

Orford CEVA Primary School

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End of Term Newsletter - Autumn 2022



Headteacher's Message

Dear all,

Welcome to our first Orford CEVA Primary School newsletter! It has been such a joy to watch our school community prepare for the festive season over the past few weeks, and I know both the children and staff have enjoyed many of the exciting activities that have been taking place.

Even amongst all the fun and excitement, a lot of quality learning has been taking place in classes, witnessed by two visiting headteachers at the end of November; they were particularly impressed by the enthusiasm of our children and their keenness to share all the work they are proud of. They have given us some exciting ideas on how to further develop our problem solving learning in maths as we enter the new year.

Very sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Bailie and Mr Chadwick this term; they will both be sorely missed and I am sure you will join us in thanking them for their hard work and service to the school.

In January, we will be welcoming Mrs McCart to the school who will teach full time in Class 3 and be our new Maths lead, whilst I join Mrs Reeve teaching Class 2 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Please remember that all class information can be found on our updated pages on the website.

I wish you all a safe, restful and happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 4th January.

With very best wishes,
Miss Cannon

Values Cup Award Winners

- **Alice** - courage, humility and perseverance
- **Travis** - friendship, service and trust
- **Lily** - responsibility, creativity and thankfulness
- **Amelia** - perseverance and hope
- **Mason** - wisdom and peace
- **Daisy** - justice, friendship and generosity



Our whole school values next term will be: **perseverance** and **wisdom**.

Whole School News

Our Collective Worship theme this term has been reverence and respect. We have shared a number of bible stories and courageous advocates but have also discussed some more complex ideas/issues including: remembrance, diabetes awareness (as part of World Diabetes Day), anti-bullying (for Anti-bullying Week), gender equality and learning behaviours. The children have really impressed us with how sensible and open-minded they have been, and a huge well done to our Year 6 worship team who wrote and delivered their own assembly and prayers on the respect theme.



Thank you to everyone for supporting our two charity events this term: Children in Need and the Poppy Appeal. We were impressed with everyone's efforts to dress up in yellow and spotty gear for Children in Need day, it certainly brightened up the classrooms!



Those of you who have visited the hall recently will notice how spectacularly it has been decorated! Each teacher took a Christmas carol as their theme and worked with a mixed group of children to create all sorts of different decorations. It is always such a special day for our school and wonderful to see the older children supporting their younger peers to create such beautiful decorations (looking dazzling in their Christmas jumpers too!)



Movie night was super fun! The hall looked very comfy with all the mats and cushions out, and everyone in their cozy pyjamas! School council had worked carefully to plan the evening: the younger children chose Peter Pan and the older children watched The Christmas Chronicles. There was a full buffet of treats on offer, including popcorn, chocolates, sweets and lemonade. It even included vegan options, which School Council thoughtfully suggested off their own backs. Key Stage 2's film finished earlier than anticipated, so they also got to play a giant game of hide and seek around

the school in the dark!



We also got to enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch this week, before going on the annual walk around the village. Thank you so much to Nicola, Carol and Tiffany for all their hard work to make the hall look amazing and the food taste so brilliant! Thank you also to the OSLOF team for donating crackers and a carton of juice for every child.

Class 1 News

It's been a busy half term for all the children in the class and we have been delighted to see that the children continue to be brilliant with their learning behaviour. Most of our learning this half term has revolved around Christmas and our class performance of 'The Sleepy Shepherd'. We were all really impressed at how the children worked hard to learn their lines at home and continued to be enthusiastic during rehearsals. We were all super proud of how well the children joined in during the dress rehearsal and main performance. It was wonderful to see so many parents and relatives in the audience - a recording will be available on Tapestry by the end of this week.

In our maths learning this half term we have been focusing on place value, addition and subtraction. All children have worked hard to develop their skills in these areas and have made great progress at their level.

We would like to say farewell to three children who will be leaving the class after Christmas. We wish you all well in your new adventures at your new schools!

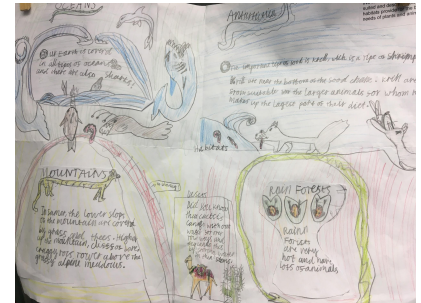


Class 2 News

Class 2 have been working really well together and have become a tight knit group of children who are keen to learn. They have recently completed some DT work on a textiles unit and have created some lovely purses, all hand stitched by them! They had to create a paper prototype (using the correct terminology!) and practiced stitching before creating their final product which had to be in line with their initial design.



