



19th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back after what I hope was a relaxing Easter break. It certainly doesn't feel like the start of the summer term with the weather we have had this week. It has been a busy week with lots to celebrate including a successful visit by our OAT Director of Primary Academies, an assembly led by Norfolk Constabulary, winning the OAT world book day competition and the start of work on a DfE funded project to upgrade our Wi-Fi and internet network.

Norfolk Police online safety

The Norfolk Police came and led a KS2 assembly on online safety and cyber bullying. They informed children on strategies around how to keep personal information safe online by making sure privacy settings were set correct and how to deal with any issues of cyber-bullying. The message was very clear around the rise in use by children of social media apps that are designed for adults, especially Whatsapp. Around three quarters of our Year 3,4,5 & 6 pupils stated that they use Whats app which has led to a number of incidents recently of 'nasty' online behaviour that we have had to follow up at school. Norfolk police recommended a very simple and clear strategy for children to use if they think they are being bullied online, which I have included below.

1. Don't reply to any nasty or 'bullying' messages
2. Tell your parent or carer
3. Block the person that sent the message.

If you have any questions or concerns about this issue please see your child's teacher or a member of staff on the gate. I hope to arrange a chance for Norfolk police to come and present to parents on this issue later in the summer term.

World Book Day

We had a very successful World Book Day towards the end of last term and entered into the Ormiston Academy Trust treasure hunt competition. I am thrilled to say that we won this competition from across all Primary Academies in the Trust. We also had a winner for the best decorated potato or pebble, which was Jenson in Year 2.

Connect the Classroom

We were fortunate to be included in a DfE funded programme called 'Connect he Classroom' which involves upgrading our Wi-Fi, internet connection, servers and network. This will ensure we have faster more stable internet connection that is ready for any future increases in internet technology and speeds.

Visit by OAT Director of Primaries

We had a successful visit this Wednesday by Rebecca Berton, who is the director for all primary academies within our trust. She visited lessons, spoke with staff and pupils and was impressed by the behaviour of pupils within lessons, the writing they were producing as part of our new writing curriculum and how tidy and well cared for the classroom sand cloakrooms are looking. It is always lovely to receive such positive feedback about our pupils from visitors.

Residentials

We are ever closer to the start of our residential trips! There are still some final places available for Year 5 and 6 on the Whitwell camping trip which runs from 3rd to 7th June. For more information, please contact the academy office or speak to Mrs Harvey.



Year 6 SATs

Year 6 are 3 weeks away from their SATs and we could not be prouder of the hard work and determination they are showing. Please encourage your child to keep up with the breakfast and after school booster sessions available.

Fundraising

We would like to take a moment to thank all of our pupils, parents, carers, staff and members of the local community for your continued support in all of our fundraising efforts so far this year. Just before Easter we raised £147.20 with the pupils chocolate raffle and a further £107.00 with our daffodil posies!



Bronze	Silver	Gold
Year 2 Harper-Mae E	Year 6 Ebony-Mae B	No awards for this week
Year 5 Logan D		
Year 6 Ryan L		

Platinum Award Alicia C (Yr5)	Phoebe M (Yr5)	Charlie C-D (Yr6)
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MATHS Day - Wednesday 24th April 2024
Dress Up – we are encouraging pupils (and staff) to come to school dressed up as their TTRS avatar or something Maths themed for £1.00.
Cake Sale – there will be a cake sale for pupils at breaktime.
During the Day – there will be lots of activities and challenges throughout the day for pupils to have a go at!

This Half Term Attendance Reward
Friday 24th May



Jelly and Ice cream

Note. Pupils with allergies or dietary requirements will be catered for.



OATaware competition

In celebration of the event, all OAT staff and students are invited to take part in a competition based on this year's theme, **Movement: Moving more for our mental health.**

Please create something based on your own interpretation of the theme '**movement**' – e.g. a dance, a story, artwork, music, etc.

The winner will select a mental charity to receive a £250 donation in their name, and win for themselves a £100 voucher to engage in activities to boost their mental health.

Entries need to be emailed to office@ewoa.co.uk by Monday 29th April 2024. Our SLT will select 3 entries to represent Edward Worlledge!