

Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 8th March 2024

Academy News

PLEASE NOTE: Oxford Avenue Entrance

Due to damage to the ground by the gate, the Oxford Avenue entrance to the Academy is currently closed and will remain closed until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

World Book Day

As you are aware, this week Herman turned into Hogwarts, complete with Platform 9 and 3/4, the Great Hall with real floating candles, and so much more. The children looked fantastic and had a great time having a go at all the activities during the day, including making potions, growing herbs, cracking codes and even playing Quidditch! Thank you for your support with this special day and if you have not yet done so, please take a look at our photos online and on our Facebook page.

Potatoes!

All of the children have had the opportunity to decorate a potato today. The winning entries from Herman will have their photos taken with their potatoes and they will be sent to the Trust for the big competition. Lots of luck everyone!

Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended this week's Parents' Evening appointments. These appointments are a really useful opportunity for us to work with parents and carers to ensure the children are thriving and getting the most out of their Primary Education.

Class Photographs

This week, Tempest Photographers came in to take our annual class photographs. Sample pictures will be going home within the next few weeks so parents and carers can place an order if they wish.

Athletics at Ormiston Venture Academy

On Monday, 32 Year 4 pupils went to Ormiston Venture Academy to take part in Athletics games as part of Venture pupil's PE assessments for GCSE. The children really enjoyed their time at Ormiston Venture Academy and we look forward to more opportunities like this in the future.

Girls Football at East Norfolk Sixth Form

On Friday, selected girls from Year 3 and Year 4 visited East Norfolk Sixth Form College to take part in some Football activities. The aim of this session was to encourage girls who would not usually get the opportunity to play football, more involved in the sport. The girls had a great time!

Ormiston's Got Talent

Jensen, Louie and Matei from Year 6 will be visiting Ormiston Victory Academy on Tuesday next week to compete in the Ormiston's Got Talent Regional Finals. We wish them the very best of luck and are sure they will be great representatives of our Academy!

OAT Annual Awards

On Thursday, Mrs Freel will be accompanying Mrs Redhead to Birmingham for the OAT Annual Awards where she will receive the award for Inclusivity and Diversity Champion – we are very proud of her and she thoroughly deserves this recognition.

Reception Learning Cafes

Our Reception classes will be hosting more Learning Cafes this month.

- Wednesday 13th March 2024, 8.30am: Mark Making / Writing Focus.
- Tuesday 26th March 2024, 8.30am: Easter Activities.

We hope that you will be able to join us.

Crazy Hair Day for Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March 2024, we will be supporting Comic Relief. We are inviting children to come into school with 'Crazy Hair' on this day in return for a small donation if you are able. Red noses will be available to purchase from the Academy Office from Monday 11th March 2024.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th March 2024: Ormiston's Got Talent Regional Finals.

Thursday 14th March 2024: OAT Annual Awards.

Friday 15th March 2024: Comic Relief.

Wednesday 20th March 2024: Easter Fayre.

Thursday 21st March 2024: M&M Theatrical Productions Performance of The Hobbit for Years 3 to 6.

Monday 25th - 27th March 2024: Year 4 Horstead Residential.

Tuesday 26th March 2024: Wear something purple for Young Epilepsy Day.

Thursday 28th March 2024: Academy closes for Easter Break.

Monday 15th April 2024: Academy reopens for Summer Term 1.

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.

Weekly Winners

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: Delilah
- Explorers: Mobolaji
- Searchers: Sophia
- Seekers: Connor
- Pioneers: Ruby
- Investigators: Zac
- Wayfarers: Nihar
- Navigators: Connor
- Creators: Evangeline
- Pathfinders: Dayyan
- Voyagers: Kevwe

- Venturers: Alfie
- Crusaders: Lily
- Discoverers: Kyan

This week's Best Dressed class is Pioneers!

This week's Principal Award goes to Parker (Y2), Tommy (Y5), William (Y5), Isabella (Y6).

This week's marble winners are the YELLOW team.

Attendance

The Spring Term Attendance Prize will be 2 x £50 Amazon Vouchers and an Easter Egg. There will be a prize for EYFS / KS1 and a prize for KS2. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Spring 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: Navigators

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 95.75% this week.

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

Community News

As you may know, we are keen to support Young Epilepsy and the work they do. We have some children in our Academy who have this condition and we are committed to helping them raise the profile of this charity. The 26th March is Young Epilepsy Awareness Purple Day. They are holding a t-shirt design competition . Please click on the link below for more details.

[Design a Tshirt \(1\).pdf](#)