

Where the journey begins

Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 24th May 2024.

Academy News

Year 1 Merrivale Model Village

This week, Year 1 visited the Merrivale Model Village in Great Yarmouth. Several members of the public commented on how well behaved the children were, which made us very proud. They had a wonderful day spotting everything that was going on in the mini world. And have written some great recounts based on their trip.

Homework

We have had some fantastic models, diagrams, writing and so much more, sent in this week. I have spoken to some of the children, and they said that they are really enjoying the new homework format. We have had such a lovely response that we are displaying the work for all the children to have a look at and hopefully provide them with some inspiration for after half term when the next homework pack is sent out. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Vacancies

Please note that we have two teacher vacancies and a teaching assistant vacancy currently being advertised. If you know anyone who may be interested and has the necessary qualifications, please ask them to look at the adverts on our website.

Governors

This week we welcomed our new Chair of Governors, Andy Peck. Andy is keen to support myself and the rest of the staff in our continuous improvement plans to offer the children the best provision possible. We are sure he will be an asset to the team. We still require another Parent Governor. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the office for more details.

On behalf of everyone in the Academy, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Half Term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 3rd June.

Diary Dates

June 2024

Monday 3rd June: Academy reopens for Summer Term 2. Saturday 8th June: Shrek rehearsal 9.30am to 11.30am.

Monday 10th June: Heritage week.

Monday 10th June: Phonics Screening week.

Monday 10th June: Reception Vision and Hearing screening.

Tuesday 11th June: Emma Skeet Art Workshop.

Tuesday 11th June: Reception 2024-25 Open Evening.

Wednesday 12th June: Friends Athletics Festival at OCPPA for selected children.

Thursday 13th June: Nursery Thrigby Hall trip.

Tuesday 18th June: Y6 Transition Workshop with the Mental Health Team. Wednesday 19th June: Summer Singing Celebration at the Minster 6.00pm.

Monday 24th June: Year 3 Pettits trip.

Tuesday 25th June: Sports Day.

Wednesday 26th June: Sports Day Reserve.

Wednesday 26th June: Disco.

Thursday 27th June: Y6 Royal Norfolk Show.

July 2024

Monday 1st July: Transition session (including 2024-25 Reception pupils). Monday 1st July: Ormiston Venture, Cliff Park, Lynn Grove transition days. Tuesday 2nd July: Transition session (including 2024-25 Reception pupils). Tuesday 2nd July: Ormiston Venture, Cliff Park, Lynn Grove transition days.

Wednesday 3rd July: Lynn Grove transition day.

Wednesday 3rd July: KS1 Singing Day 8.50am to 10.45am.

Thursday 4th July: Y6 Arc Cinema trip.

Thursday 4th July: New Nursery pupils induction sessions. Saturday 6th July: Shrek rehearsal 9.00am to 11.30am.

Tuesday 9th July: Y6 Jump and Bowling trip.

Tuesday 9th July: New Nursery pupils induction sessions.

Saturday 13th July: Summer Fete.

Monday 15th July: Shrek performance 5.30pm. Tuesday 16th July: Shrek performance 5.30pm. Wednesday 17th July: Y6 Leavers disco.

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: OliviaExplorers: YuanSearchers: AlfieSeekers: JonahPioneers: Aneya

Investigators: Kieran
Wayfarers: Orson
Navigators: Finley
Creators: Franklin
Pathfinders: Riley
Voyagers: Kevwe
Venturers: Millie
Crusaders: Oliver
Discoverers: Imogen

This week's Principal Award goes to Isabelle (Y3), Scarlett (Y3), Evaan (Y4), Kyle (Y6), Tillie (Y6).

This week's Best Dressed class is Navigators class.

This week's winning marble colour is the GREEN team.

<u>Attendance</u>

The Summer Term Attendance Prize will be a family ticket to a local attraction, such as Banham Zoo, Africa Alive, Pleasurewood Hills, The Pleasure Beach, or Pettits. We will contact you if your child wins to determine where you would like us to book the tickets.

There will be a prize for EYFS / KS1 and a prize for KS2. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Summer 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: Searchers

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 91.86% this week. Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities.