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Ormiston Cliff Park
PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Welcome to the March edition of the Principal's Newsletter

It has been another action-packed few weeks at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy, with lots of learning and enrichment activities taking place, a small sample of which are shared below.

Cross Country

On Thursday the 23rd of February, 30 children from Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy took part in the ENSSP Cross Country Event at Bure Park. This event was for children from years 3,4,5 and 6. The children had a fantastic time. 28 children ran, with 16 within the top 20! Each event had between 60 to 80 children running in total and we were delighted to have children finishing in first, second and third places! The children were excellent ambassadors for our academy, and we are very proud of their success!



World Book Day 2023!

We celebrated World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. It was a fantastic day, with children and staff dressing up as their favourite book characters. The children enjoyed listening to a range of stories throughout the day and teachers shared books that meant a lot to them. Pupils even re-designed the cover for their favourite book. The children also enjoyed participating in competitions promoted by the Ormiston Trust, such as 'Extreme Reading', where children had to take photographs of themselves reading in unusual places and the 'Dress the Potato' challenge, which finished with an exhibition!



Lego workshops

Year 3 were lucky enough to be invited to work with the East Norfolk The Sixth Form College on a problem solving activity using Lego. The workshop involved the children working in teams to make a fairground ride from Lego, which could move, light up and play music!

Good teamwork was key for this activity and everyone worked together to become computer programmers. It was a fun, educational morning and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone

Time and Tide Museum

Year 3 have also been busy visiting the Time and Tide Museum experiencing what it was like to live during the Stone Age. Activities included how to become a hunter (including spear throwing!), how to build a shelter, looking at evidence and learning about the different kind of animals that were alive at the time. After all their learning, the children decided that they would rather live in 2023 than during the Stone Age!

England's Barclays Football session

On Wednesday 8th March-International Women's Day 2023- eleven girls from lower Key Stage Two were invited to participate in the Biggest Ever England's Barclays Girls Football Session called- 'Let Girls Play.'

A record 285,000 girls from schools across England took part, beating the total of 90,000 from last year. Quite an achievement, considering most played in challenging weather conditions.

The girls played exceptionally well demonstrating commitment, resilience, and an incredibly positive attitude and were extremely proud of their achievements.

Other news

Mrs Lord will be leaving the Academy on Friday 17th March to in preparation for the birth of her baby. We wish her lots of happiness with this next chapter of her life. Mrs Lord's class will be covered by Mrs N. Main and Mrs. R. Hack for the rest of the academic year. Both teachers are familiar with the Academy and with Year 5.

We will also be saying farewell to Mr Adam Walsh (Year 2 teacher) at the end of the Spring term. We wish him lots of success and happiness as he takes up his new role at Bure Park Specialist Academy. We are in the process of appointing a new teacher for his class.

The OAT Annual Awards held every March, recognise and celebrate the staff and pupils that have made a significant contribution to their academy. We are delighted that this year, Miss Temple has won the Enrichment Champion Award as well Buddy Harrison winning the award for Sporting Champion and Jacob Ainsworth winning the Creativity prize. I am sure you will join with me in sending all winners our warmest congratulations!

Reminders

Just a few reminders for everyone

Car parking on Orde Avenue – despite numerous letters and conversations with individuals, we are still experiencing parents/carers using Orde Avenue for parking /drop off, at the start and end of the academy day. Orde Avenue is clearly marked with yellow lines and signage indicating it should not be

used for parking, but more importantly parking and drop off presents a huge risk to the safety of the children and families of Ormiston Cliff Park Primary. As a matter of urgency, please can I ask that families using vehicles are respectful to our requests.

Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs – In the interests of the safety of pupils and staff may we remind parents/carers that the Academy car parks should not be used for drop off or collection for breakfast and all afterschool clubs.

PE Kit – We are having significant numbers of pupils either not having the correct PE kit or not having any PE kit at all. PE is a statutory part of the curriculum, and it is an expectation that all children have a full PE kit. PE kits should be in the academy every day, ideally brought into the academy on Monday and taken home on Friday (if required). Consequences will be issued for children who do not have PE kit.

Mobile phones, electrical devices, toys - a reminder that children should not be bringing any of the listed items into the Academy.

Red Nose Day 17th March – children can arrive at school in non-school uniform wearing anything that is funny or based on this year's Mr Men theme.

Easter Egg Draw 31st March – tickets are on sale in classrooms at £1.00 per ticket. We have already received some donations of Easter eggs but would welcome a few more if you are able to help us.

Thankyou everyone

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support and understanding that has been shown during this term in relation to any disruption that may have been experienced due to industrial action.

Dates for your diary

17 th March	Red Nose Day
30 th March	Easter Egg Draw
31 st March	End of Spring Term
17 th April	Staff Training Day. Academy closed to all pupils
18 th April	Start of Summer Term
25 th April	Year 5 Trip to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Rutherford
Principal