

Otley and Witnesham Federation Newsletter



Keeping you up to date with school news.



14th February 2020

What a half term! Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome and for all your feedback and offers of support. Both schools really are fantastic places to be.

The children have been wonderful at accepting the new school vision. A governor visit showed that they have really embraced our strapline and truly understand the meaning of each word. This week we have looked at being FAB: focussed on learning, ambitious in looking after each other and brilliant because we work together. I am looking forward to introducing our 'learning muscles' after half term.

PASSION + PRIDE = PROGRESS

Have a wonderful, restful week – children are back at school on Monday 24th February.

Otley Celebrations

Class Awards:

Class 1 – Writing -Megan
Maths – Bodhi

Class 2 – Writing – Freddy C
Maths – Leighton

Class 3 – Writing – Xander
Maths – Grace

School Awards

Pride Award - Leia

Passion Award - Annabel

Pride Award – Noah

Attendance at Otley

Class 1 – 98%

Class 2 – 96%

Class 3 – 97%

Attendance at Witnesham

Class 1 – 92%

Class 2 – 100%

Class 3 – 90%

Class 4 – 100%

Witnesham Celebrations

Class Awards:

Class 1 – Writing – Imogen
Maths - Annabel

Class 2 – Writing - Georgia
Maths – Tom

Class 3 – Writing – Fergus
Maths – Lawrence

Class 4 -Writing - Evlyn
Maths – Jamie

School Awards

Passion Award – Louella

Pride Award – Misty

Progress Award – Penny

Signing Certificate – Deanne &
Nevaeh

Class Highlights of the week:

Class 1 - To finish our learning on Neil Armstrong, we thought about how he could be remembered. We designed stamps, coins and badges to highlight his achievements. Can the children tell you what Neil Armstrong is famous for?

Class 2 – Our highlight is the children's fantastic travelling gymnastics routines using handstands, rolls, and cartwheels. Children have tried so hard and even taught me how to do a better handstand!

Class 3 – This week the children have really grasped the concept of multiplying fractions, all children were engaged and shared their good practice with their peers. Can they show you how this is done?

Class 1 - - Class 1 have been on a tour of Kenya - they have been exploring different landscapes. In science we looked different animals and thought about different ways we could to sort them.

Class 2 – Class 2 have been journalists this week. We have been writing newspaper reports about the events in Pattan's Pumpkin. It has been a wonderful few weeks looking really closely at the book and using it as inspiration for reading as well as writing.

Class 3 – We have been really challenging ourselves in class 3, focussing on subtraction in maths. Many of the children could solve this: 563456 - 1502330! They are so proud of their progress.

Class 4 - Class 4 have been doing lots of computing skills this week: they filmed their climate change speeches that they were working on last week and they have also applied their scratch learning from this half term to make a mini animation linked to a Greek myth.

CoronaVirus Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal. We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Latest information and advice can also be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Otley Swimming Information for Class 2 & 3

Children will need to bring shorts and T-shirt with them for the first weeks swimming lesson after half term please.

Class 3 – Tuesday Class 2 Thursday

It's Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday 25th February... Pancake Races come to Otley Primary and Under 5's!

For those children that would like to take part in the Pancake races we ask that they bring in a frying pan and pancake with them the morning of Shrove Tuesday.

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!

Otley and Witnesham Diary Dates

February

17th – 21st - HALF TERM

24th - Children return to school

24th – Parents Evening slots open – Otley & Witnesham

25th – Otley Phonics Workshop

26th – Witnesham Phonics Workshop

25th – Otley Pancake Races - 2.30pm – Parents are welcome to come and watch.

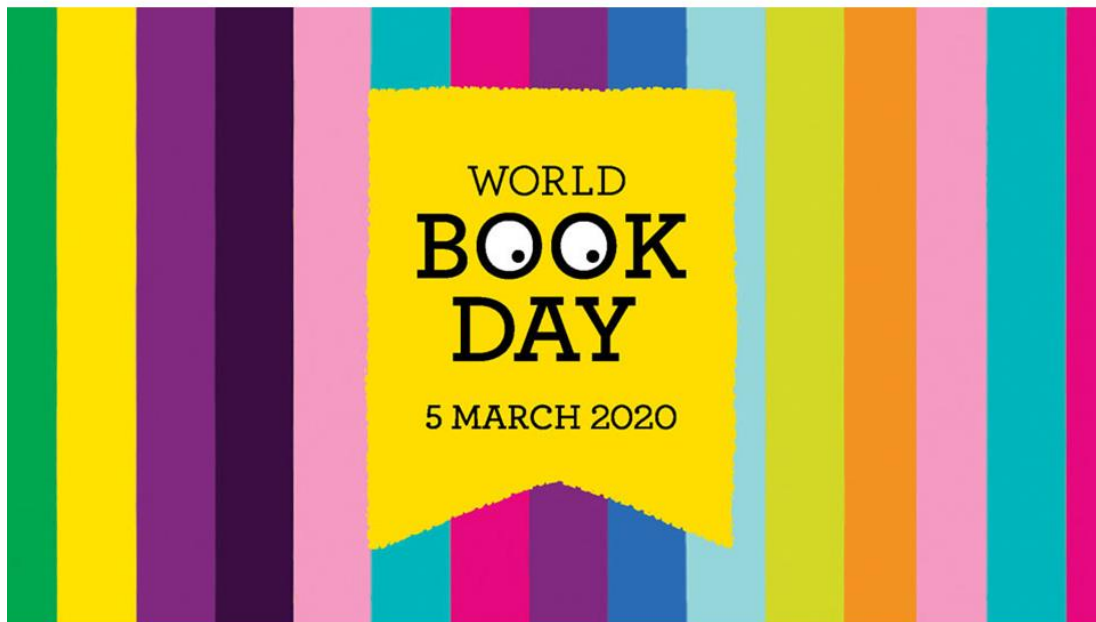
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3rd & 5th - Parents Evenings – Otley and Witnesham

5th – World Book Day

11th – Skip2BFit

13th – Sports Relief



Competition Time!

Extreme Reading...

Get creative!

Who can produce the best photo of themselves reading in the most extreme and imaginative way?

Entries must be in school by World Book Day...

**If you do not have a printer – you can email it to Mrs Nichols in the office –
ad.otley@owfed.co.uk.**

Prizes to be won!



NEW TOKEN BONANZA DATES RELEASED

Firstly, thank you for supporting our Plant to Plate Education campaign. Due to the fantastic response, EADT have decided to release some bonanza tokens for Half Term. We need lots of help to get our schools to 1,000 tokens so we can receive our Plant to Plate gardening packages. These extra tokens will also prove extremely valuable for us to compete for the overall prize of the top three schools (as a ratio to registered pupils) who will win £1,000 worth of gardening products and kit each.

Please look out for the extra tokens and bring them in after half term, our collection box is next to the school office at Otley and in the foyer at Wivesham

NSPCC SPONSORED COLOUR RUN AT WITNESHAM

A HUGE Well Done from the NSPCC to all the children who took part in the Colour Run and raised sponsorship money in the total of an AMAZING £1,110.00. Thanks to everyone involved in making this such a fantastic event.