

# Otley and Witnesham Federation Newsletter



Keeping you up to date with school news.



13<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Our vision assembly this week was thinking about 'Persevering Penguin'. The children could talk about 'keep trying even when something is tricky' but were very honest about sometimes they struggle to do this. Perhaps you could talk to your child about a time that they found something difficult but didn't give up. It would be great if you could encourage them to build up their resilience even more.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**PASSION + PRIDE = PROGRESS**

Mrs Harris

## Summer Fete Preparation

On 31st May, there will be a federation Summer Fair (held at Witnesham Primary School). It will have a theme of cycling. Details will be shared as we get nearer to the time but we are looking for volunteers to help run the day - both stalls and marshals'. If you are interested please contact the WSA (Witnesham) or PTA (Otley).

## Science Week

Thank you to all the parents that have been into the schools over the last week to share their experience of using science, technology, engineering and maths in their jobs. It has been really inspirational for the children and brought the subjects to life. We really appreciate you giving up your time and your contribution makes our schools really special places to be.

### Otley Celebrations

#### Class Awards:

**Class 1** – Writing - Taylon  
Maths – Lily

**Class 2** – Writing – Emma  
Maths – Freddy C

**Class 3** – Writing – Luca  
Maths – Kieran

#### School Awards

**Pride Award** - Chloe  
**Progress Award** – Austin, Joe D

### Attendance at Otley

Class 1 – 98%

Class 2 – 96%

Class 3 – 97%

### Attendance at Witnesham

Class 1 – 94%

Class 2 – 98%

Class 3 – 95%

Class 4 – 93%

### Witnesham Celebrations

#### Class Awards:

**Class 1** – Writing – James  
Maths - Imogen

**Class 2** – Writing - James  
Maths - Finley

**Class 3** – Writing – Thea  
Maths – Maxy

**Class 4** - Writing - Eloise  
Maths - Nevaeh

#### School Awards

**Passion Award** – Noah, Isabelle  
**Pride Award** – Harry, Evie

### **Class Highlights of the week:**

**Class 1** - The aliens came to visit this week in class 1! The children went on an alien scavenger hunt and then created their own alien top trump card!

**Class 2** –Highlight this week was from an experiment for science week, we melted big blocks of ice and measured the rising 'sea' levels. We used blue food colouring to represent the ocean - there are now a few blue tinged books!

**Class 3** – We loved the skip2bfit workshop this week. We got to challenge ourselves to beat our personal best which shows that we can make progress when we try. The blueberries were yummy too!

**Class 1** – Class 1 have celebrated science week by worm hunting, camouflaging an animal and exploring how animals are suited to live in their habitats.

**Class 2** – Class 2 have enjoyed playing the recorder this week in Music. We have practised our first note (B), played different rhythms and started to learn our first song (Bouncing Ball).

**Class 3** – Class 3 have enjoyed Science Week. They have learned about biodiversity and different ecosystems. On Wednesday afternoon, a parent came to the class with a light box. She talked about her job as a radiographer and showed us a wide range of x-rays. The images of the brain and of the intestine were most fascinating.

**Class 4** - Class 4 have been digging deeper into the character of Michael this week from their class book. They have made shrine boxes for his baby sister who is poorly and thought carefully about the objects they put in the box and why.

### **Otley and Winesham U11's Tag Rugby Team - What a performance!**

Year 5&6 children from Otley and Winesham (they named themselves 'Whotley') took part in a U11s rugby tournament on Monday at Ransomes Sports Club. The children did so well, winning all but one of their games. It was lovely to see the children all working together as a team - but was also great to see them excelling at something that they all seemed to really enjoy!

Special thanks to **Mrs Cole** for helping out and supporting our team.

**Miss Hayton and Mrs Fayers**



**Otley and Winesham enjoyed their workshops with Skip2Bfit Instructor John, here are some of the pictures from Wednesday.**

**Thank you to all those that have brought Skipping Ropes and Bouncing Blueberries this week, for each sale 50p was given to Sports Relief, totals will be in next week's Newsletter.**



## CoronaVirus Advice for parents/guardians

As a school we are getting daily updates from the DfE (Department of Education) and the current advice is that we will not close unless told to do so by Public Health. Should we be instructed by the Government to temporarily close our school at short notice, we will keep you informed of any changes in your son's/daughter's education via emails, texts and the school website.

### Advice on attending school

In line with the latest advice from the UK Government, we are advising any student or staff member who has a **continuous 'new' cough and/or a high temperature** to self-isolate for a period of one week. Please note that, for the time being, this advice does **not** extend to those living with, or having had close contact with, someone who exhibits these symptoms. If you are concerned about your child's health and are not sure what to do regarding school attendance, you can contact NHS for advice via the [NHS 111 website](https://www.nhs.uk).

### 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>

### School Sporting Fixtures – Important Information....

Due to the CoronaVirus concern across the county, the Cross Country event has been cancelled for 20<sup>th</sup> March and therefore for the same reasons we will be withdrawing from the Swimming Gala which was due to take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We understand there will be some disappointment for the children, but with

## Otley and Winesham Diary Dates

### March

- 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Information Evening at Winesham (details to follow)
- 17<sup>th</sup> – WSA Mother's Day Sale
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Lunch - Otley
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Class 2 Assembly – Otley
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Class 3 Assembly – Winesham
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Info Evening for Otley & Winesham parents (details to follow)
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Information Evening (details to follow)
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Class 3 Assembly – Otley
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Travelling Book Fair @ Otley (World Book day vouchers can be used)
- 31<sup>st</sup> – WSA Bake off @ Winesham (details to follow)

### April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Last Day of Term - Winesham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Last Day of Term - Otley
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – **EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- 20<sup>th</sup> – PD Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> – First Day back for the children (O&W)
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Class and Year 6 Photos – Otley & Winesham