

Otley and Witnesham Federation Newsletter



Keeping you up to date with school news.



Warm Welcomes

A very warm welcome to our Class 1 Teacher at Witnesham – Miss Hickling, our Class 3 Teacher at Otley – Mrs Greenwood, who are both covering whilst Mrs Skeet and Mrs Baker-Daniels are off on maternity leave. We also welcome Mrs Forward from the local authority, who has spent her first two days within the federation this week getting to know our staff and children. We are excited to have a new pupil in Year 6 – we welcome Katie and her family to Otley.

Exciting News from Mrs Baker-Daniels

I am pleased to announce that I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on Sunday 12th January. Oscar Daniels joined our family and we couldn't be happier – he is very well behaved (at the moment) and is the spitting image of his daddy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families and parents who contributed to the collection at the end of term, it was a very kind gesture and I was extremely overwhelmed by your kind generosity. I have enjoyed doing some online baby shopping at John Lewis and am looking forward to the items being delivered very soon.

Otley and Witnesham U9's and U11's Dodgeball News

Teams from both Otley and Witnesham participated in the U9's and U11's Dodgeball Festival. The children showed great sportsmanship and tried their best in all of their games. Children from Class 3 at Otley and Class 4 at Witnesham particularly enjoyed attending the festival together after residential last year. They supported each other well and provided a lot of encouragement.

Well done Jasper, Claudia, Marcie, Freddy C, Ryan and Ella from Otley and Chloe, Archie, Maxy, Coen, Beau and Ellie from Witnesham in the U9's teams. Also to Xander, Kieran, Noah, Alice, Grace and Luca from Otley and James, Billy, Logan, Sophia, Eloise and Evlyn from Witnesham in the U11's teams.



PASSION + PRIDE = PROGRESS

Our certificates given out in assembly reflect these aspects of learning. This week my assembly was about passion. The children and I decided that it meant 'trying our best' and 'being excited'. Don't forget you are more than welcome to join us for Friday assembly if you can. Mrs Harris

Attendance at Witnesham

Class 1 – 94%
Class 2 – 99%
Class 3 – 97%
Class 4 – 98%

Attendance at Otley

Class 1 – 98.52%
Class 2 – 96.64%
Class 3 – 98.16%

Class 1 – Otley

To start the year, class 1 have been learning about poetry in literacy. Reception children looked at creating list of rhyming words and year 1s wrote rhyming couplets! We have worked together to create our class poem 'flying in a rocket' which we have been learning actions for and performed!

In maths reception children have worked on teen numbers, symmetry, counting in 2's and identifying odd or even numbers. Can they recognise teen numbers while on a walk or tell you if a number is odd or even? Year 1's have started working on numbers to 100! We have also been recapping number bonds to 10. We have started gymnastics and yoga in P.E. The children have worked hard on perfecting their bunny hops! Can the children show you any of our yoga poses?

Class 2 – Otley

In class 2 in the last two weeks we have been learning our new song 'three little birds' by Bob Marley, we are split as to whether or not we like the song! Practising written methods in addition and subtraction, making big numbers using place value cards and place value coins and using these to assist us with adding and subtracting. We have also been deciding on what we want to find out about our new topic Ancient Greece.

Class 3 – Otley

In Class 3 we have been working on adding, subtracting and rounding negative numbers in Maths, looking at Counter argument connectives in literacy and in History this week they have been looking at the Shang Dynasty discussing how their lives would be if they were a slave or a king. They have also been to Fore Street for their first swimming lesson of the term. If you would like you child to be able to wear goggles please ensure we have a note.

Lawrence Lost Property Bin

'For all your lost property needs' Lawrence is situated in the hall foyer - if any Otley children have lost uniform etc please lift the lid and take a look for it in here.

A message from Otley PTA:

Otley PTA are always on the lookout for new volunteers! Please chat to Amy Cranfield or Claire Cole if you are interested.

We have just one fundraising event this term

Easter Disco Thurs 2nd April 3.30-5 £5 per child to include hot dog, crisps and squash, preschool children welcome with a parent.

Future date for the diary, following its great success last year

Camel Racing returns!

Sat 16th May 5pm Otley Village Hall, all welcome.

Witnesham Class 1

Class 1 have been busy exploring the story of Goldilocks. They wrote some of the things the bears and Goldilocks said. In maths we have been exploring addition and number bonds to 10 and 20. In topic we have been exploring where Kenya and the UK is.

Witnesham Class 2

Class 2 have been reading the story of The Tiger Child, from India. We have acted out the story, used our voices to create sounds for the different settings and thought about how the characters feel at different points. In Maths we have been working on place value and on multiplication. In Art we are enjoying printing with different objects.

Witnesham Class 3

Class 3 has had a very good start to the term. They are enthusiastic about their learning. In Science they are learning about the States of Matter. Yesterday, they learned that solids, liquids and gases behave differently because their particles are arranged differently. We all had great fun out on the playground responding to the command to be a solid, liquid or gas!

Witnesham Class 4

Class 4 have enjoyed reading and exploring Greek myths. They have also placed Ancient Greece on a historical timeline and found out some key events from this period. Linked to Ancient Greece, the children have explored still life artists and have been creating their own still life compositions.



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