

## Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Academy News

#### **Children In Need**

We raised a fantastic £1,357.45 for Children in Need! Bearpees sponsorship, non-uniform day donations and the purchase of wristbands all contributed to this excellent total. Thank you for all your support.

#### **Norfolk School Games Cross Country Finals**

On Wednesday, Susie from Year 3 and Harry from Year 6 took part in the Norfolk School Games Cross Country Finals at High Lodge in Thetford. The Academy is very proud of both their achievements – Susie placed 59<sup>th</sup> on the day and Harry placed 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Girls Football Cup Match**

On Tuesday, our girls' team took part in a Quarter-final cup match against Martham Academy. The score was 1-1 until the very last minute when Ella scored the winning goal! 2-1 through to the Semi-finals!

#### **Boys Football League Match**

On Thursday, our boys' team took part in a league match against Woodlands Academy. The boys played an excellent game and put in a lot of effort! The final score was 3-3.

#### **Singing at The Minster**

Today, our Key Stage 2 choir visited the Great Yarmouth Minster to take part in the opening of the Great Yarmouth Christmas Fayre. The children were the first school to perform, and they were absolutely fantastic and a credit to the Academy!

#### **Christmas Fayre**

We are looking forward to welcoming all families to our Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Children are invited to wear non-school uniform on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 in return for a donation for the raffle if you are able to please.

#### **Diary Dates**

27<sup>th</sup> November Training Day (the Academy will be closed to all pupils).

6<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fayre

11<sup>th</sup> December Early Years Nativity

12<sup>th</sup> December Pantomime

13<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Nativity

15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas at the Church

19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner/jumper/party day

20<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of Term

### 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: Jimmy
- Explorers: Leen
- Searchers: Reggie
- Seekers: Darcy
- Pioneers: Olivia
- Investigators: Maheshwar
- Wayfarers: Noah
- Navigators: Isabelle
- Creators: Damir
- Pathfinders: Fae
- Voyagers: Lola
- Venturers: Joseph
- Crusaders: Louie
- Discoverers: Kian

### **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: Ciara (Y2), Tommy (Y3), Sami (Y6).

### **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: Pioneers.

### **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 colour this week is the YELLOW team.

### **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: Seekers

Key Stage 2: Voyagers

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 92.30% this week.

Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities.

### **Community News**

#### **Alfie's Fundraiser**

Alfie from Year 5 is aiming to raise £2,024 by Children in Need Day 2024 by travelling all over the London Underground! More details in the link below:

[Fundraiser by Rianne Shallcross : ALFIE TRAVELS THE TUBES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED ★ \(gofundme.com\)](#)

#### **Lisa's Fundraiser**

Many of you will know Lisa, a parent of Toby and Tommy, who attend the Academy. This is a message that I received; you may be able to help.

'I've been growing my hair to have it cut off to donate it to the Little Princess Trust, the hair cut will take place on 6th October the same day as I'm a finalist in the Paget's People Awards at James Paget Hospital.'

[Tia's Treasures is fundraising for Little Princess Trust \(justgiving.com\)](#)

