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**Orton Wistow
Primary School**

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has definitely been a change in the air in the last week and it feels as though autumn is here to stay. Autumn is my favourite season and I always feel that Orton Wistow looks stunning at this time of year, especially Wistow Way. We will do our best to use the field for as long as possible and we still go outdoors on days when it is a bit wet and blustery so it is important that your children have a jumper and possibly a coat as we go through this term.

I start each new school year with a clear list of things that I think we can do better. As well as our Love of Reading drive, I have been keen to see the dining room experience improve and teaching staff have been kind enough to pop in during their lunch break.

I have been shocked by the number of children who struggle to use a knife and fork, even some KS2 children. Many children don't attempt to use a knife at all and last week I saw a child eating their main course with a spoon! We remind the children to use a knife and fork correctly and hope that this is also reinforced at home. We also encourage children to eat the food they are given and to not waste food. Thankfully, most of the children clear their plates every day!

Our project to form the OWN Academy Trust is gathering momentum. We have been in contact with a Trust in London who have been established for three years and their advice has been very useful. We have also appointed solicitors who will support us through the legal process of setting up the MAT. At the moment, we are still hoping for a March 1st 2019 conversion date.

Best wishes,

Simon Eardley - Headteacher

This week's Assembly Theme:

In today's assembly we learnt about helping others.

I told the children the story of the Good Samaritan and then we learnt about the work of our local soup kitchen and Foodbank.

Reading

Our expectation is that every child reads a minimum of five times per week.
Last week's results were:

Class	%	Change
Penguins	63%	
Magpies	50%	
Elephants	73%	Up 16%
Iguanas	57%	Up 14%
Giraffes	67%	Up 17%
Caterpillars	50%	Up 10%
Macaws	48%	Down 11%
Armadillos	83%	Up 20%
Flamingoes	37%	Up 6%
Hérons 	90%	Up 23%
Sharks	73%	Up 16%
Cobras	67%	Up 10%
Nightingales	7%	Down 28%*
Wombats	13%	Down 28%*
School	55%	Up 3%

***Some Y6 children were on a residential trip from Wed -Fri.**

I am really pleased that we are continuing to see an increase in the number of children who are reading 5 times a week. I can appreciate that this is probably looking like it's become an obsession, but I prefer to think of it as a mission, one that we aren't doing for the school, we're doing for your children.

Now that we have results for one month I can see that there are children in every class who haven't managed to read 5 times a week at all this term. I don't believe in springing surprises at parent consultations so will be contacting these families this week. We need everyone to be on board if we are going to be a school where everyone reads to an adult at home regularly.

Attendance

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

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



- Elephants
- Magpies
- Wombats

Shining Stars



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

- Penguins:** Flora Witt
- Magpies:** Millie Warren
- Elephants:** Joseph Barratt
- Iguanas:** Edward Mutendi
- Giraffes:** Millie Cox

- Caterpillars:** Bianca Al-Samirraie
- Macaws:** Momina Moghul
- Armadillos:** Elsie Johnson Paul
- Flamingoes:** Madison McKie
- Hérons:** Imogen Mabbutt
- Sharks:** Emily- Rose Cunnington
- Cobras:** Leila Riviere
- Nightingales:** No Shining Star
- Wombats:** No Shining Star

House Points by Mr Eardley

Dempsey
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Mallard
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Nene
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Fens
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This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

Heron Class Lunch week

HERONS CLASS LUNCH WEEK	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Feel Good Thursday	Basket Meal
	W/C Monday 8 th Oct	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course 1	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding	Wistow Sausage Roll ✓	Chicken Korma ✓	Hot Dog
Main Course 2 (V)	Vegetable Nuggets	Quorn Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Sausage Roll ✓	Margarita Pizza ✓	Quorn Dog
Main Course 3	Salmon Finger (Gluten Free)				Fish Finger in a Bun
Starchy Food	Potato Wedges Dauphinoise Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes New Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes New Potatoes	Potato Smiles Rice	Oven Chips
Dessert 1	Chocolate Fudge Brownie ✓	Iced Sponge & Pink Sauce ✓	Donuts, Jam or Ring	Fruit Cheesecake ✓	Gingerbread Man
Dessert 2		Fruit Salad & Shortbread ✓	Angel Delight	Chocolate Chip Cookie ✓	Ice Cream Cone

School Nurse Drop In Sessions

by Mrs Nalton



The School Nurse, Clare, will be holding Drop In Sessions on Friday 12th October from 9 - 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.

Census

by Mr Eardley

Thank you very much to every child who had a school dinner last Thursday, which was Census day.

Every meal FS/KS1 meal taken helps us to secure funding for the following year.



We are very grateful, thank you very much.

Year 2 – Great Fire of London Experience Day

by Miss Cameron

On Tuesday 2nd October, the Caterpillars and the Giraffes were no longer six year olds from the 21st century, as they were taken back in a magical experience day to London, 1666. The children all looked the part in their fantastic outfits, some of which were handmade (bravo!).



