

Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 15th March 2024

Academy News

Ormiston's Got Talent

This year, the Ormiston's Got Talent competition received 80 entries from 222 students across 33 academies within the Trust. Our panel of judges were treated to a spectacular variety including singing, dancing, acting, magic and music technology. After an extremely difficult process, our judges narrowed entries down to select our 116 regional finalists.

The regional heats took place on Tuesday 12th March at Ormiston Victory Academy. In total, 21 acts competed head-to-head to be named the regional winners of Ormiston's Got Talent 2024, with staff, students and supporters enjoying a variety of dance, drama, music and magic performances. Both Matei & Jensen and Louie worked incredibly hard on their performances and produced amazing acts. The standard of performance was incredibly high this year and our judges were blown away by the astonishing talent across OAT.

OAT Annual Awards

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

Crazy Hair Day for Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March 2024, we supported Comic Relief with a 'Crazy Hair' day. We raised over £600! Thank you, as always, for your support.

Reception Learning Cafes

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

- Tuesday 26th March 2024, 8.30am: Easter Activities.

We hope that you will be able to join us.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th March 2024: Y5 / Y6 Girls County Finals for selected pupils.

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: Leone
- Explorers: Brayden
- Searchers: Korey
- Seekers: Jonah
- Pioneers: Delilah
- Investigators: Jack
- Wayfarers: Sophie
- Navigators: Harrison
- Creators: Quinn
- Pathfinders: Taha
- Voyagers: Riley
- Venturers: Millie
- Crusaders: Harper
- Discoverers: Hansel

This week's Best Dressed class is Navigators! And, this week's Best 'Crazy Hair' class is Venturers!

This week's Principal Award goes to Eva (Y1), Eeva (Y3), Kaelan (Y3), Gracie (Y6).

This week's marble winners are the BLUE 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: Explorers

Key Stage 2: Pathfinders

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 93.81% 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](#)