

## Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Academy News

#### **Disco for World Mental Health Day**

This week we hosted a special World Mental Health Day Disco. The children all had a fantastic time – keep an eye out for the photos on our Facebook page! Many thanks for your support.

#### **Harvest Celebrations**

This week we invited parents / carers in for our Harvest Celebration assemblies. Thank you to all those who were able to join us for this.

#### **Football Match Vs Wroughton**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023, our U11s played against Wroughton Academy. The team played a really good game but narrowly missed out on the win with Curtis scoring our only goal of the game.

#### **Black History Month**

October is Black History Month, where we remember and celebrate the lives of people of colour who have had a significant impact on events in history. The children enjoy learning about a range of present and historical people, and this will form part of our assemblies and learning over the next four weeks.

#### **Diary Dates**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Time and Tide Museum Visit

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – NFL Festival at ENSFC

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Nursery Transport Museum Visit

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Reception Harvest Celebrations Story Café

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – U11 Football vs Hillside (Home)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Individual and Sibling Photographs

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – ACADEMY REOPENS

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening

### SEND

If you think your child may have additional needs, please discuss your concerns with your child's teacher and we may then arrange an appointment for you to speak with our SENDCO, Mrs Upton. Our SEND Policy is available on the website.

The Ann Craft Trust has a range of resources to support children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable.

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/support-for-parents-and-carers-keeping-children-and-young-people-safe-online/>

This link supports parents of children with additional needs in keeping them safe online.

### **Safeguarding**

Every member of teaching and non-teaching staff has up to date Safeguarding Training. Five members of staff have enhanced training to deal with any concerns that are raised.

The Designated Safeguarding Officers at Ormiston Herman Academy are:

Kristy Redhead – Principal and Lead DSL

Mark Thorpe – Vice Principal and DSL

Veronica Longman – Assistant Principal and DSL

Catriona Smith – Assistant Principal and DSL

Paula Milham – Family Liaison Officer and DSL

Janet Upton – Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator and DSL

If you have concerns about the wellbeing of a child, you should call the Norfolk CADS number (0344 800 8020) to report what your concerns are.

If your child is unwell and not able to attend, you must ring the Academy every day that they are off.

### **Stars of the Week**

Each week, teachers select a pupil who has particularly impressed them with their attitude to learning, behaviour, effort etc. This week's stars are:

- Adventurers: Lucas
- Explorers: Oakley
- Searchers: Fionna
- Seekers: Joey
- Pioneers: Neo
- Investigators: Priya
- Wayfarers: Adam
- Navigators: Austyn
- Creators: Anna
- Pathfinders: Summer
- Voyagers: Elise
- Venturers: Ashlyn
- Crusaders: Jensen
- Discoverers: Tillie

### **Principal's Award**

Each week, teachers have the opportunity to select a pupil for the Principal's Award for continually being an exceptional pupil and setting a good example to their peers.

This week's Principal's awards go to Scarlett (Y4) and Logan (Y5).

### **Best Dressed Class**

Each week, the Senior Leadership Team will select the class that have dressed the smartest during the week. This class will be rewarded with an extra five minutes on Monday's playtime and will get to sit on the bench during assembly.

This week's best dressed class: Seekers.

### **Marbles**

Each week, the children receive marbles for good work and choices. The marbles are put into colour pots in the classroom and at the end of each week, they are collected together and the colour / team with the most marbles wins.

At the end of term the colour / team that has won the most times, win a small reward.

**The winning teams this week are the BLUE team. Well done.**

### **Attendance**

The Autumn Term Attendance Prize will be 2 Electronic Tablets. There will be one for EYFS / KS1 and one for KS2. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Autumn Term. All children whose attendance is 98% or above will have the chance to win.

The winning classes for the collective highest attendance this week are:

Early Years and Key Stage 1: Explorers

Key Stage 2: Wayfarers

A big well done to both classes!

We are always striving to improve our attendance figures. Children who are in school are safe and accessing education to help them thrive. They are socialising with peers and learning how to be positive members of their community.

Our year-to-date Attendance target is 96%, the whole school's attendance is 94.18% this week, Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs K. Redhead  
Principal