

NEWSLETTER

A message from the **PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The new year started in a very pleasant way for me as I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 6 class on their trip to the beautiful Cambridge Central Mosque. A calming and inspiring experience and our pupils behaved impeccably on the tour. During that first week the teachers and I also held Pupil Progress meetings together to discuss the learning and progress of each child. It was pleasing to see how our pupils are learning and developing so well.

Staff training and development continued the following week with a SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) conference attended by our SEND Co-ordinator Mr Thomas in Ipswich with a National Leader and Advisor. Miss Guise our Science Leader also attended training with other Science Lead colleagues from around the Trust. Year 6 had Mini Medics First Aid training and Buddies met with Mr Ratcliffe to discuss fund raising and other initiatives. The following week our Year 2 teachers attended training to deliver the SATS tests in Bury St Edmunds along with other Suffolk colleagues. Mr Smith and Mr Thomas went to visit Elveden Primary School to see their outside play equipment and were totally inspired. The school nurse visited our youngest pupils and Year 2 visited the Cambridge Central Mosque. Meanwhile Miss Gallagher, Mr Smith and Miss Petch continued with their National Professional Qualification Leadership training.

The month ended with Mr Smith in Year 6 attending SATS training with colleagues from around Suffolk in Bury St Edmunds and Mr Ratcliffe and I attending a conference looking at improving writing and teaching Computing alongside our senior colleagues from the Trust. A busy and very informative month where so many of us were able to attend training and share ideas to improve our own practice, for the benefit of our pupils.

I look forward to seeing you all in school soon for our upcoming Parent Consultation evenings, please make a note in your diary of your appointment time.

Kind Regards,

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Mrs Sarah Shayler Principal

Cambridge Central Mosque

<u>Trip</u>

Year 2 went to Cambridge Central Mosque to learn more about Islam and where Muslims pray.







Safeguarding



This month's Safeguarding focus looks at resources available for supporting with Anger, Emotions, Grief, and Separation Anxiety within school.

Furthermore, there is information regarding supporting children who are affected by the imprisonment of a family member.

Parent Leaflets

You will find a selection of leaflets in the Reception area of the school, which offer advice and support around Anger, Emotions, Grief and Separation Anxiety.



Breaking Barriers

Ormiston Families' Breaking Barriers service provides support for children and young people affected by the imprisonment of a close family member.

Tailored one-to-one support reduces anxiety around prison, supports emotional wellbeing and school attendance.

By providing a safe space for them to talk, play and express themselves, we enable children and young people to explore their feelings and break down some of the barriers which may prevent them from maintaining positive ties with their imprisoned family member.

If you feel that the Ormiston Families' Breaking Barriers service might be something which your child will benefit from, please advise a member of the Safeguarding/Pastoral Team.

Club Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Premier Edu.				
7.45am - 8.45am	Multi Activity				
After School	Premier Edu.	Premier Edu.	Premier Edu.		Premier Edu.
3.00 - 4.00pm	Dodgeball	Multi Activity	Fencing		Football

Cambridge Clip 'n Climb

Mr Smith and Mr Thomas enjoyed taking a small group of children to Cambridge Clip 'n Climb. They had lots of fun scaling the massive walls.





ATTENDANCE

The following classes were awarded an attendance certificate for the highest weekly attendance.

02/01/23 Blyton Class Cowell Class

16/01/23 Blyton Class Zephaniah Class

30/01/23 Donaldson Class Dahl Class

09/01/23 Jeffers/Blyton Class Zephaniah Class

23/01/23 Jeffers Class Dahl Class

06/02/23 Blyton Class Cowell Classes

20/02/23 Rosen Class Rowling Class

The following link from the Public Health Agency clearly shows different infections and the time recommended to be absent from school. All Schools follow this when discussing absence. www.cumbria.gov.uk/eLibrary/Content/Internet/537/17241/17246/17267/17294/42976155438.pdf

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This year we have set up an Eco Council whose aim is to promote environmental issues within school and the wider community. Longer term, we plan to become part of Eco-Schools, a national organisation providing guidance and accreditation to schools. The accreditation process has 7 steps:

Step 1: Set up an Eco Council

Step 2: Do an environmental review

Step 3: Devise an action plan – We're finalising it next week!

Step 4: Explore environmental links in the curriculum – Ongoing

Step 5: Inform others and modify the plan – Started

Step 6: Monitor and evaluate the results

Step 7: Develop a whole school Eco Code

As part of our action plan, we have chosen to concentrate on Litter, School Grounds and Energy this year. Although Mrs Bailey leads the Eco Council, it is the pupils who are encouraged to come up with ideas and put them into action.

Step 3 - Action plan:

In our school, litter, energy and our school grounds are extremely important! These 3 areas are the main things we are focusing on this year.

Step 4 - Curriculum links:

Recently, we have entered a Big Green Poetry Machine competition! Hopefully some of us will win and get our poem in a book (fingers crossed!).

Our garden has been in a mess for some time, but luckily our amazing year 5 have been getting their hands dirty and are starting to plant some crops like carrots, cabbage, parsley and some sunflowers to lighten the place up.

Step 5 - Inform others:

We have done assemblies on Eco Council and litter because we are informing children that their rubbish needs to be in the bin, not on the ground!

In their words, these are some of the things we have done so far...

Poster Competition:

We had an amazing response to our poster competition to promote energy saving within school. With so many entries, it was really hard to choose the winners!

These are the chosen ones that are now up in our classrooms:



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Lunch

All children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals.

Menus are sent out twice a year. Children can choose a hot dinner or a cold 'pick and mix' option.

Alternatively, you may send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch.

Children in **Years 3 to 6** need to pay, <u>in advance</u> for their school lunch. This is **£2.31 per day**, £11.55 per week. Please pay online at

www.eduspot.co.uk. Please ask the office for a password if you do not have one as the Academy is no longer able to accept cash.

We are a NUT FREE school, please ensure packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut products.

The Lunch Menu can be found on our school website.



We were delighted to receive £50 worth of Sainsbury's Gift Vouchers from Mrs Helen Gower, Sainsbury's Community Champion.

The gift vouchers are to be spent on healthy eating events with our pupils.

Miss Guise was the first to use them on a cooking session with Zephaniah Class. They made 'Sloppy Soup' containing sweet potato, onion, garlic, apple, lentils and curry powder.

We look forward to seeing which other delicious food our classes will be making in the coming weeks.









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