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Dear Parents and carers,

As we approach the end of a very successful term, we have been reflecting on some of the fantastic learning experiences that the children have enjoyed.

Christmas Celebrations!

Firstly, we would like to congratulate the children for their Christmas Performances! We're sure that you will agree that the children were wonderful. How lovely it was to see their confidence shine through in their singing, narration and dancing! It was a real pleasure to welcome so many families into the academy to share in these special events with us and it always feels as though it marks the start of Christmas!





Here are just some of the other exciting learning opportunities that the children have enjoyed over the past few weeks.

Romans Challenges!

The children in Year 3 were challenged to create a piece of work that demonstrated their learning from our Roman topic in History. They produced a wide range of high-quality outcomes, including shields, stories, 3D models!



We were very proud of what the children achieved and would like to thank parents for their support.

Footballing Success!

Our Football Teams continue to go from strength to strength! The U11 boys' team travelled to Flegg High to take part in the annual district 7-a-side tournament. Eleven schools competed for the chance to advance to the Norfolk County finals in the new year. We opened with 3-0 wins over North Denes and Caister before a 1-1 draw against Peterhouse. Needing to win our final match to progress to the final, we dug deep to earn a 1-0 victory over Moorlands. The final was played against Martham. Although the match was closely fought, Cliff Park created the better chances but were frustrated by a series of fantastic saves from the opposition goalkeeper. With the scores level at 0-0, the match went to a penalty shoot-out which Martham went on to win but we were exceptionally proud of our team's performance.

The U11 girls' team travelled to Ormesby to play in the opening round of the girls' cup. It was a strong performance, which saw the team take a 3-0 lead within the first 10 minutes. The game ended 4-0 and we will now advance into the second round which will be played against Caister in February.

The U10 boys' football team played their first match of the season against North Denes. The first half saw us control the ball for long periods but a combination of good saves from the North Denes goalkeeper and some wayward finishing meant that we led by only two goals at half time. The match ended in a 6-0 win for Cliff Park. We are so proud of the children's commitment, skill and team spirit!



U10's Team

Science Club investigations

In KS1 Science Club this term, we have enjoyed completing experiments and making different substances. We collected leaves and sorted them into different categories, and also grew our own cress seeds in a potato. We explored changing states by making playdough and mixing cornflour with water and made our own 'stained glass' by mixing food colouring, water, and glue. One of our favourites investigations was watching what happened when we put Skittles in warm water – creating our own rainbows! The children worked very hard and had a lot of fun engaging with science!

Visit to the Time and Tide Museum

Children in Year 2 had a fun-filled learning experience at the fantastic Time and Tide Museum. As part of our history topic about 'The Seaside', we went to find out about how Great Yarmouth has developed as a tourist destination from Victorian times to present day. We met a lady from the who told us all about life in the 1860s and found out about bathing huts, steam trains and penny licks. We particularly enjoyed exploring the artefacts in the museum. We were then transported the 1960s, where we found out about the Mods and Rockers who loved to visit the sea front! We dressed up as a Mod or Rocker and challenged each other to a dance-off to explore their musical culture further. The highlight of the day was a Punch and Judy show and the children were amazed to learn that this tradition has been going for over 350 years!

A huge thank you to the Time and Tide Museum for providing such an inspirational learning experience for the children and for donating entry tickets for the Museum.



Theatre Visit for Year 1 Children

On Thursday 23rd November, children in Year One visited the Playhouse Theatre in Norwich to watch 'The Gruffalo's Child'. This linked in with our learning in English and the children were inspired to see the story brought to life on the stage. Year One were excellent ambassadors for the academy and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

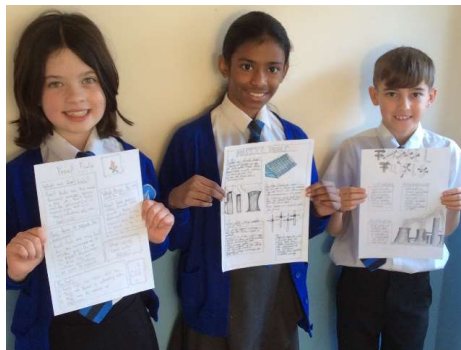


Online Music Concert

Many of the children in the academy took part in a BBC 'Ten Pieces' concert last week. Music was performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and the children got to see and discuss the different instruments in the orchestra. They heard different pieces of music that conveyed emotions and even helped to compose and perform a new piece of music with young composer Emily Presto. Along the way, the children met some terrifying trolls, went to Space, and danced with cowboys!

Commitment to the Environment- OCPPA Eco-Week

Our recent whole Academy focus was on our environment through an Eco Week. In particular, children in Year 5 explored fossil fuels learning about the formation of rocks over millions of years and how fossil fuels are produced when material is extracted from the ground. The children wrote non-chronological reports, detailing some common fossil fuels and how they are used in society. They also considered how fossil fuels can be detrimental to our environment and offered suggestions on alternative, renewable sources of energy. It was clear that everyone approached this work reflectively and with great maturity, with wonderful work being produced across the year group. Well done to everyone in Year 5!



School Meal Ordering and Bookings for Afterschool and Breakfast Club

From 4th January 2024, the Academy will be operating a new system for the payment of Academy lunches, Breakfast and After School Clubs. The new system, which operates through Parentmail, requires all orders and payments to be made prior to any meals being taken or clubs being accessed.

All food orders for a week must be placed before midnight on the Thursday of the previous week. Children will not be able to have a meal without pre ordering and prepayment.

Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs will also need to be prebooked a minimum of two weeks ahead of the place being taken. Bookings can made up to 4 weeks before the place being required.

All balances for Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club and school lunches **must** be settled by Monday 18th December.

If you require any assistance in booking meals or a place at breakfast and/or afterschool club please contact the Academy office.

Changes to our Senior Leadership Team in January 2024

We are delighted to tell you that Mr Michael Walsh and Mrs Stephanie Barnes have been appointed to the positions of Assistant Principal. Both will take up their posts in January, when they will support the work of our new Principal, Mrs Louise Watkins and our Vice Principal, Mr Phil Reid. Our new leadership team are very much looking forward to working with you and to building yet further links between home and school and Mrs Watkins will be in touch in the New Year to tell you more about this.

Dates for the Diary

4 th January 2024	Start of Spring Term
9 th and 10 th January 2024	Year 4 Time and Tide Visit
18 th January 2024	Parent Meeting Year 6 (SATS)
23 rd January 2024	Class Photos
29 th January 2024	NHS Mental Health Team Drop in Session for Parents (further information to follow)
6 th February 2024	Safer Internet Day
16 th February 2024	End of Spring Term 1
26 th February 2024	Start of Spring Term 2
28 th and 29 th February	Parents Evenings

We would like to wish all of our families and very happy and peaceful Christmas and send our best wishes for the New Year. We would also like to thank you for your continued support throughout the term and look forward to the many opportunities that 2024 will bring at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy!

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Rutherford
Principal

