

Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 15th December 2023.

Academy News

Christmas Performances

A big thank you to the children for representing the Academy beautifully during this week's Christmas performances. It was lovely to see families enjoying the performances. Thank you for visiting.

Lydia Eva Visit

On Tuesday, residents of the Lydia Eva residential home visited our Academy to watch the KS1 Dress Rehearsal. The residents had a lovely time and enjoyed chatting to the Year 6 pupils who served them with refreshments and mince pies!

French Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, Lily from Year 6 and Logan from Year 5, took part in the OAT French Spelling Bee competition. Lily and a child from another OAT academy couldn't be separated so a draw was announced for first place - well done Lily and Logan!

The Three Musketeers

On Tuesday, the Hobgoblin Theatre Company visited our Academy to perform 'The Three Musketeers' for the children. The children found the performance really entertaining!

Herman's Got Talent

On Thursday, 22 acts performed in Ormiston's Got Talent auditions! Mr Thorpe, Miss Smith and Mr Shreeve were on the judging panel, and they were impressed by the effort the children put into their performances. Three acts were chosen to take part in the next stage of the competition.

Mrs Humphrey

As some of you may know, Zoe Cooper from the Academy Office got married on Saturday! She is now Mrs Humphrey. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her congratulations.

Diary Dates

18th December Choir Performing at Lydia Eva Care Home, 9.15am.

19th December Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day / Party Day.

20th December Blue Team non-uniform Day.

20th 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.

Safeguarding

Every member of teaching and non-teaching staff has up to date Safeguarding Training. Six 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.

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: The whole class for their Nativity performance!
- Explorers: The whole class for their Nativity performance!
- Searchers: Elliott
- Seekers: Dylan
- Pioneers: Lukas
- Investigators: Elijah
- Wayfarers: Leo
- Navigators: Connor
- Creators: Emilia
- Pathfinders: Ruby
- Voyagers: El
- Venturers: Isabella
- Crusaders: Lily
- Discoverers: Cooper

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: Tommy (Y3) and Logan (Y5).

Marbles

Each week, the children receive marbles for good work and choices that go towards the weekly total for their team colour. At the end of term, the team that has won the most times, win a small reward.

The winning team for this term is **BLUE** team.

The blue team will be awarded with a non-uniform day on the last day of term – Wednesday 20th

December 2023.

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: Pioneers

Key Stage 2: Venturers

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 93% this week.

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