



Wistow Ways

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Primary School



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the school year can feel like a series of items on a checklist!

- Year 6 Production
- Final Honours Award
- Leaver's Lunches
- Reports out
- Disco



In reality, it is a very long list and as always, I am immensely proud of the effort and determination of my staff to find the energy to make sure everything goes smoothly. Special thanks must go to the Year 6 staff who have the most to do at this time of year.

As you will see in the next few pages, we have had a very successful year. Our Year 6 children have been a delight for the last seven years and have achieved a monumental set of SAT results. We wish them every success at secondary school.

You will be sent a copy of next year's calendar before the end of this week and an invite to the Curriculum Evening in September. We strike whilst the iron is hot and want 2018/19 to be as good, if not better than this year!

I wish you all a happy, restful summer. Goodbye to the families who are leaving us and 'See you in September' for everyone else!

Best wishes,
Simon Eardley, Headteacher

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This week's Assembly Theme:

We have had an End of Years Honours Award assembly this week as well as a Leavers' assembly.

House Points The Final Result by Mr Eardley



Dempsey
1534



Nene
1536



Mallard
1408



Fens
1530

Attendance

by Mrs Russell

Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **97.38%**

The classes with the highest attendance with 100% were:

- **Magpies**
- **Penguins**

PRIDE AWARD Nominations

by Mr Eardley

Each year, the Year 6 teachers nominate four children who they believe have exemplified our PRIDE Code in their time at the school. These children are then the nominees for the PRIDE Award. Every member of staff then has the opportunity to vote for who they think should win.

This year's winner is Nathanael Ngwira and this is what was written about him:

Choosing Nathanael as one of our nominees for this award was a very easy decision. Nathanael exemplifies The PRIDE code in everything he does at OWPS and is a great role model for the rest of the school. You can always rely on Nathanael to come to school with a great big smile on his face and this is always very infectious with his witty sense of humour and bubbly personality.

Nathanael throws himself into everything in school life with a boundless enthusiasm and he has worked very hard particularly this year to develop his resilience so that even when he finds something challenging, he finds a way to achieve what he has set out to do. For example, in the DT project this year, although things didn't quite go the way Nathanael had planned, he didn't get despondent and worked through the problem to find a solution. This positive attitude has helped him to become very well-liked and highly respected by all his classmates.

Nathanael has been an excellent ambassador for the school over the years in different roles. He has played for the football team this year and demonstrates excellent sportsmanship whenever he is playing against other teams. He has also proved himself to be an excellent team player - listening to others and taking on feedback, communicating well with others in his team and never becoming downhearted if the team have not won. As part of the Eco Warriors, Nathanael also represented the school during the Eco awards. He spoke confidently and eloquently to the judges, explaining our code and making references to how the school had achieved all the areas. Nathanael threw himself into all the tasks with interest, even with some of the less exciting jobs!

Nathanael shows himself to be a very kind and caring boy. He has a truly selfless nature who will go out of his way to help younger members of the school if they need it. Nathanael is a justly deserving recipient of a nomination for this award.

Our other nominees were:

Karla Schneider:

Karla has been a brilliant example of all elements of the PRIDE code throughout her time at Orton Wistow. She is reliable, polite, kind and her behaviour is always exemplary. The combination of all of these attributes as well as her excellent sense of humour has helped to make Karla a very popular member of our class who is respected by everyone.

She is a bright and talented girl who shows she has a growth mindset by always trying her best to make the most of her considerable potential. She always wants to learn and improve and push herself onto the next challenge and she perseveres until she's mastered it. She throws herself into every area of the curriculum and wider school life with the same 'have-a-go' attitude. She was a super member of our school football team, always trying her best and never afraid to get stuck in. She has shown a superb attitude to our production so far, working hard to learn her lines and showing the confidence to act in front of her friends.

Karla's kind nature, positive attitude and willingness to always try her hardest and to want to improve all make her a very deserving nominee for this award.

Chelsey Dean:

Chelsey's attitude to school life is what singles her out as a nominee for this award. Though she has sometimes struggled in some lessons she has always shown all the elements of the PRIDE code and the learning toolkit throughout her time at Wistow.

She always tries her best and shows fantastic resilience and perseverance if she doesn't manage to master something first time around. She never gives up and keeps on working hard. She has a fantastic dry sense of humour which she uses to help her to maintain a positive attitude if she's finding something difficult. She sometimes pretends to be reluctant to do her work but always does this with a twinkle in her eye and she is always quick to get her head down and to start concentrating and working with a fantastic determination. The combination of her willingness to work hard as well as her good sense of humour also make her a very good team player who gets on well with whoever she is working with. She is a kind, cheerful girl who is very well liked and respected by all.

