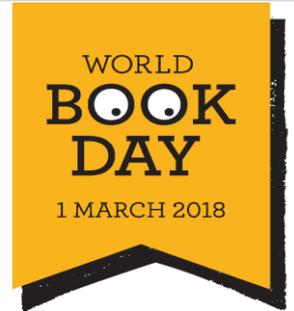
# World Book Day

by Miss Tansley

World Book Day is this Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> March) and each child at OWPS will receive their official Book Token to bring home on the day.

Tokens can be redeemed at a range of stores such as; Waterstones, Tesco, WHSmith and smaller book stores like The Oundle Bookshop and Walkers Bookshop Ltd, in Stamford.

Could you find the time to #shareastory to celebrate this #WorldBookDay?



## Books, Books and More Books!

by Miss Tansley



Due to the success of the Scholastic Book Stand at our last Parents Evening, where a range of books could be purchased from as little as £2.50 – our school representative will be attending both of the upcoming Parents Evenings on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

A selection of books will be available to purchase, with every purchase giving a percentage of the sales back to OWPS to spend on more books for the school. Thank you for your continued support and please remember you can also purchase from:

<https://book-parties.scholastic.co.uk/party/owps>

## Coming Up!

**This Week: WB 26 February**

**Caterpillar Class Lunch Week**

**Wednesday**

Parent MAT meeting 2pm and 6pm

**Thursday**

Year 1 Assembly

FS Screening selected children

**Next Week: WB 5 March**

**Mother's Day Lunch Week**

**Monday**

OBA Multi- Skills -Wallabies only 1-3.15pm

**Tuesday**

Home Football Match versus Woodston

**Thursday**

Year 3 Bug Man visit

**In 2 Weeks: WB 12 March**

**Mother's Day Lunch Week**

**Monday**

School Nurse Drop In - 9.15-12pm

Year 5 / 6 Football Teams to OBA -1-3.15pm

**Tuesday**

Long Parents Evening - 3.30-7.30pm

Bags 2 School Collection

**Thursday**

Short Parents Evening - 3.30-6pm

**In Three Weeks: WB 19 March**

**Sports Relief and Macaws Class Lunch Week**

**Monday**

FOWS Mallard Cake Sale

**Wednesday – Friday**

Burwell House Residential

## News



Parking by Mr Eardley



Another week, another example of inconsiderate parking. I have been told that things have been getting worse in Five Arches and this picture of a car parked across the path is a good example of how some parents are making things difficult for others. It would be impossible to get a pram past this car.

Out of courtesy, I have obscured the number plate.