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Ormiston Cliff Park
PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look forward to the Easter break, we have been reflecting upon another action-packed month at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy. Here are just some of the ways that we have been enjoying our learning over the past few weeks!

Lego workshops

The Academy was lucky enough to have visits from Katy, from the Sixth Form College, who provided workshops for pupils based around making a fairground ride with Lego! The children worked together in small groups to follow step by step instructions to build their Lego structure and then make it move, light up and play music! With a hub, motor and light they all made the ride move and light up using code. Teamwork was key and everyone worked together to become computer programmers. It was a fun, educational morning for everyone.



Paramedic Visit

On Friday 3rd March we received a visit from two local Paramedics, Simon and Mark. They worked with children in years 1-6 and it was fascinating to learn about their roles. Our younger pupils in Years 1 and 2 were shown a presentation about people who help us and children in Years 4-6 found out about the different skills and qualifications that are needed to become a Paramedic.

The children were fascinated to explore the ambulance car and to learn about the equipment that they used to save lives. They particularly enjoyed the flashing lights and the siren! Our pupils asked lots of interesting questions and many of them expressed a real interest in following this career path when they grow up.



Sponsored Assault Course

As part of their Physical, Social and Health Education learning, Year 3 have been learning about how exercise and fresh air can support their physical and mental health. They spent time outside, comparing the difference between being outside and indoors in front of a television or games console.

The children created assault courses to complete on the last day of term and then asked family and friends to sponsor them. They managed to raise an amazing £436.30! This will go to the World Wildlife Foundation, the charity voted for by the children.

The Year 3 Team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated sponsor money.



Baby Ducklings

There has been great excitement in our Reception classes recently! To support their topic of 'Changing and Growing', the children in our three Reception classes became parents to six lovely baby ducklings! The children were so excited as they hatched the eggs and took care of their new babies. The children were fascinated to observe how they changed and even watched them take their first swim!



Year 1 Mini Beast visit

On Tuesday 28th March, Year 1 had an exciting visit from 'The Mini Monster Creepy Crawly Roadshow'. During the visit, they got to experience holding different creatures, like a Giant African Snail named Gerald, Mildred the Millipede and Winston the Bearded Dragon! As well as this, they got to see a Chilean Rose Tarantula and a Corn Snake. The children had the opportunity to ask questions and to learn new and interesting facts about the different creatures and later were inspired to write poetry that about their favourite creature!



Easter Egg Raffles

Thank you so much for your support for our Easter Egg Raffles this year. We have been delighted by the kind response and the children were very excited to hold their raffle draws today! All proceeds will be used to buy lots of lovely new equipment and to fund further enrichment experiences for the children. It wouldn't be possible without your help and without the hard work of Mrs Blaxell and our School Council.



‘Nature Lookout Shed’

We were delighted to officially open our Nature Lookout Shed as part of our Woodland Walk. This was created using the proceeds from our Y6 Enterprise Day last summer. It was wonderful to welcome back some of our past pupils, who had helped to raise the money, to have the honour of cutting the ribbon! The idea is that each year, our Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to fundraise for the next phase of the Woodland Walk’s development and, in doing so, leave a lasting legacy of their time with us. We look forward to seeing what this year’s Year 6 pupils will be able to achieve!

Farewell Mr Walsh

Today, we bid farewell to Mr Walsh, who is leaving us to take on a new challenge. Adam has been a wonderful teacher and colleague, who has brought energy and a real sense of fun to all of the children who have had the pleasure of being taught by him as well as playing a key role in developing sporting opportunities across the academy. We know that you will join with us in saying a huge ‘thank you’ to him for all that he has done for our pupils over the years. We wish him every happiness as he begins a new chapter.

On behalf of the staff and Governors, we would like to thank you for your continued support this term and to wish all of our families a very Happy Easter! We look forward to welcoming the children back for the start of the Summer Term on **Tuesday 18th of April**.

Dates for your diary

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| 18 th April 2023 | Start of Summer Term |
| 25 th April 2023 | Year 5 Trip To Gressenhall |
| 26 th April 2023 | School Council Trip to the Houses of Parliament |
| 01 st May 2023 | May Day Bank Holiday - Academy Closed |
| 08 th May 2023 | Coronation of King Charles III Bank Holiday – Academy Closed |
| 22 nd May-26 th May 2023 | Bikeability Year 5 |
| 27 th May 2023 | End of Summer Term 1 |

Kind Regards



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Principal