In summary, Chelsey's determination never to give up, to always try her hardest and to always be kind, positive and wear a smile on her face make her a very worthy recipient of this nomination.

Olly Unwin:

Olly embodies the PRIDE code in all that he does – always kind, diligent and someone who can be trusted to do the right thing, without exception. Olly is a polite and friendly pupil who relates well to both peers and adults alike and will always support other members of the school.

Olly is a very fair person and shows care and consideration towards others; whether they are his close friends or in different year groups – he has been an excellent House Captain and is an excellent role model to everyone he meets in school. He has a true love of learning and always take every opportunity to embrace new learning experiences and relishes a challenge. Olly always demonstrates the same level of enthusiasm, commitment and determination to do the very best that he can and remains consistently focused on improving his work and producing it to the highest standard possible. He is never deterred by setbacks and understands that it is only by making mistakes that lessons can be learned – definitely demonstrating a 'growth mindset'.

Olly has demonstrated that he can be an excellent ambassador for the school. As part of the school's football team, Olly has shown that he can be trusted to be a fair player, who will always support and encourage others in the team. He also demonstrated responsibility when he was chosen to accompany Mrs. McIntosh when visiting the hospital to represent the school. Olly showed that he could speak articulately, about what the school had been doing.

Throughout his time in Year 6, Olly has demonstrated all the learning tools. When working in groups, he knows what part he has to play and will always allow others to have their moment and ensures everyone's voice is heard. He demonstrates responsibility both as a learner in the classroom but also within the wider school community, where he has made a great contribution as the Sports ambassador, happily giving his time over, at lunch or break to assist staff with setting up equipment ready for their lessons and supporting Mr Marks.

It is this that makes Olly a well-deserved candidate for our PRIDE award.

Results

by Mr Marks

We set challenging, aspirational targets for our KS1 and 2 children and once again, our children have done very well in their SATs. (T = target, R = result)

KS1

	Reading				Writing				Maths				RWM Combined			
	Expected		Greater Depth		Expected		Greater Depth		Expected		Greater Depth		Expected		Greater Depth	
	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R
All (59)	78	80	22	20	77	75	15	14	78	75	23	22	67	66	10	10
Boys (22)	91	82	22	14	78	73	13	5	87	86	30	36	74	68	4	5
Girls (37)	70	78	22	24	76	76	16	19	73	68	19	14	62	65	14	14

KS2

	Reading				Writing				Maths				RWM Combined			
	Expected		Greater Depth		Expected		Greater Depth		Expected		Greater Depth		Expected		Greater Depth	
	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R
All	89	89	30	40	85	89	25	20	87	87	25	16	80	82	20	13
	Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth
Boys	89	42	89	5	89	11	89	5	89	11	89	5	89	5	89	5
Girls	88	38	88	31	85	19	85	19	85	19	77	19	77	19	77	19

Our Year 6 children did particularly well in comparison to National results, which were:

	Reading		Writing		Maths		RWM Combined	
	Nat	OWPS	Nat	OWPS	Nat	OWPS	Nat	OWPS
All	75	89	78	89	76	87	64	82

Well done to all of our children for their hard work!

House Captain Elections

by Mr Eardley

In addition to the candidates I told you about last week, Katie Hamill also stood. Unfortunately, she was missed off the list by accident but this was rectified by the time to vote.

It was a hard fought election and all of the candidates should feel proud that they were brave enough to put themselves forward in the first place and that they were able to stand in front of their House to tell them why they were a strong candidate.

The successful candidates were:

Dempsey	Nene	Mallard	Fens
Bella Farrell Samuel Jinks	Thomas Hurst Darcie Hourican	Cole Bowtell Finlay Kean	Jessica Mears Samuel Giffen



Well done to all of our winners. We look forward to seeing them blossom in their new roles in the coming year.

Year 5/6 'Mini Athletics Competition'

by Mr Marks

Last week the children in Years Five and Six took part in a mini athletics competition on the school field. This was a new event in the school calendar and the aim was for the older children in these year groups to experience a competitive sporting event more in line with Orton Sports (A track and field event against other primary schools). All the children were split into four equally balanced teams and took part in trials. Those that performed best were selected for the events. We made it clear to the children that they would not all be selected for these events and if disappointed it was a good opportunity for them to think about the learning toolkit, practise and try hard at the next opportunity.

We were really pleased with how the morning went and we plan to do the same next year. We have also thought hard about how it could be improved and have already discussed possible changes to the trials and the event itself.

Below are the winners from each event and their times/distances. We will keep these records with the aim of giving children in future years the chance to beat them.

