

Orford CEVA Primary School

Sowing faith, Growing Learners, Inspiring Futures

End of Term Newsletter - Spring 2023



Headteacher's Message

Dear all,

It has certainly been a busy half term! Whilst only 6 weeks long, we have had so many wonderful events in and out of school, it's not surprising everyone is exhausted this week.

As part of our 'No Outsiders' initiative to develop our children's cultural understanding and diversity (look at the display outside the hall next time you are in!), we have put together an Amazon Wish List of a wide range of fiction and non-fiction centred around underrepresented people. If you know of someone who may want to support the school in any way, please share the link, or feel free to place on local social media groups:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2AV17EDXNIIUT?ref_=wl_fw_le

Excitingly, we are also looking to redevelop the signage at the front of the school, which we would like the children to design. There is a competition running over the Easter holidays (entry forms in every child's bag), and we have discussed the sorts of images that could be on it. Entries are due on Tuesday 18th April - we look forward to seeing everyone's ideas!

Congratulations to Mrs Reeve, who after nearly a year's worth of work, has earned the school a Sandwell Mental Health Charter Mark which recognises our school's commitment towards improving the emotional and mental health of all our pupils and staff. A representative from Suffolk County Council will be presenting the award on Friday 21st April in collective worship, please do attend if you are able.

*Finally, as I write this, we are getting ready to attend the Easter Service. The children have produced some beautiful work, and have been practising their Easter hymns which I am certain you will enjoy this afternoon before a very well earned holiday. We wish you all a peaceful break and look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 18th April**.*

*With very best wishes,
Miss Cannon*

Values Cup Award Winners

- **Isaac S** - Service, responsibility and compassion
- **Bella** - Courage, responsibility and thankfulness
- **Stavroula** - Responsibility, justice and peace
- **Zack F** - Truthfulness, justice and wisdom
- **Phoebe** - Responsibility, service and perseverance



Our whole school values next term will be: **service** and **responsibility**.

Whole School News

World Book Day seems like such a long time ago, but a huge thank you to everyone for all your hard work in putting together some costumes - they were all SO imaginative and we had a wide range of characters which kept everyone guessing. There were also some excellent entries for the 'disguise a gingerbread man' and 'get caught reading' challenges - most of which can be seen on the display in the corridor. Thank you to Mrs Nicholls for all her hard work in organising such a successful day!



On 8th March, our talented choir visited Snape Maltings for the celebration of music to perform their 'Matilda the Musical' suite to an audience of over 700 people! The dress rehearsal was quite daunting as it was the first time we were stepping out on the HUGE stage, and the technicians were working hard to ensure the lighting and sound was correct. It was all worth it though - we were the final act (talk about saving the best until last!!) to go on stage and the choir performed incredibly! Vivi, Emily, Mimsie, Bella, Phoebe and Uma all had solos/duets at various points but they performed with great confidence and enthusiasm. Mrs Reeve and Miss Cannon did not have a dry eye between them all evening!



Science Week was a triumph yet again, with numerous fun and exciting activities to enhance our science learning throughout. Monday began with a whole school task to create a creature inspired by the book 'Flotsam' - they were judged on aesthetics, originality and special features. Well done to Uma, Isla and Zack for their winning entry! Class 1 were mesmerised making vinegar and bicarbonate of soda volcanoes; Class 2 hosted an interactive parents workshop ([the video can be found here](#)) and Class 3 investigated fingerprints but also held their notorious Science Fair. Thank you to everyone who attended: there were displays on volcanoes, helium, twins, baking, lava lamps, digestive system and so many more!

Congratulations to Bella, Uma and Mason & Luca who were our top 3 winners and Lily Andrews for receiving the Class 2 vote! There is a new display of all the work in the main corridor and all photos have been uploaded onto the website.



And finally, this week each class got to visit the church for 'Experience Easter'. The church put on a fantastic session for each class with different stations marking the significant events in holy week from Palm Sunday, to the Last Supper, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the resurrection. The children had some challenging tasks to think deeply about the significance of each event, but they were impeccably behaved as ever and answered very thoughtfully. I am sure you will join us in thanking all of the volunteers from the church for setting up such an excellent treat for the children!



Class 1 News



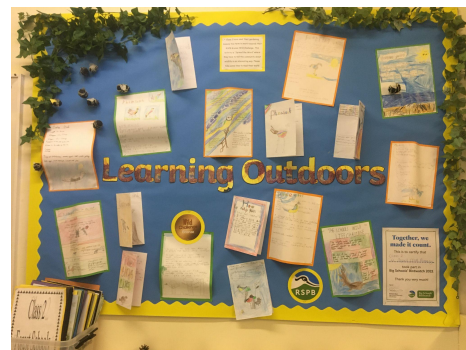
All children have had a busy half term learning through play in Class 1. Nursery children have been enjoying participating in 'Foundation for phonics' sessions each day, especially sessions with Bertha the Bus!

With the weather being so wet we have made sure we've put on our puddle suits and have made full use of the mud kitchen and all those lovely puddles. This half term we have been

doing lots of work on the Easter story including; retelling the story using props, modelling parts of the story, drawing pictures and writing. We have been working hard on our maths learning about place value with numbers to 50.

