

Parent Weekly Communication Letter – Friday 14th June 2024.

Academy News

The Mystery of the Frozen Boot!

This week was Art Heritage Week and on Monday, Mrs Porter led an assembly about a mystery boot that had been frozen in ice!

The children have been solving the mystery of how the boot became frozen and ended up at Herman. They have been writing stories, and creating characters based around this.

On Tuesday, Emma Skeet, a local artist delivered an art workshop for pupils in Year 1. The children had a great time creating large pieces of artwork based around the Great Yarmouth fishing industry and the Icehouse.

Friends Athletic Festival

On Wednesday, a group of children in Key stage 2 went to Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy to take part in the Friends Athletics Festival. Despite the rainy weather, the children were able to take part in a range of fun indoor activities. They all reported back that they had a great time!

Nursery Trip

On Thursday the children in Nursery, along with their parents and staff, visited Thrigby Wildlife Park. The weather was kind to them and Mrs Jackson said that they had a lovely day and enjoyed seeing all the animals as well as playing on the rides.

Summer Singing Celebration

On Wednesday, the choir will be performing at the Minster with other schools in the local area. Unfortunately, due to other work commitments, I cannot attend this event, but I am looking forward to hearing all about it. Good luck everyone!

Coats

Although we normally ask for sun hats and sun cream at this time of year, because of the persistent rain, please can I ask that children bring a coat to school. Wherever possible, we try to get them out for a run around and fresh air, even if there is light rain.

Morning Arrival

We have an increasing number of children turning up late. Please can I politely remind you that doors close at 8.45am, ready for a prompt start at 8.50am. Children who arrive later than this may receive a late mark which will impact on their attendance record. It also means that they have to enter the class when everyone is already seated and working. Some children find this very uncomfortable. Children who are regularly late miss the morning reading activities and toast. Please support us and them by arriving on time.

RSE

A reminder that we will be starting our Relationships and Sex Education lessons next week. The lessons that are part of the science curriculum are compulsory for all children. Please do take the time to speak to your children about what they have been learning so that you can add your family perspective. Despite what you may have heard in the media, please be reassured that we follow an age-appropriate scheme

that all the OAT primaries use. If children ask any questions that we deem to be beyond their age, we will ask them to speak to you so that you can determine whether you should answer the question. Please be reassured that staff are used to delivering these lessons sensitively.

Testing across the Academy

Children in Year 1 and Year 4 have been busy with their phonics and times tables tests this week. As always, they have performed really well, and we are very proud of them. These are statutory tests that we are required to undertake on a yearly basis.

Diary Dates

June 2024

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.
Tuesday 25th June: Reception 2024 Open Evening.
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: Y6 Beach Day.
Monday 15th July: Shrek performance 5.30pm.
Tuesday 16th July: Shrek performance 5.30pm.
Wednesday 17th July: Y6 Leavers disco.
Thursday 18th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly.
Friday 19th July: Final Day of 2023-24 Academic Year.

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: Juan
- Explorers: Jocelyn
- Searchers: The whole class!
- Seekers: The whole class!
- Pioneers: Isabella
- Investigators: Kyle
- Wayfarers: Ella
- Navigators: Tommy
- Creators: Eva
- Pathfinders: Gracie
- Voyagers: El
- Venturers: Vasu
- Crusaders: Louie
- Discoverers: Micah

This week's Principal Award goes to Daisy (Y4), Dani (Y4).

This week's Best Dressed class is Seekers class.

Attendance

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: Pioneers

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 93.70% this week.

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