	Boy	Girl
Long Jump	Lewis Barrie 3.06m	Grace Lincoln 2.40m
Triple Jump	Jenson Lee 7.85m	Evie Hammond 6.25m
Tennis ball throw	Aden Edwards 30.06m	Phoebe Lloyd 19.67m
Javelin	Nathan Shaw 17.6m	Libby Attwood 10.3m
Sprint (40m)	Luigi Avolio 6.43secs	Grace Lincoln 6.37secs
Long distance (1.2km)	Jack Bull 4mins 22secs	Phoebe Stevens-Wood 5mins 2secs
Relay (4 x 120m)	Jenson Lee Olly Unwin Riley Beckett George Webb 1min 21secs	Bella Farrell Phoebe Lloyd Sophia Borgognoni Tare-Anna Holmes 1min 25secs

Parent Questionnaires

by Mr Eardley

Thank you to the 186 parents who completed the last questionnaire of the year. I have added the latest results to the table below, which shows you the results for the whole year.

Ofsted		Positive Response	Change on Previous Year	Don't know	Negative Response
✓	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	94%	Up 7%	1%	5%
	Staff explain how I can help my child at home.	90%	Down 1%	1%	7%
	The arrangements for my child to settle in when he or she started school were good.	94%	Down 1%	5%*	2%
	The school positively promotes the wearing of school uniform/colours.	99%	Same	0%	1%
	Good attendance and punctuality are promoted.	100%	Same	0%	0%
✓	My child is happy at this school	96%	Down 2%	1%	4%
✓	My child feels safe at this school	98%	Same	1%	1%
✓	My child is well looked after at this school	97%	Down 3%	1%	1%
✓	This school ensures the pupils are well behaved	98%	Down 1%	1%	2%
✓	This school deals effectively with bullying	74%	Down 7%	21%**	4%
✓	My child makes good progress at this school	98%	Down 1%	0%	2%
✓	My child is taught well at this school	99%	Same	0%	1%
✓	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	95%	Down 4%	0%	5%
	Each and every child is valued as an individual.	98%	Up 2%	1%	1%
	Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent.	99%	Down 1%	0%	1%
	Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best.	100%	Same	0%	0%
	There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable.	98%	Down 1%	1%	1%
✓	This school is well led and managed	98%	Down 1%	1%	2%
✓	This school responds well to any concern I raise	92%	Down 1%	4%***	4%
✓	I would recommend this school to another parent	99%	Same	0%	1%
	The school communicates well with parents.	95%	Down 4%	0%	5%

* There are a high percentage who said they do not know for 'The arrangements for my child to settle in when he or she started school were good'. If you remove these, 99% of parents chose a positive statement.

** A higher percentage of parents has said 'Don't Know' for 'This school deals effectively with bullying.' If you remove these, 97% of parents chose a positive statement.

*** A higher percentage of parents has said 'Don't Know' for 'This school responds well to any concern I raise.' If you remove these, on the assumption that these parents have not had a concern to raise, 96% of parents chose a positive statement.

Colour Key

90% to 95%	95% and above
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As you can see, these are a great set of results. When 'Don't Knows' are removed from the bullying question, all of the 21 questions score over 90% and 17 of them score over 95%. I believe that this would be considered a very positive outcome in any questionnaire.

Most of the comments that were made were lovely and heart-warming, but it would be untrue to say that all of the comments were positive. There were a handful of negative comments from approximately five parents. I wouldn't ever want to be accused of only trumpeting the school's success and want all parents to know that we read and consider their comments. Although the questionnaire included this wonderful comment;

'OWPS is amazing - period. My daughter loves it and everything about it. She's had 5 years there now and adored each and every one of her teachers, and TA's. Platform One has been every bit as good. I cannot wait for Year 5 and the stories of her learning that she will talk about endlessly after school. Keep up the awesome work.'

We also received this comment:

Feel the school is more concerned with its reputation rather than the welfare of the students. Concerns raised were not addressed and rather excuses made and then swept under the carpet. In addition, if the school cannot fund processes set out in its anti-bullying policy then the policy should be re written. I would also like to add the school meals appear smaller this year than last year.

The first comment fits in with what we believe we are about as a school, whereas the second describes a school we do not recognise. On three occasions, I have approached the parent who wrote the second comment and invited them in to talk about why they feel the way they do, but these invites have been declined.

I am conscious that very few parents ever make an appointment to see Mr Marks or me during the year to let us know if they are unhappy with an element of the school's work. We will always try to resolve any parental concerns the best we can, even if it is not always possible to give every parent what he or she wants.

