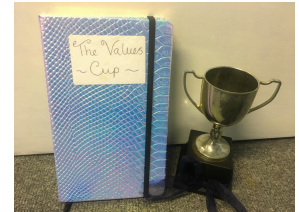


Headteacher's Message

Dear all,
Happy half term! I cannot believe how quickly it has flown by, but there has been so much going on.
Thank you to all the parents who have attended Arbor training this week - the app is very self explanatory and quite easy to follow, but we wanted you all to feel confident with the new system. We hope that those of you who attended feel it was worthwhile, but please do come and speak to Mrs Scarce if you are having any trouble at all using it. We will not be using the messaging or meals features yet, and will let you know when this has been launched.
After the half term, we have lots of really exciting whole school events to look forward to including World Book Day, Science Week (Class 3 have information on their Science Fair projects for half term) and a brand new event: Inspirational Person Week. Please keep 8.45am on Wednesday 27th March in your diaries where the children will be sharing the work they have done.
We hope you have a peaceful break, we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 26th February 2024.
With very best wishes,
Miss Cannon and the Orford Team

Values Cup Award Winners

- Emily - Compassion, Respect and Reverence, Friendship, Courage
- Ms Wardale - Service, Creativity, Wisdom



Our whole school value next half term will be: **forgiveness**

Whole School News

This term started with a 'snap' for classes 2 and 3 who took part in the Letters in the Landscape photography project with Sadie Windscheffel-Clarke, a professional photographer and it was kindly sponsored by Suffolk Coast and Heaths, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The children got to handle a proper DSLR camera and learnt how to find wonder in the natural world around them. In the afternoon, they worked with cyanotypes, using sunlight to create pictures. By placing leaves and feathers on specially treated paper, the children exposed their work to the sunlight, then washed off the chemicals to reveal their striking creations! A thoroughly memorable experience for all!





On 8th February, selected Class 3 children attended a dodgeball tournament in Ipswich, where they played 6 matches (of 3 sets each) against much larger Ipswich schools. They won 5 matches, and well over half of the sets - never once did the whole team get hit out. They played admirably and were an absolute credit to the school. Well done to Teddy, Jenson, Stavroula, Alexander, Lily, Phillip, Ayden and Lana!



Class 3 have also started a small 'Junior Reporters' contingency (pictured). Once a month, they will be charged with writing a news paragraph for "The Link" - the parish magazine posted through most of your doors. They will choose the content, write, spell check and edit their article, before a member of staff forwards the email on. We will not be telling them which reports have been chosen for inclusion in the article, so do read the magazine to find out whose submission makes the final publication each month.

Class 1 News

Class 1 have had another busy half term. 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. We have enjoyed becoming explorers in our exploration station and at forest school and have been learning about other famous explorers. In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about place value to 50 and Reception have been working hard on finding doubles and pairs of numbers. In Literacy, we have read many different texts including, most recently, Mr Wolf's pancakes. The children have written lists and instructions to help Mr Wolf buy the ingredients that he needs to make delicious pancakes.



Class 2 News

The children have been working really hard again this term, which began in the most enthralling way with their photography workshop. Their enthusiasm with this was wonderful to see and the results that this day produced were, as I know you'll agree, astounding and it has also inspired some lovely artwork. The children have been working on adverts and newspaper reports in English and are now moving on to shape and angles in maths, having covered area and perimeter amongst other topics. Their perseverance with their problem solving and reasoning has been great to see this half term and it is really helping their mathematical ability. In Geography, the children have been creating presentations about landmarks of Europe and have been developing their oracy in doing so. Science this half term has involved lots of fun learning about digestion from beginning to end! Class 2 have learned all about different types of teeth, seen the effect of acid on an egg shell (to demonstrate tooth decay) and acted out the functions of the different parts of the digestive system. In French we have been learning about transport and directions with lots of excellent role play to practice our French speaking along the way. Music, too, has been a great success with the children developing a good sense of rhythm whilst playing their glockenspiels!



Class 3 News

Class 3 have started this half term by using their creativity! As well as participating in the photography workshop, they studied natural forms to inspire layered printing and batiks; the results were amazing! The children have started their science topic on space and have studied the evolution of scientific ideas, and some influential scientists, who provided theories about our solar system. In keeping with the space theme, Class 3 have written stories about a child going to the moon of another planet and describing the life forms which inhabit it. We have just finished our final draft of an explanation of a space Rover of the future!

In maths, they have been storming our way through our fractions, decimals and percentages topic, which they have just completed. Class 3 are having fun learning the ukulele in music, where they are combining playing our tuned instrument with singing and rhythm. Finally, we have enjoyed continuing our learning about the Maya, by studying features of the Yucatan Peninsula and the geography of the modern day Maya.



Governors' Message

Since the school joined the Tilian Academy, governors have been familiarising themselves with some new ways of working. We have streamlined the committee structure to make sure we are concentrating on what really matters. This includes, first and foremost, attracting as many families as we can to join the school, starting with the youngest children at nursery level. Friends of Orford School are playing their part alongside us to provide activities that are fun as well as educational. Everyone can help expand the catchment of our school by spreading the word to family, friends and others – a 'good' school with Forest School, teaching kitchen, and wrap-around care.

Janet Bishop - Chair of Governors

OSLOF News

What a great first half of Easter term. Thank you all for joining in with OSLOF this year and helping us continue to raise funds for the children of Orford School. We also now have a full committee:

Chairman Daisy Fellowes

Vice Chairman Nicola Ehlert

Treasurer Alison Fellowes

Secretary Emily Backhouse

Future events for the calendar:

- Easter egg hunt 30th March at the recreation ground. Any help on the day would be hugely appreciated.
- Orford Fest: 10th August. Live music festival at the recreation ground.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday!

COMPOST CALL OUT!

Gardening Lessons and Gardening Club will be starting up again after half term.

We are desperate for:

- COMPOST! Lots of it please! (Our compost heaps aren't biodegrading quite as quickly as we hoped)



- Seed potatoes and strawberry runners

Donations can be given to Mrs Nottingham, or left by the back gate (but please let us know so we can move them to the shed ASAP!)

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and are inviting children to dress up if they would like to as a **book** character and if possible, bringing the novel in with them too.



Class 3 have helpfully put together some simple (and mostly free!) suggestions of book and character ideas using things from around the house:

- Midnight Gang Characters - Just wear pyjamas and a dressing gown!
- Mr Bump - Blue Clothes and Toilet Paper
- Harry, Hermoine or Ron from Book 7 of Harry Potter - They just wear ordinary clothes!
- Flat Stanley - Jeans and a stripy top
- A Squash and A Squeeze - Wear an apron, and bring any toy farm animals you have
- Macbeth from Macbeth United - Football Kit
- Handa's Surprise - plain clothes and a bowl of fruit on your head
- The Last Kids on Earth - Own Clothes
- The BFG - Brown clothes and big paper ears cellotaped to a hairband
- Saucepan Man from the Magic Faraway Tree - wear a saucepan on your head.
- Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs - jeans, jumper and a bucket with a toy dinosaur in!