Class 2 News

The biggest piece of news from Class 2 this term is their AMAZING efforts in achieving the RSPB Bronze Wild Challenge accreditation for the school. In their gardening and science lessons, they have undertaken a number of tasks including researching birds and how to look after them; spotting different habitats; planting trees for nature; undertaking plant surveys and recording a 'nature walk'. They had to submit evidence for 6 activities to the RSPB, who wrote back to say how fantastic their entries were and awarded us the accreditation, along with a personal certificate for each child. Do take some time to look at their display which showcases their research on birds in particular next time you are in school!



Class 3 News

In class 3 we have been reading 'When the Mountains Roared'. We have enjoyed the book so far, and have written a setting description of India, and two emotional diary entries through the eyes of our main character. We look forward to reading the rest of it.

In maths we have converted different measurements of length, capacity, mass, and time; calculated perimeter and area; and described position using coordinates. In science we have finished studying the body, including looking at the effect of diet and lifestyle on our health and fitness.

We have concluded our topic on the countries of Europe, and using their knowledge of climate, physical and human features the children researched and compared some European countries. In art, the children have used collage to make some distorted faces and paper figures. Inspired by Andy Warhol, the children worked in small groups to produce some fabulous 'Pop Art' on display in the corridor!



Governors' Message

Dear parents and carers,

The Spring term has been a very positive one for our school, both in the classroom and in the many extra-curricular activities. A highlight was seeing our school choir singing at the school's concert event at Snape Maltings on 8th March in front of a packed audience.

All that happens at Orford School is down to the hard work and dedication of Miss Cannon and the teachers and staff. On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank them for all their efforts. I know we are all proud of our school. Please encourage your friends to visit our school and consider having their children join us.

May I wish you all a happy and joyful Easter holiday.

Revd Giles

Chair of Governors

OSLOF News

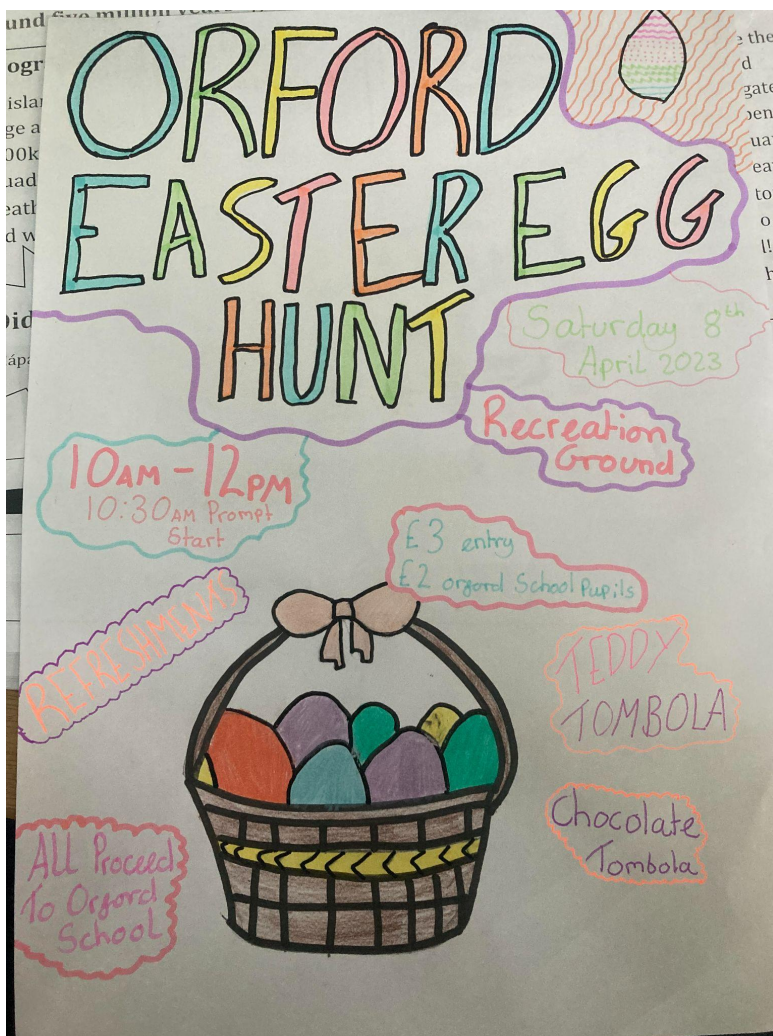
See you for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 8th April!

10am-12pm

10:30am prompt start; £3 entry or £2 for Orford School Pupils

Other Reminders

- Years 3-6 start swimming after the Easter holidays. Please ensure you have returned the permission slip and your child remembers their kit every **Monday**.



- Celebration assemblies are **every Friday** at 8.45am - all are welcome every week, not just if your child is receiving an award
- Thank you for continuing to support our uniform policy. A reminder that the expectations are on the [school website: here](#). OSLOF also offer a 'New to You' uniform scheme with all items £1. Please contact Clare (Isla and George's Mum) if you are interested.



WRAP AROUND CARE

Please remember that we do offer wrap around care from 8:00am until 5:30pm.

Breakfast club runs from 8:00am (£2.75 per session)

After school care 'The Hub' from 3:00-4:00pm and 4:00-5:30pm (£7 per session/1st session or £13 for both sessions)

Thursday afternoons there is also the option to attend Just42 after school care on site from 3:00-4:00pm (50p per session)

Qualify for tax free childcare?

Working families can register for tax free childcare - after paying for the wrap-around care, the government will reimburse 20p in every pound spent.

The details you may be asked for are:

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We are looking to reduce the costs of our provision, however in order to cover staffing and resources, it is entirely dependent on uptake. The more people that regularly use these services, the lower we can make the cost for all.