I am also mindful that we have seen a slight decrease in most of the questions. Common sense tells me that a fluctuation of 1-2% is not significant, but if you knew me well, as my staff do, you would know that I will stew on the small minority of negative responses before looking at the bigger picture. I need to take a bit of time to digest how we get things so right for so many parents, and yet a few parents are unhappy with what we offer.

Before I decide what to do, I want to reiterate what I have said repeatedly – you can always make an appointment to see your child's teacher, a Team Leader, Mr Marks or me. Do not wait until a questionnaire comes out to let us know that you are unhappy. Equally, you can always let us know when you are pleased! 😊

Honours Award on Monday 16th July 2018

by Mrs Russell

The following children received an End of Year Honours Award on Monday 16th July 2018:

Hedgehogs	Florence Morris Amelia Silcock
Penguins	Jaiden White Elijah Mabbutt
Magpies	Brandon White Yusra Ismail
Iguanas	Leo Elliott Lyla Friend
Wallabies	William Dalton Eden Behenna-Benton
Caterpillars	Reeha Mahmood Chelsey Gosnold
Sharks	Riley Hinge Kitty Simpson
Giraffes	Ziba Salehi Lukas Schneider
Armadillos	Kyle Newson Cameron White
Hummingbirds	Rishi Ghosh Ellie Hughes
Macaws	Thomas Hurst Maisie Bartoszyk
Toucans	Isabella Farrell Kieran Leaves
Nightingales	Jack Bull Grace Lincoln
Wombats	Samantha Alton Anika Jain



The award wording was 'Congratulations! You have been chosen as the End of School Year Award Winner for your commitment, hard work and enthusiasm'.

Sponsor Money

by Mr Marks

I am pleased to announce that the final total for this year's sponsor event was:

This is a great result and we are grateful to everyone who collected and sent in his or her sponsor money.

The Penguins Class did especially well with a grand total of £365.81!

It is noticeable that our younger children brought in more money than our older children did. We wonder whether our older children feel that they will not benefit from the fundraising. It would be a shame if this were the case.

We have decided that it is time to change the way we organise sponsor events. Next year's sponsored event will be on Friday 9 November and each team will raise money for their own projects. That way, the team who raise the most will benefit the most from their efforts.

World Cup Penalty Shoot Out	
Hedgehogs	£183.88
Penguins	£365.81
Magpies	£277.50
Iguanas	£238.80
Wallabies	£211.20
Caterpillars	£302.50
Sharks	£190.54
Giraffes	£177.00
Armadillos	£243.40
Hummingbirds	£76.90
Macaws	£93.70
Toucans	£141.90
Nightingales	£27.50
Wombats	£107.50

Total	£2,638.13
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FOWS

by Sophie Chambers

We made it!! Thank you to everyone who has participated in any of our events this academic year, we are very pleased to have raised a fantastic **£11,848!** Prior to the Summer Fete we agreed to give £6,000 to school to enable them to complete the final stage of their Chrome Book project. The success of the Fete, Disco and Ice Cream Fridays will now enable us to do this, meaning that next year there will a Chrome Book available for every pair of children from Year One right through to Year Six.



Aside from the money we have donated for the Chrome Books this year, the school library has benefitted from £1,000 worth of new books and a further £1,000 was donated for e books. We have also been able to purchase a book bag for every new Foundation Stage child starting school in September 2018 and provide almost 400 crackers for the school Christmas Lunch! Last night our Year Six children enjoyed an evening at Laser Force as a final leaving treat from us.

We are so pleased to have been able to support the school this year to improve their equipment and resources to enhance our children's education and school life experience. None of the fund raising that we do would be possible without our small but dedicated group of parents who volunteer to help run events and of course to all of you families who participate in them! We are so incredibly grateful to you all, thank you.

As always, we are very grateful for any extra help from parents and welcome new faces to meetings and to volunteer with events. If you would like to be more involved from September then please do let the school office know, who will gladly help you to get in touch. Details about all of our events can be found on our Facebook page (Friends Of Orton Wistow School) and also on Twitter (@OWPSfows) so please give us a like and a follow over the summer ready for next year!

Coming Up!

This Week: WB 16 July

Monday

Honours Award Assembly 9am

Tuesday

Year 6 Stanwick Lakes Trip

Wednesday

Leavers Assembly - 9am

Thursday

Term ends

Friday

Professional Day

Next Week: WB 25 July

Summer Holidays

Professional Day

Monday 3rd September

Back to School

Tuesday 4th September

Wednesday 5th September

New FS Parents Evening

News



Library Books

by Miss Tansley

With the school year coming to an end, could I please request that all library books, your child may still have, be returned to school, before the last day of term.

By collecting all books back in, we have the opportunity to analyse our resources and replenish the library where necessary.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

