

## Parent Communication Letter - Friday 7 March 2025.

### Academy News

#### **Girls Football Event**

Today, pupils from Year 3 and 4 attended the Girls Football County Finals at GOALS in Norwich, following their success at the tournament at East Norfolk Sixth Form College last week. The girls won the group stages, before entering into the quarter finals where they played well, however narrowly missed out on playing in the final. The girls finished in the top 8 of the county! They had a lovely day and represented the academy well as always – we are very proud!

#### **World Book Day**

Thank you to everyone who supported World Book Day yesterday. The children had a wonderful day taking part in a range of reading-related activities. They had to guess The Masked Reader from a range of pictures, clues and altered voices and I have to say, they guessed very well! During the day, older classes paired up with younger classes to read books that they had written for each other. This all took place in our Hub which had been transformed into a beautiful reading cozy corner, complete with cushions and fairy lights.

I would, as always, like to thank all the staff for making this such a magical day for the children. It is one of the most enjoyable days in our calendar and we look forward to it every year. Thank you once again for your support and don't forget to take the children to exchange their World Book Day voucher for a free book at these participating retailers – Asda, Lidl, Sainsburys, Tesco, The Works, Waterstones, WHSmith. Vouchers can be exchanged for books until March 23 2025.

#### **Mental Health and Friendship Workshops**

Year 5 and Year 6 had a visit from the NHS Mental Health Support Team on Monday. The sessions were based around the different physical and mental emotions that can be affected by behaviour and SATs. All children were taught how to use breathing exercises and strategies to help calm and control their behaviour in different situations.

#### **Herman Community Links**

We are pleased to share that we featured in the EDP this week. The article can be seen here - <https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/24950937.ormiston-herman-academy-pupils-build-community-links/>

#### **Lydia Eva's 'Eggcellent Easter Wish'**

Lydia Eva Residential Home have asked for Easter gifts for their residents – Easter eggs, toiletries, and Easter cards would all be very much appreciated by the team at Lydia Eva. Please drop any donations directly to Lydia Eva Home.

### Diary Dates

- Monday 10 March: British Science Week.
- Friday 14 March: Hindu Festival of Holi.
- Tuesday 18 March: The Railway Children performed to Y3/4/5/6.
- Tuesday 18 March: Parents' Evening.
- Thursday 20 March: Parents' Evening.
- Monday 24 March: Shakespeare Week.
- Tuesday 25 March: Y3/4/5 Quidditch at East Norfolk Sixth Form College for selected pupils.
- Wednesday 26 March: World Maths Day.
- Thursday 27 March: Easter Fayre.

- Thursday 3 April: Last Day of Spring Term 2.
- Friday 4 April: Academy Closed for Staff Training.
- Tuesday 22 April: Academy Re-opens for Summer Term 1.

### 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: Maisie
- Explorers: Penelope
- Searchers: Yuan
- Seekers: George
- Pioneers: Janet
- Investigators: Tabitha
- Wayfarers: Zac
- Navigators: Imogen
- Creators: Grace
- Pathfinders: Arnie
- Voyagers: Olivia
- Venturers: Quinn
- Crusaders: Joseph
- Discoverers: Kingsley

This week's Principal Award goes to Kolt (Y1), Ruby (Y3), Lija (Y5)

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

This week's best dressed class is Searchers!

### Attendance

All children whose attendance is 98% or above for the Spring Term will be entered into a draw to win a special prize!

The winning classes for the collective highest attendance this week are:

Early Years and Key Stage 1: Searchers

Key Stage 2: Wayfarers and 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 94.19% this week.

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