



Firstly, I hope this newsletter finds you well! We have had a really busy half term full of special events and sports tournaments. You will see lots more tournaments taking place during the rest of the year.

The children have been working really hard and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our year 6 pupils on great results in their recent mock SATs tests.

Wishing you a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Steward - Principal

Dodgeball competition

Recently some of the children from year 3 and 4 went to a Dodgeball competition at Oasis Academy in Immingham. They played each team 5 times and at the end of the two minutes, the team with the most players left in won.

There had only been three weeks of Dodgeball lessons and they managed to come 2nd in their group! What's more, they each won an honesty medal for being the most honest team. What a wonderful accolade this is for our school. Mrs Mathieson and Ms Bacon are so proud of them for representing Ormiston South Parade Academy in the best light possible, for giving it their all and for generally be wonderful!

Here are a few photos....



Mrs Mortlock retiring



After nearly 10 years at Ormiston South Parade, Mrs Mortlock will be retiring at the end of February. She will be missed by staff and pupils alike.

We all wish her well and hope she enjoys her retirement; going for long walks in the countryside and spending time with her friends and family.

Year 6

Year 6 have worked extremely hard this half term and have achieved some great results in their most recent assessments. It is lovely to see the progress the pupils are making and the independence they are showing when completing the pages in their revision guides; we would like to thank you for your continued support with this. After half term, there will be a meeting to go through SATs week in more detail and how we can continue working together to best support the children. A letter will be circulated when we return after half term with more information.

Our planet vs plastics

A huge thank you to all the children, parents, grandparents, guardians, neighbours and friends who have collected plastic bottles over this past month and brought them into school to be recycled, it's great to have you all involved in such a significant cause. Myself and the Eco Committee were shocked when we read the statistic that only 9% of plastic bottles are recycled world wide and we knew this was something we had the power to impact directly. We hope that everybody continues to recycle bottles both in the Globe on the playground and at home so we can look after our world together.

Now to the results you've all been waiting for!

In 4th place with a super 551 plastic bottles collected is Reception (Pink, Blue and Green Classes)

In 3rd place with a brilliant 874 plastic bottles collected is Years 5 and 6 (Kenya, Latvia, Mexico, Nepal, Poland)

In 2nd place with a fantastic 946 plastic bottles collected is Years 3 and 4 (France, Ghana, Hungary, Italy, Japan)

In 1st place with an amazing 1222 plastic bottles collected is Years 1 and 2 (Austria, Brazil, China, Denmark, Egypt)

A whole school total will be announced soon.

Thank you again for your support in this project!



Chess tournament

Some children from chess club participated in an OAT Primary Chess Tournament during school. All children who took part played well and achieved some of the highest scores. We are extremely proud of the children and can not wait to see chess club continue to grow and succeed.



Ross Tiger visit

Year 5 and 6 have been learning about local history with a focus on Grimsby's fishing industry. As part of their art unit on collages, the children took a walking field trip to the Ross Tiger to make some sketches ready for creating a collage back in the classroom.



Upcoming events

Thursday 7th March—World book day

Tuesday 12th March—Science afternoon for parents

Friday 15th March—comic relief

Tuesday 26th March—attendance and shining star assemblies

Wednesday 27th March—Parent's consultation day

2023-2024 term dates

09.02.24 Children finish for half term

19.02.24 Children return after half term

28.03.24 Children finish at 2.30pm for Easter

15.04.24 Children return after the Easter break

06.05.24 May day bank holiday

24.05.24 Children finish for half term

03.06.24 Children return after half term

19.07.24 Children finish for Summer break at 2.30pm



Attendance

Our whole school target for attendance is 96%. Currently we are at 93.7%.

That is down on last half term so we need to ask our parents to support us with ensuring children are in school. Also, it is **ESSENTIAL** that parents inform school by 9.15am with a reason for their child's absence and everyday until they return.

A reminder that children are back on Monday 19th February.

Reminder

Please remember that early morning aches often pass, so don't keep your child at home "just in case" when he or she could be learning in class. If you are not sure, you could talk to a member of the school staff or your GP.

Is my child well enough for school?

Coughs and colds

A slight cold or cough does not stop a child from attending school. However, children with heavy colds or persistent coughs should stay at home. A child whose cough is disappearing and who is feeling better should return to school.

Minor aches and pains

A child whose only complaint is a minor headache or tummy ache does not usually need to be kept at home. A child with persistent toothache or earache should see a dentist/doctor without delay.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

If vomiting or diarrhoea occurs, your child should stay at home for no longer than 48 hours.

Medication

If your child has a headache or has signs of a fever, you can administer Calpol before school. Let a member of staff know and we will monitor them closely. If your child needs medication during the school day, you can complete a consent form for staff to administer any necessary treatment. The forms are available at the front office.

Appointments

We encourage parents to make appointments out of school times. Sometimes it is unavoidable, if your child's hospital appointment is in the morning, we ask that you send your child back to school at the earliest opportunity.

Your contact details

Reminder – It is your responsibility to inform school when your child is absent from school every day. It is important that school staff can contact you or someone you have identified on your contact list. Please keep school updated if you have a new number.

Any problems or concerns please speak to;

Mrs Jackie Allington or Attendance Officer; Mrs Sharon Unwin.