

Orford CEVA Primary School

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End of Year Newsletter - Summer 2023



Headteacher's Message

Dear all,

Thank you for all of your support on what has been an eventful year to say the least! It has been so wonderful this half term watching the children (and staff!) enjoy so many exciting events, which I am sure will remain as cherished memories for them all.

STAFFING UPDATE

I wrote earlier in the term to tell you that we sadly say goodbye to Miss Davis and Miss Creed. This week, Mrs Foxon-Payne was successful in interviewing for a new full-time post at Benhall Primary - we wish her luck in her new school. As a result, Miss Creed has agreed to stay on at Orford from September alongside her university studies, which is fantastic news as she is already well-known to all of our children. Ms Frances Wardale will also be joining our Early Years team and working with our nursery children in class 1.

Additionally, I - not Mrs Reeve as previously stated - will remain as acting SENDCo going into the new school year and will be point of contact for any concerns about your child's additional needs. We are looking to recruit a permanent SENDCo into the new year and will keep you informed of any developments.

Our Year 6s have had a fantastic last few weeks - taking part in Arts Award; trips to their high schools; the hugely successful Troy Story; a trip to Ipswich Ski Slope to go on 'ringos'; a generous gift of a leaver's hoodie from OSLOF and a heartwarming leaver's service on Wednesday. We all truly wish Travis, Mimsie, Bella, Phoebe and Uma the very best as they move on to their new high schools. Good luck also to Flynn, Scarlett, William and Seren as they move to their new schools.

*Have a restful summer everyone, we look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 5th September 2023.***

*With very best wishes,
Miss Cannon*

Values Cup Award Winners

- **Isaac L** - Perseverance, friendship and compassion
- **Jasmine** - Respect, perseverance and forgiveness
- **Lana** - Perseverance, trust and creativity
- **Ayden** - Service, justice and courage



Our whole school values in September will be:
creativity and peace.

Whole School News

Right back at the beginning of June, we welcomed the Year 6s from Bawdsey Primary school for a joint transition day run by the Just42 charity, who organise our Thursday Kid's Clubs. Transition day. The children took part in a number of team building activities and enjoyed lunch together - an encouraging start to thinking about their new schools.

Arts Award club finished this term, but not after an intensive week of rehearsals and 2 performances of the play 'The Knucker of Knodishall' with Rust and Stardust puppet company in Orford Town Hall. The children had to construct their own mechanical rainbow bird puppets using recycled materials before learning the words to some quite complicated songs! They rehearsed for 5 days straight before performing an afternoon matinee and evening show. Everyone remembered their words



and the choreography and blended in brilliantly with the professional actors! After the evening performance, they also had to talk to all the members of the audience and present their puppets. We have had some very positive feedback from the organisers and those who came to watch the show, and we are all incredibly proud of all who took part - even more so now we know they have all passed their Arts Award! Certificates are in the post and will be handed out/passed on in the new school year.



At the end of June, we celebrated our annual sports day - thank you to all parents, carers, family members and friends who came to support; and to Mrs Marriott for all the hard work in organising the day's events. The morning was an exciting carousel of athletics activities from archery to javelin to shuttle runs whilst the afternoon played host to our usual set of races: hurdles, egg and spoon; sprint and relay. We also enjoyed a beautiful picnic lunch on the school field - it was heartwarming to see so many of you relaxing and eating together. Well done to all of our medal winners and, of course, the Yellow Team - our overall points champions! All photos from the day (there were several hundred) are on the school website:

<https://www.orfordprimary.co.uk/gallery/?pid=0&gcetid=7>



On 29th June, children from Reception to Year 6 visited Ipswich Mosque as part of our RE and wider opportunities learning. We removed our shoes as we entered the mosque, then listened to the Imam tell us a little about what Muslims believe and had the chance to explore the prayer hall before asking questions. Most children already knew that Muslims prayed five times a day, but were a little more shocked to realise quite how early the prayers start!!! This was all followed by a lovely picnic lunch and play in Holywells park - Mrs Smy and Miss Phillips even had a go on the seesaw!



HUGE thank you to OSLOF for funding the Year 6 leaver's trip this year. Bella, Mimsie, Travis, Uma and Phoebe got to have an ice cream by the river in Woodbridge before heading to the Suffolk Ski Slope for an afternoon of 'Ringos' - sitting in a giant inflatable donut before heading down the slope. They spent a lot of time hauling the rings back up to the top but had a lot of fun coming back down!



