

# Otley and Witnesham Federation Newsletter



Keeping you up to date with school news.



7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

This week in assembly we talked about progress. We watched a video clip about 'Austin's butterfly' which showed how he used feedback to improve his picture. We talked about how we all can use feedback to get better at something. We also thought about growth mindset, the learning pit and our learning zone. Feel free to ask your child to share what these all are!

Thank you to all the parents who come and share our Friday assemblies – it lovely that so many are able to join us... and the singing is getting better!!

**PASSION + PRIDE = PROGRESS**

## Otley Celebrations

### Class Awards:

**Class 1** – Writing - Oakley  
Maths – Billie-Jo

**Class 2** – Writing - Claudia  
Maths – Phoebe

**Class 3** – Writing – Will  
Maths –Freddie H

### School Awards

**Pride Award** - Ruby  
**Progress Award** - Sophie  
Progress Award – Lexi C

## Witnesham Celebrations

### Class Awards:

**Class 1** – Writing – Isabelle  
Maths - Malakei

**Class 2** – Writing - Henry  
Maths – Emily

**Class 3** – Writing – Amelia  
Maths – Connor

**Class 4** -Writing - Bea B  
Maths – Leuan T

### School Awards

**Passion Award** – Penny  
**Pride Award** – Joshua G  
**Progress Award** – Deane, Keeley  
Signing Certificate - Leighton

## Easyfundraising

Please take a moment to enter the #easyfundraising Valentine's Day Giveaway. You could WIN a prize for yourself and a £250 donation which would really help us too! It's easy and completely FREE. Just visit the competition page and click any of the listed retailers before midnight on Friday 14th February!

Visit: <http://efraising.org/ISAiNmOhRE>

## Lego Therapy

This week all staff had a training session on Lego Therapy and how it can develop a wide range of skills. Here is a youtube clip to show a session. You might like to try this at home.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Er2CggmU6aw>

## Witnesham Uniform SALE

Sale of School Uniform on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm in the Hall.

## Attendance at Otley

Class 1 – 98%  
Class 2 – 97%  
Class 3 – 96%

## Attendance at Witnesham

Class 1 – 93%  
Class 2 – 100%  
Class 3 – 96%  
Class 4 – 97%

## Class Highlights of the week:

**Class 1** - Class 1 have been testing different objects to see if they float or sink. They were amazed to find some of the objects they thought would sink, actually floated! We found that objects such as a pencil, stick and plastic coin floated, a crayon and 3D shape sank.

**Class 2** - Swimming on Thursday, all children tried very hard to swim on their backs and their fronts; a great moment was when a child was trying so hard to swim forwards and ended up swimming backwards! Story writing in English - brilliant story language and description!

**Class 3** – We have written a short burst piece of writing on a picture that looked very much like the Hobbit, focusing on 'prepositional phrases'.  
**Challenge** - Can your child tell you what one of these is?

**Class 1** – We have been looking at the art work from Matisse and making our own collages using bright colours. There are some budding artists in the class!

**Class 2** – This week we have been continuing our story, Pattan's Pumpkin. A large storm was coming and Pattan wanted to rescue the animals and plants, so we wrote him letters to tell him what we thought he should do. The next day, we found a reply from Pattan saying that we had inspired him!

**Class 3** – We observed scientific processes in the classroom today. Not only did we melt ice to make water, we also heated water to create water vapour. This then created condensation on the window - so we made rain!

**Class 4** - We have been writing persuasive arguments about climate change. The children have researched up to date and relevant facts/statistics to support their arguments and opinions. In Science they enjoyed applying their circuits' knowledge from this half term in a mini project.

## Otley and Winesham Diary Dates

### February

- 10 – 14<sup>th</sup>** Safer Internet Week  
**14<sup>th</sup>** – Safer Internet Day – Learning Together R  
**11<sup>th</sup>** – U11's Basketball Festival - (Otley and Winesham)  
**14<sup>th</sup>** – Class 1 Assembly @ Otley – 9.00am  
**17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>** - **HALF TERM**  
**24<sup>th</sup>** - Children return to school  
**24<sup>th</sup>** – Parents Evening slots open – Otley & Winesham  
**25<sup>th</sup>** – Otley Phonics Workshop  
**26<sup>th</sup>** – Winesham Phonics Workshop  
**25<sup>th</sup>** – Otley Pancake Races - 2.30pm – Parents are welcome to come and watch.

### March

- 3rd & 5<sup>th</sup>** - Parents Evenings – Otley and Winesham  
**5<sup>th</sup>** – World Book Day  
**11<sup>th</sup>** – Skip2BFit  
**13<sup>th</sup>** – Sports Relief

### It's Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February...

#### Pancake Races come to Otley Primary and Under 5's!

All parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun, watching the children race. We ask that you arrive no earlier than 2.30pm – all races will take place in the playground (weather permitting!). So if you would like to come along – pop the date in your diary!

### Safer Internet Week - Learning Together session

All parents for children Reception - Year 6 in both schools are invited to come into their child's class on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 2.30 – 3.00pm. The children will be able to share with you the work they have been doing around Internet safety that week. There will be a parent sign in sheet at the school office. We look forward to seeing those that can make it.

### World Book Day

A bit of preparation time for this year's World Book day as we would like all the children to come dressed as their favourite character in a book.

#### Extreme Reading - Competition Time!

The child that brings in a photo of themselves in the most imaginative and extreme way they can think of – Reading will win a prize! Judging will take place on World Book Day.