We were lucky enough to be visited by 'Mistress Victoria' from History Off the Page, which are a company that specialise in transforming schools into places from the past. The children were immersed in the lives of people from 17th century London and had a busy morning taking part in activities typical of this time such as: candle making, weaving, making ink and bread, button making and creating perfume bags. We also used role play to put out the fire, take cover, amputate injured limbs and catch pesky rats.

In the afternoon the children became archaeologists, working in teams with an adult to gently remove soil in order to discover hidden objects. The children then had to work out what part of the town from earlier in the day they had unearthed, for example, a candle makers.

Mrs Granville and I would just like to say a massive thank you again to all of our fabulous parent helpers who came along to our experience day. It truly would not have been possible without you all there. Victoria specifically mentioned that you were the most helpful group of parents she has ever worked with.



Trip to Museum	Twitter
<p>by Mrs Fidgett</p> <p>Year 4's trip on Monday 1st October was a great reminder of what a wonderful resource we have right on our doorstep at the Peterborough Museum.</p> <p>The Vivacity team tailored our whole day around our learning about the Anglo Saxons.</p> <p>We went on a trail around the treasures exhibition area of the museum, made Anglo Saxon inspired jewellery and had the chance to handle real and replica artefacts as part of a grave digging task.</p> <p>The day really helped to bring our history topic alive!</p>	<p>by Mrs Fidgett</p> <p>Twitter provides a great platform for us to share your child's learning in class. Teachers strive to update their class twitter account regularly. If you are not yet following your class please do!</p> <p>Foundation Stage- @OWPS_fs</p> <p>Elephants- @OWPSelephants</p> <p>Iguanas- @OWPSiguanas</p> <p>Caterpillars- @OWPScaterpillar</p> <p>Giraffes- @OWPSgiraffes</p> <p>Macaws- @OWPSmacaws</p> <p>Armadillos- @OWPSarmadillos</p> <p>Flamingoes- @OWPSflamingoes</p> <p>Hérons- @OWPSheron</p> <p>Sharks- @OWPS_sharks</p> <p>Cobras- @OWPScobras</p> <p>Nightingales- @OWPSnightingale</p> <p>Wombats- @OWPSwombats</p> 

Year 4 Home-Time Arrangements

by Mrs Fidgett

At all stages at OWPS, we seek to encourage children to be independent learners, from the very moment they enter the building to the very point they leave. As Year 4 begin to edge further to the top end of the Primary phase, we feel it no longer necessary to see each individual to their adult at hometime and trust Year 4 can see themselves out onto the playground.

The arrangements for Year 4 therefore are as follows:

- Children attending Platform 1 or collecting a bike or scooter may leave from the Year 4 cloakroom doors and onto the Year 5/6 playground.
- All other children will lead out onto the big playground (KS1, Year 3 and 5 side).
- Class teachers will accompany children onto the big playground and will be available if you wish to see them.
- Year 4 have been told that if they cannot find the adult collecting them that they are to return to their class teacher. They must not enter the pirate ship play area without an adult.

FOWS

by Sophie Chambers

Upcoming events

Thursday 11th October – New Parents Evening

Friday 12th October – Donation Friday (T-shirts for Gifts/toiletries)

Monday 15th October – Dempsey Cake Sale

Thursday 18th October – School Disco



School Lottery

Congratulations to Janet Warren on winning this week! If you don't already play our school lottery then please take a moment to sign up by visiting www.ourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Orton Wistow Primary School. You could be in with a chance of winning a £50 Virgin Gift Experience. Remember anyone can play the lottery so please spread the word to friends and family!

New Parents

Our New Parents evening is this Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. An invitation with more details was sent to all Foundation Stage parents via Parentmail, many thanks to all those who took the time to respond. If you are interested in lending a hand this year or would like to find out more about the committee then please pop along, the more the merrier!

Donation Friday

Our first Donation Friday of the term is this week. We are inviting all children to wear their favourite t-shirt to school in exchange for any unopened gift or toiletry donation. For any families that are new to OWPS, your donation should be given to one of the volunteers on the playground on Friday morning. Also, children should wear their school uniform as usual and only replace the t-shirt. All donations will be used for our Christmas Fayre and Children's Sale in December and are gratefully received!

Dempsey Cake Sale

Next Monday 15th October will be the Dempsey House cake sale. Paper plates will be sent home at the end of this week to all Dempsey families, please remember that donations can be baked or faked-Mr Kipling is always welcome! Cake donations will need to be dropped off to a volunteer who will be on the playground on Monday morning, ready for the sale after school. In an effort to further reduce our plastic use, we will be now be providing paper bags for cakes to be taken home in. It may be worth bringing a tub to transport multiple goodies!

Christmas Fayre

Do you work for (or own!) a company that might be willing to donate a prize for our Grand Raffle at the Christmas Fayre? If so, please leave your details at the school office or message via our Facebook page. Raffle tickets are being ordered in the next few weeks and will be sent home after half term, so it would be great to bag some more great prizes asap!

Jeans For Genes

by Mr Marks

Nearly everyone in school wore jeans and supported this fantastic charity.

We have raised in excess of £335.31!