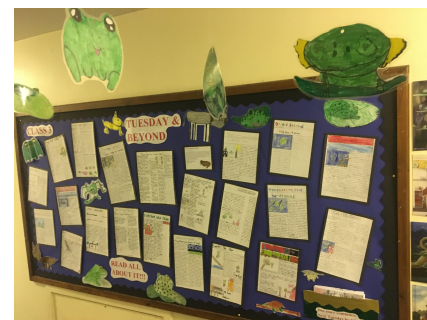
This term they have also been busy with gardening, debugging our bee bots, learning about the Great Fire of London and why the fire started, spread and stopped which enabled us to write an explanation text in English based on this. In addition, in Geography, we have looked at countries and cities within the UK. In Science this term we have been learning about Living Things and their Habitats. We did our own research using information books and computers to produce our own World Habitats posters. We were so proud of what we achieved this term and we proudly showed our Science learning in our class celebration assembly.



Class 3 News

Class 3 started this half term by learning about Remembrance as part of their RE lessons. They created a beautiful wreath of prayers which they took to a short service on 11th November at the church. It was placed in the St Nicholas chapel for visitors to admire at the Sunday service.

They have also been using the book 'Tuesday' by David Weisner to inspire their writing. After learning about direct and reported speech, word play and rhetorical questions, they created their own newspaper reports about the events of the book, which look fabulous on the new display in the corridor. Once they had learnt about the active and passive tenses, they collaboratively created their own novel 'Next Tuesday' as a sequel to the original.



Finally, this week they had a really special treat as they got to visit Alde Valley High School to watch the lower school performance of Cinderella, which we all thoroughly enjoyed!

Governors' Message

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank Gemma Cannon for stepping up to take on the role of Acting Headteacher at the start of this half term. In her short time in this new role Miss Cannon, with the full support of the staff, has had a positive impact across all aspects of the school. The new year will be an exciting one for the school, as the governors are exploring Orford CEVA School joining a Multi Academy Trust which will suit the Christian ethos, size and rural setting of the school. This will secure the long term future of the school whilst preserving Orford School's unique character. We will provide more information on this in the new year.

May I thank you for your support of the school, and wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Revd Giles

Chair of Governors

OSLOF News

The Orford Christmas Fair was a fantastic success, raising a whopping £1,803.46 for our wonderful School!!!!

We couldn't have achieved this without all the amazing donations from you, the raffle tickets you bought and the amazing volunteering of help to set up from Emily Worne, Lily & Joe Andrews you are stars! Thank you! It was a wonderfully festive afternoon with face painting by the amazing Stacey Paine with star face paint models Casper & Blyth Paine - Lucky dip donated by the incredible Carol and run by Dawn Phillips (who also donated the most delicious mince pies I have ever eaten!) - Play Your Cards Right by Darren Worne - Delicious spiced apple and Mulled wine from Sera Felton - The biggest tombola I have ever seen by Tracy Worne with huge help from Amanda Davis, Lily & Joe - Festive reindeer food and dog biscuits run by Rachel & Lily Andrews - An amazing refreshment stall with donations from The Mixing Bowl, Kasia Dubaj, Dawn and many more! And most importantly the best raffle selling team ever - Claire Andrews, Nick Paine and Nicky Ehlert! We also had four festive stalls selling gifts and treats. All in all it was a lovely afternoon and we had lots of fun!

OSLOF (Orford School League Of Friends) raises money for our wonderful school. We volunteer our time a few times a year to raise as much money as we can to support the school in buying school materials, learning equipment, sports equipment, school trips, school maintenance and anything else the school needs but cannot afford due to lack of government funding.

If you would like to be part of our fundraising events or have ideas for future events please come along to our meeting early next year. We will be meeting to discuss the year's events, the next one being the very popular Orford Easter Egg Hunt!

Part of what made the Orford Christmas fair so successful is that OSLOF worked to our strengths and as a team. If you have a skill or something to offer that you think would add to a successful fundraising event please get in touch!

We are not always at the school gate but always available via email: oslof@orfordcvap.org

Best wishes and a very Merry Christmas and New Year!
From us all at OSLOF: Max, Nicky, Kasia, Tracy, Claire and Nick



Other Reminders

- Celebration assemblies are **every Friday** at 8.45am - all are welcome every week, not just if your child is receiving an award
- We appreciate finances are tight for all at the moment, but a navy jumper (preferably with school logo) and black shoes are part of the uniform requirements for all school age children at Orford. Please ensure that uniform is named to make it easier to return any that goes missing! OSLOF have a good supply of excellent second hand uniform items, priced very affordably. Please contact the team if you would like to make use of this service.
- Our Website has a number of links to support with online safety at home, which may be of use over the holidays: <https://www.orfordprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Online+safety+information&pid=32>
- Would you have any use for a full working (piano) keyboard? Free to a good home!



Orford Community Larder

Please remember that any of our families, regardless of where they live, are free to use the well-stocked Orford Community Larder (organised by the Good Neighbour Scheme) if needs be over the festive period. It is located in the car park of the King's Head pub and is always open with a range of non-perishable food items and other essentials. There is no need to register or record that you have visited - just turn up and help yourself!