Class 1 News

The children have had a fantastic final term of learning in Class 1. We have enjoyed reading and exploring fantasy stories and making our own creative choices as authors to take our characters on their own adventures.

The up and down weather has provided us with lots of learning opportunities in our outdoor area. We have loved splashing in natural muddy puddles when the rain has been heavy and have learnt how to create exactly the right consistency when the weather has been dry (sorry about the clothes!) Our mud pit has provided lots of hands-on mathematical development as we



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have explored counting, measurements and capacity.

In preparation for our trip to The Red House in Aldeburgh the children in Class 1 have been exploring their interest in butterflies, where we have learnt about their lifecycle and used identification charts to spot each type as they fly through our garden (and sometimes into our classroom!) Wow what a fantastic end to the year Class 1! Well done!

Class 2 News



Class 2 have had a brilliantly busy half term! We started with our exciting trip to Orford Castle, where we learnt all about how the buildings have changed over time; ways in which the castle would be defended; and what all the rooms were used for.... We particularly liked the toilet! Everyone was super brave and managed to get all the way to the top.

Back at school, we used our writing skills to create diary entries of our trip, build our own castles AND print designs on our own flags for the top. In maths, we have been working on shape and space, learning the names and properties of common 2D and 3D shapes. Whilst in science we have been grafting away in the gardens to clear the vegetable beds and plant seeds ready for the new school year, and also created some excellent wheels showing life cycles of animals which go through metamorphosis.

All between the many other events happening in school - we have absolutely earned our summer break!



Class 3 News

Class 3 have had a fantastic end to the summer term with their fabulous performance of Troy Story! All of the children worked hard, but also had such fun, practising all their songs, lines and actions.



They did a terrific job and really entertained their audiences, and as their class teacher, I am very proud of them. In other areas of the curriculum, class 3 have continued to work hard. In maths, we have studied the properties of 2d and 3d shapes, identifying and measuring angles, reading and drawing line graphs, bar charts and tables, as well as problem solving. Class 3 have

learned about what affects electrical circuits and how to draw circuits using the recognised symbols in their science lessons. We wrote an alternative chapter from our book 'Who Let the Gods Out' and a gruesome retelling of the myth, 'Theseus and the Minotaur'! We have researched historical Ancient Greek philosophers and inventors, and looked at typical Ancient Greek Olympics. The children in class 3

also decorated their Ancient Greek style pottery by painting on silhouettes of Olympic figures.



TEAM POINTS 2023-24

1st - GREEN	2nd - BLUE	3rd - YELLOW	4th - RED
1652 points!!!	1106 points	1059	1021

Well done to everyone - all children in school earned at least their bronze certificate which equates to a team point per week minimum!

Governors' Message

Dear parents and carers,

The last academic year has been one of real achievement for everyone at Orford CEVA Primary School. Two recent events highlight the great all-round education which all pupils at the school receive. Firstly, the Ofsted report which graded the school 'Good' overall and 'Outstanding' in respect of personal development, and secondly the wonderful Class 3 school play, 'Troy Story.' Our small rural primary school truly does provide its children with the best possible start in life; we provide the rich ground in which our children can grow and flourish.

I would like to thank Gemma, and all the staff at the school for their hard work and dedication over the past year, and wish them all a very well-deserved summer break. I would also like to thank my fellow Governors for their contribution, and you as parents and carers for your support; it has been a real team effort in getting the school to where it is now.

I will be stepping down from my role as Chair of Governors in September, due to my new commitment as Rural Dean of the Woodbridge Deanery churches, although I will remain on the Governing Body in my position as Rector of St Bartholomew's Church. It has been a real privilege to help lead the school through this time of change over the last year. As we prepare to join the Tilian Partnership MAT, it is however now the right time for someone else to take over this role at the start of the new academic year.

May I wish you and your families a happy, restorative and safe summer holiday.

Revd Giles - Chair of Governors

OSLOF News

NEW TO YOU UNIFORM SALE!

MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER (PD Day)

12:30-1pm

3-4pm

On the playground

Most items only £1 each!



Donation boxes

Will be left by the scooters all summer - any item of old Orford uniform, in any condition (it will all be washed and ironed!), can be left to go into OSLOF's stock.

This includes branded/unbranded school uniform and PE kit, good quality shoes/socks/tights, book bags etc.



HAF Programme - Holiday Activities

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, they are also eligible for free holiday activities as well! There is a whole host of events to choose from, including those run by Mr West from Xtra Time, our sports coaches.

For more information, click on:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/advice.page?id=Zj4vWQtEbvA>

Or google 'Suffolk HAF Programme'