

Headteacher's Message

Dear all,

Our school looks glorious this time of year with the sun shining and flowers blooming, I know the visitors we had on Monday were all very impressed! I am actually writing this newsletter from CYM Ipswich with our class 3s who have had immense fun on their residential trip - I am sure you will be hearing all about it over the coming weeks. Well done to our Year 6s who had their SATs examinations earlier in May - we are extremely proud of all they have achieved both this year and throughout their time at Orford school, but this particular week they approached the whole situation with maturity and diligence and embodied all of our values in their approach to their learning. Well done Year 6!!

Another huge congratulations to Mrs Nicholls, who this term has completed a qualification for Literacy Leaders - we are not surprised she did so well in the assessment as she is already doing a brilliant job with our exciting World Book Day celebrations, Books Buddies & Biscuits sessions and the amazing phonics learning that takes place throughout the school.

With the hot weather, branded sports tops and other items are being worn to school again. A polite reminder that uniform expectations are [published here on the school website](#). OSLOF are still generously offering the 'New to You' uniform scheme with all items £1 to help with this. However, we are running low of sports items. Please speak to the school office, or Claire (George and Isla's mum) if you are interested in using, or donating to, this service. Mrs Scarce also has some brand new items with the "old" logo on, which can be purchased at a discounted price.

Finally, some changes to our school team. We have welcomed Reverend Mandy from Rendlesham church, who is temporarily supporting us with collective worship whilst a new vicar is being recruited. She led a very exciting assembly the other week which the children enjoyed, and we are very grateful that she has kindly agreed to lead the Year 6 leaver's service at the end of term. At the service, we will also very sadly be saying goodbye to the following staff: Mrs Smy, who will be retiring to spend more time with her grandchildren; Dr Biran (SENDCo) who has an exciting new opportunity heading up a unit at Copleston School; and Miss Creed, who is taking some time out to finish her degree. We will miss all of them desperately and thank them for all they have done for our children - I am sure they will all stay firm friends of the school.

Hoping you all have a peaceful break and look forward to our return to school on **Monday 3rd June** at the normal time.

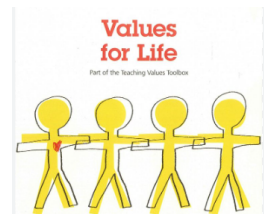
With very best wishes,
Miss Cannon

Values Cup Award Winners

- **Joe**
Thankfulness
Wisdom
Perseverance
- **Blyth**
Courage
Responsibility
- **Carly**
Friendship
Compassion
Generosity
- **Mrs McCart**
Compassion
Wisdom
Perseverance



Our whole school value next half term will be:
Thankfulness.



Whole School News

This term has been short and busy for each individual class, that we haven't had many whole school events to report! However, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Andrews did host a super ELSA Books Buddies and Biscuits last week - they shared some information on what their role is in school, and how the ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) programme can support children. We then shared books together in the hall looking at some common themes they support with, including: friendships, self-esteem, anger, sadness and feeling different. If you think any of these books could be of use to you or your child, please speak to our ELSA staff.



Class 2 visited the Farm Fair back in April, learning all about where our food comes from, animals on the farm, how hunting dogs are used, and even got to have a ride in the tractor! The day was enjoyed by all, and they shared some really exciting facts in assembly that week that they had learnt. Eagle-eyed Mrs Reeve also spotted that there were trees being donated to the schools, and managed to get 2 for us. Gardening club have done a brilliant job this term planting them on the field. We have been incredibly grateful this term for the support of Orford Gardening Club who send volunteers weekly to help the gardening club with weeding, planting and sharing their bountiful knowledge of plants! All the photos can be found on the school website:

<https://www.orfordprimary.co.uk/gallery/?pid=0&gcatid=7&albumid=120>



Class 3 visited CYM Ipswich for their residential trip this week. They've had an absolutely brilliant time! The children took part in a multi-activity team building week including ziplining, rafting, playing laser tag, water races, swimming, nightline amongst others! One of the teacher's favourites was Nightline - the children were all blindfolded and had to navigate an obstacle course.... whilst we got to deliberately send them the wrong way, wave branches at them and tickle everyone!! You'll be pleased to hear though, that after all that action they were very well fed each meal time, but particularly on Wednesday where they got to eat according to the meal time customs of countries from around the world! The group who had Iraq had to sit on the floor and eat with their right hand only, the team from Brazil had to wipe their mouth after every bite of food or sip of drink, but funniest of all was Japan who had to eat EVERYTHING (including sticky toffee pudding!!) with chopsticks! The team of leaders also discussed different values each day, including courage and resilience: all seen in abundance by all the children this week. Well done Class 3! Photos will be added to the website over half term, so please keep an eye out.



