



**Ormiston Cliff Park**  
**PRIMARY ACADEMY**

Orde Avenue  
Gorleston-on-sea  
Norfolk  
NR31 6SZ

Phone: 01493 661523

Email: [office@ocppa.co.uk](mailto:office@ocppa.co.uk)

Web: [www.ocppa.co.uk](http://www.ocppa.co.uk)

Principal: Mrs K Rutherford MA BEd

 **Anchored in excellence**

17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year 2022/23

We have, once again, had a really enjoyable end to the Summer Term at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy. The children have taken part in a wide range of learning activities, both within the academy and beyond some of which are shared below:

### **Norwich Puppet Theatre Performance – Year 1**

Our Year 1 pupils were delighted when Norwich Puppet Theatre brought their spectacular production of ‘Thumbelina’ into the academy. Having enjoyed the show and found out more about the puppets used, our Year 1 children then took part in a workshop to create their very own puppet. Perhaps they will create some puppet shows of their own!



### **Celebration of Enrichment Clubs – Summer Showcase 2023**

We are very proud of the range of extra-curricular activities that we offer. Children are able to make new friends and learn new skills as well as discovering new talents!

To celebrate the work of our dance and music clubs throughout the year, we recently held our second ‘Summer Showcase’ concert, to celebrate the children’s hard work throughout the year. It was packed with a variety of music and dance and included keyboards, recorders and choirs! In addition, all of the

children from our dance clubs (ranging from Y1-Y6) performed exceptional dance routines, including Hip Hop, Jive and Samba! We are so proud of the way that the children performed with such confidence and enjoyment! Special thanks to our fabulous Year 6 comperes and to all those staff who made it possible by giving their time throughout the year.



### **Ormiston Academies Trust Chess Competition 2023**

We were delighted to enter two teams from our popular Chess Club into this year's Ormiston Academies Trust Chess Competition. Two teams of four players represented our Chess Club, the Cliff Park Knights and the Cliff Park Bishops and we were thrilled to come away with a silver medal for the Bishops and in gold medal position for the Cliff Park Knights.



### **Y2 Carlton Marshes Visit**

Last month, Year 2 visited Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve to support their learning about 'Animals and their Habitats'. The children participated in an action-packed day of dyke dipping and mini-beast hunting and particularly enjoyed the pond dipping, where they were delighted to find a wide range of creatures, such as damselfly larvae, water-boatmen, water snails and backswimmers.

One group even found a great diving beetle larvae which, being a voracious predator, began to eat a few of the other creatures in their tray!

The children used nets to sweep and collect mini-beasts from the meadow, carefully putting them in magnified pots to get a closer look at the individual creatures. They were very excited to learn about the

vast array of wildlife that could be found on the marshes and were excellent ambassadors for our academy!

### **Winners of the OAT Golden Mile Challenge!**

During four weeks in June, all of the children and staff at the academy took part in the OAT annual Golden Mile Challenge. During this time, we have enjoyed walking the route through our woodland walk and together, we have walked a spectacular 9,357 miles! The aim of the challenge is for children to learn the importance of regular, simple exercise and how it is much easier when we work at challenges collaboratively. We were delighted that OCPPA were the winners of the primary challenge and for our efforts have won an Amazon voucher to the value of £100.00 for the Academy to spend on the children as well as Sophia Riches Hill winning one of the weekly pupil prizes.

### **Sports Day**

We were delighted to be joined by so many parents and carers to celebrate our annual Sports Day. The children demonstrated a wide range of skills throughout the morning and worked effectively in their teams to support each other to win points for their houses. There was a lovely atmosphere which was made even more special by the warm support from the crowd. Special thanks to Mrs Dawson and Mrs Blaxell for their hard work in organising this lovely event and to all those who came along to cheer the children on.



### **Year 3 Egyptian Day**

During our Egyptian day Year 3 explored Ancient Egyptians beliefs and rituals, using a range of primary source artefacts, including amulets, jewellery and canopic jars. The children particularly enjoyed looking at a death mask! They enjoyed a virtual talk from an archaeologist, who taught the children about the mummification process and acted out the steps an embalmer would take to send the person on their journey to the afterlife.

The children learnt about hieroglyphics and produced some beautiful artwork. They also took part in a debate about whether it is right that historical artefacts should be removed from tombs to help us to learn more about the past. It was a very exciting day, which really helped to embed the children's recent learning about life in Ancient Egypt. We would like to thank Mr Tempest for leading workshops and for bringing history to life for the children.



### Summer Fayre 13<sup>th</sup> July

We had a fantastic response to our first OCPPA Summer Fayre, both in the very generous donations made by families in the form of prizes, cakes etc but also in the number of families who supported the event on the day. Despite an early end to the fayre due to sudden heavy showers, we raised a fantastic £1,628.52 (all profit!) which will be used to support the children with additional extra-curricular opportunities. A huge thankyou to everyone

### Year 6 2023

Year 6 children have had a very enjoyable and busy end to their OCPPA journey. Following achieving fantastic results in their end of Key Stage Statutory Tests (SATs) they have been engaged in a whole range of transition activities and learning as well as enjoying visits to the West End theatre production of Lion King, Gt Yarmouth Hippodrome Circus, Wellington Pier Ten Pin Bowling and Jump Warehouse. A significant achievement for the children in Year 6 was their organisation and delivery of a Business Enterprise Day, whereby working in groups, starting with £5.00 per group, they managed, through a wide range of enterprise projects to raise a magnificent £836.35. Once again thank you for your generosity in supporting their ventures.

The Academy wishes every single Year 6 pupil lots of success as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey.

### SATs Outcomes OCPPA 2023

OCPPA 2023	% Expected	% Greater Depth	National 2023	% Expected	% Greater Depth
Reading - R	76	35	Reading	73	Not available NA
Writing - W	71	2	Writing	71	NA
Maths - M	79	23	Maths	73	NA
Combined - RWM	60	2	Combined	59	NA

## **Farewells**

Once again, at the end of a term we say farewell and send good wishes to staff as they move on to new ventures. This term we say goodbye to:

TAs Mrs S Meers, Miss K Duffy and Mr B Sweeney and Teacher - Miss Ioannou.

I am sure you will join with me and wish them lots of success and happiness as they pursue new career opportunities.

## **A Final Thank You**

At the end of another successful year, during which the academy has continued to make excellent progress in all areas, we would like to thank you, our families, for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you and your family an enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

## **Dates for the diary**

21st July End of Summer Term

Tuesday 5th September Start of Autumn Term 2023

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Rutherford', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs K Rutherford  
Principal