

Parent Weekly Communication Letter – Friday 22nd March 2024

Academy News

Thank you, Mr. Berry

Today we say farewell to Mr. Berry who will be moving into retirement. Mr. Berry is one of the longest serving members of staff and we are sad to see him go. We wish Mr. Berry a long and happy retirement and hope that he will pop back to see us from time to time.

Easter Fayre

On Wednesday, we opened our doors for our Annual Easter Fayre. It was lovely to see the children and families (and staff!) having a wonderful time playing games, winning prizes and enjoying the sweet treats on offer.

As always, thank you to our external stall holders for joining us and thank you to our families for their support.

We raised an amazing £1,235 that will go back into enrichment opportunities for the children, such as the theatre session that we held on Thursday.

The Hobbit Theatre Performance

On Thursday, M&M Theatre Productions visited the Academy for a thrilling performance of The Hobbit for Years 3 to 6. The children had a fantastic morning and really engaged with the performance. The aim of the session was to inspire a love of stories that will give the children lasting memories. The money raised at the fayres helps to fund these experiences for the children, therefore we want to thank you again for your generous donations.

Year 4 Horstead Residential Trip

On Monday, pupils in Year 4 will be going to the Horstead Centre for a two-night residential trip. Whilst away, the children will be taking part in outside activities, sports and marshmallow toasting as well as much more!

As every year, I will be popping over on Tuesday morning to see the children enjoying some of their activities. It is always lovely to see them enjoying being outdoors trying new activities.

Young Epilepsy Awareness Day

Children are invited to wear a purple accessory on Tuesday to show support for this charity. We have a small number of pupils with epilepsy, and we fully support all the work that this charity does. Please see below for more information.

Reception Learning Cafes

Our Reception classes will be hosting another Learning Cafe on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 8.30am: We hope you will be able to join your child to make a range of Easter craft activities.

Yellow Team Marble Win

This term, the YELLOW team have won the most marbles and therefore will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on **Thursday 28th March 2024**.

Summer Uniform

From after the Easter holidays, children are welcome to wear summer uniform if they wish. Please note that there is no obligation to do so.

Year 5 Swimming

Voyagers class will continue swimming after Easter on Friday 19th April 2024 and Friday 26th April 2024. Venturers class will then commence swimming again on Friday 3rd May 2024.

Diary Dates

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

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

Thursday 28th March 2024: Yellow Team Non-Uniform 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: Lillie
- Explorers: Ulysses
- Searchers: Adam
- Seekers: Lily
- Pioneers: Neo
- Investigators: Kingsley
- Wayfarers: Emily
- Navigators: Sophie
- Creators: Oscar
- Pathfinders: Olivia
- Voyagers: Rosie
- Venturers: Saoirse
- Crusaders: Harmony
- Discoverers: Evelyn

This week's Best Dressed class is Discoverers!

This week's Principal Award goes to Haythen (Y1), Teddy (Y3), Arianna (Y4), Maisie (Y4), Tyler (Y6).

This week's marble winners are the GREEN team.

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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 attendance winner will be drawn during Thursday's assembly!

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 94.17% 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](#)

Scarlett in Year 4 will be performing at the Pavilion Theatre in Gorleston from Thursday 18th to Saturday 20th April 2024 in a stage production of Babe. Tickets are available on 01493662832 or

www.gorlestonpavillion.co.uk