Class 1 News

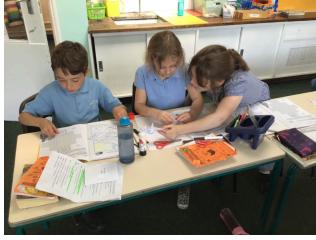
Class 1 have had another really busy half term - our topic has been 'Growing and Sowing'. We turned our role play area into a Farm shop, which the children have loved. They have sorted, fruit and vegetables, role played in the café area and grown their own strawberry and cress plants. In science we have been learning about plants, we have found out what they need to grow, how to care for them and labelled different parts. We even made our own plants using recycled materials. In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about addition and



subtraction to 20 and place value to 100. Reception have been working hard on identifying and manipulating shapes and sharing and grouping. In Literacy, we have read many different texts including 'Sam's Sandwich'. The children have written lists and instructions to help Sam find the ingredients that he needs to make his disgusting sandwich!!

Class 2 News

Class 2 have continued to work really hard in all areas of the curriculum - they have been fantastic as always! We've produced some very persuasive letters to Pisces, (the Leader of the Zodiac Council from our Class text: 'Who Let the Gods Out,') demanding the reinstatement of Virgo's powers! We've also been answering lots of reasoning questions about data and statistics in maths. In history, we have learned about the battle of marathon and its legacy - we made a great phalanx formation!



In science we have been learning about the three States of Matter and the water cycle with lots of investigations into changing the state of matter via evaporation and condensation, melting and freezing. In French we have been writing and talking about the weather and everyone presented their weather forecasts for the UK to the class - you'll be pleased to know that Orford was usually sunny!

Our Forest Schools Day this week was a great success - huge thanks to both Jeff for his superb cooking skills and Mrs Marriott for her sawing(!).



Class 3 News

This half term has certainly been a busy one for class 3! We have been writing about the Mexican festival of The Day of the Dead, completed lots of shape and angles work in maths, started our journey through time in our History of Medicine topic and begin work on lifecycles in science, so far looking at plant and mammal life cycles. We have also selected our play to be performed at the end of term, and have begun learning the songs and practising our parts! And of course, I must mention how AMAZING all the year 6 children were during their SATs week, and how well year 5 got on during this time too. All this has been very exciting...but what an end to the term!

Our residential trip to CYM Basecamp was fantastic: so full of fun activities and team building games. The children learnt so much about themselves and each other, tried new things and worked on the values of teamwork, courage and perseverance. Miss Cannon and I are so proud of you all.



Message from Janet Bishop, our Chair of Governors

It is half-term again, doesn't the time go quickly? I expect it does when you are young and living such a full and active life at school. There was a buzz of excitement when I came into school on Monday, with Class 3 all ready to go off to CYM for their three day residential with all kinds of special activities lined up.

It was a sunny day and the vegetables seemed to be thriving in their patch, maybe soon to be made into broad bean soup in the teaching kitchen, which seems to be the envy of many schools round and about. There is the prayer garden too, which always looks so inviting - a perfect place for a quiet ten minutes between lessons. It is good to have these outlets after all the hard work that has gone into all your assessments, and for Year 6 into SATS, to prepare you for the move on to a new school in September. Governors and the Tilian Academy were interviewing for the role of Headteacher to succeed Miss Cannon on Monday and we were pleased to receive several applications - we are confident that an appointment will be able to be confirmed shortly. There will then be time for a handover and for the school to prepare to celebrate all that Miss Cannon has brought to the school over so many years and to wish her well as she moves on to a new exciting role for her.

Other Reminders

- Years 3-6 will be swimming every Monday after half term. Until further notice, they need an additional pair of shorts and a tshirt to go over their swimming kit.
- All information for the upcoming week is sent out **via email every Friday**. Please check you are receiving these.