This money could be spent on:

- Specialist nurse support,
- Weekend breaks for children with a genetic disorder. The children would spend these weekend breaks with other children with similar conditions.
- Equipment that could dramatically improve the life of another person, for example a Tobii Eye Gaze machine that will give a child who has lost the ability to speak a way of communicating with their family, friends and helpers.

Well done everyone!



Teacher Training Updates

by Mrs Granville



We are delighted to be hosting trainee teachers from Teach East this Friday, to provide training about how to apply for their first teaching position, and also to give them a mock interview for a teaching position. During the morning, Mr Eardley and Mr Marks will take them through the process of looking for a job, starting with viewing job adverts and visiting a school, through to letters of application and tips for preparing for and attending interviews. In the afternoon, they will have the opportunity to experience a mock interview and receive feedback.

Applying for a first job is always a big step and we are pleased to be able support the trainees from Teach East as they look to begin their careers. We also welcome Mr Monk, a final year trainee teacher from Bishop Grosseteste University, who will be working in the Herons class until the end of November.

Curriculum Evening

by Mrs Edwards

On Wednesday 26th September we welcomed our parents to this year's Curriculum Evening. During the evening, parents were invited to join their child's year group team and learn more about how they can support their child in their reading at home. The sessions each included video clips of teachers reading with pupils and an opportunity to ask questions about any reading related issues.

Our whole school presentation focused on encouraging our parents to work at home to achieve the newly set expectations for reading at home five times a week. We shared statistical data which supported our ongoing belief that a Love of Reading and parental engagement in reading have an overwhelming impact on children's reading ability.

We look forward to the results of the weekly reading monitoring data which is being collected, and hope that parents were inspired by what they heard at the evening.



Year 6 London Trip

by Miss Wyatt

Last week, we took 32 Year 6 pupils to London for the residential trip.



It was an action-packed trip and our itinerary included visiting London Zoo, a flight on the London Eye, visits to The Natural History Museum and The Science Museum, a West End production of Matilda and finally a guided tour around Shakespeare's Globe theatre, followed by an acting workshop led by an actor from The Globe.

The children were very well behaved and we were complemented a number of times about how well they conducted themselves.

Check out our Twitter pages @owpsnightingale and @owpswombats for more exciting photos of the trip.



Food Bank

by Miss Cameron

As you know for many years now we have collected a food bank in school to support 'The Peterborough Foodbank' around harvest time. Over 90% of the food distributed by 'The Peterborough Foodbank' has come from public donations which is why they continue to be so vital. Right now, 'The Peterborough Foodbank' have plenty of beans and pasta but what they are in urgent need of is: long life fruit juice/milk, tinned fruit and vegetables, washing powder and instant mash. Donations such as these will go a long way in supporting those in need in our local community. We will start collecting for the foodbank today, Monday 8th October, children should place their donations on the tables at the back of the school hall. Thank you.



If you want to find out more about what you can donate please use the link below:

<https://peterborough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>

Year 2 Family Learning

by Mrs Granville

On Thursday 4th October, Year 2 held their Family Learning session. The focus of this was our GPS learning in Year 2.

During the morning, we shared the expectations for the Year 2 Grammar Punctuation Spelling (GPS) curriculum, and how we will be teaching the children this year. We explored expanded noun phrases, possessive apostrophes, adverbs, statements and exclamations and adjectives used to compare. Mrs Granville and Miss Cameron explained and demonstrated each area of learning and then children and adults had a go at some of the activities. We were very impressed with some of the adjectives and statements and exclamations that were suggested. The session will now be followed up with a snakes and ladders based homework game over the next five weeks.

We were delighted with how many adults were able to attend the Family Learning and would like to thank them for their support at this event and over the coming months.

Coming Up!

Week: WB 8 October

E-Safety week

Hérons Lunch Week

Monday to Thursday

Bikeability Year 5

Monday

Year 3 Flag Fen Trip

Tuesday

New to FS Tour - 9.30-10.30am

Thursday

Honours Assembly 1 - 9am

FOWS New FS Parents Evening - 7.30pm

Friday

School Nurse Drop In 9-12pm

FOWS Donation Friday (T shirts for Gifts / toiletries)

Next Week: WB 15 October

Monday

FOWS Dempsey cake sale

Thursday

Year 3 Assembly 9am

New to FS Tour 9.30-10.30am

School Disco

In 2 Weeks: WB 22 October

Half Term

In Three Weeks: WB 29 October

Book Week

Tuesday

Long parents Evening

Wednesday

Halloween Lunch -12pm

Thursday

Flu vaccinations FS to Year 5 – Details to follow

New to FS Tour 3 - 1.30-2.30pm

Year 5 2 Can Learn

Short parents Evening

Friday

Dress Up day favourite book character

News



Book Week

by Mrs Edwards

Book Week is 29th October - 2nd November.

Book Week is quickly approaching and we are very excited about what we've got planned, the details of which will follow later this week, please watch out for the Book Week letter.

We will this year be dressing up as our favourite book Characters on Friday 2nd November, so get your creative thinking caps on, we can't wait to see what you come up with!

