

Ormiston Cliff Park Junior School Newsletter March 2019

Dear Parents and carers,

It's been a really busy and successful term so far! Here are just some of the fabulous things that we've been up to...

This term, Year 3 have been learning about life in Ancient Egypt. It's been fascinating to learn about their beliefs and culture and we've especially enjoyed learning about the rather gruesome process of mummification! We were challenged to create an Ancient Egyptian artefact for our homework and, as you can see, the results were very impressive!



Gorleston Music Festival

Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academy recorder group performed at the Gorleston Music Festival on Thursday 7th March. Although they were a little bit nervous, the children were very excited to perform in front of a large audience! They have been working very hard this term and have given up all their lunchtimes to practise. They sounded absolutely amazing

and we are very proud of them and grateful to Mrs Tempest and Mrs Coman who made it all possible.

Cross Country Finals

On the 6th of March, Cliff Park Junior School was represented by 7 pupils at the Cross Country Finals held at Holkham Hall. It was a fantastic event, where over 640 pupils from 158 different schools came together to compete. Despite some tough weather conditions and an even tougher course, all of our children showed tremendous determination and were excellent ambassadors for the school. We were very proud of them!

School Council News

The School Council at Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academy, have had a very busy few months, fundraising for this year's charity. The chosen charity of 2018/2019 is Pets as Therapy, which enhances health and well being in the community, through visits from specially assessed dogs. So far, events have included: a pumpkin carving competition, an advent calendar raffle, a dress-up in a different tie day and for the next month, they are holding the (very popular) Easter egg raffle. Staff are also searching through loft boxes for photos of themselves, when they were younger, for an afternoon of 'Guess the Teacher.' To date, they have raised £326.35 and hope to raise a significant amount more in the coming months.

Last week, School Council visited St Edmunds.



Learning Cafes

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our recent learning cafes.

Last week, Year four held a fabulous maths café, based around the theme of 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We had lots of fun working on our mathematical skills!





World Book Day

Thanks also to all of the children who brought along books for our big book sale. This event was really successful and raised over £70 for School Council's charity of the year, Pets as Therapy. We hope to make this a regular event so look out for details of our next sale.

Well done to the winners of our Cliff Park book mark competition. The winning designs from each year group will be given to all of the children in those year groups and our lucky winners received book tokens.

Coming into school arrangements

The new system for coming into school in the mornings is proving to be really successful. Children are able to settle down to learning activities much more quickly, ensuring a really positive start to the day.

Please can any parents who drop their children off outside school ensure that they come into the playground straight away as a small minority of older children are lingering on Orde Avenue, potentially putting themselves and others at risk.

Scooters

We continue to encourage pupils to travel to school in a healthy way and the vast majority of pupils who arrive at school on their scooters are able to do this sensibly and safely. We have received reports that a small minority of children are scooting on Orde Avenue before and after school. Please can all parents ensure that children are using their scooters safely outside the school gates.

Friday Afternoon Enrichment

We are very excited to be starting our new enrichment programme on Friday the 22nd of March. This is an opportunity for all children, who have displayed positive behaviours and made good choices throughout the week, to earn enrichment time. There will be a wide variety of activities for school to choose from across the school, including art, craft, music, sport and much more besides! Children will work in their initial groups until May half term, after which they will be able to select a different activity for the remainder of the summer term.

Those children who have not managed to earn their enrichment time that week will spend their time with Mrs Watkins and Mrs Quin, working on developing positive behaviours. This is a really exciting project and will prove a lovely reward for those children who consistently do the right thing in school. We look forward to sharing some photos with you soon!

Y5 Change of PE day

As a result of the new enrichment programme, Year 5 children will now need their PE kits on Wednesday afternoons instead with effect from next week.

Mobile Phones

We have become increasingly concerned around the risks posed by children bring mobile phones into school. From the start of the summer term (23rd of April) children must not bring mobile phones into the Academy. From this date, the Academy will be unable to 'look after' mobile phones and takes no responsibility for any loss of damage if a phone is brought onto the site.

For all children's safety, adults are requested not to use mobile phones whilst on site.

Summer school dinners information

Unfortunately, after Easter the school kitchen will no longer be offering 'pasta king' on a Monday or jacket potato option on a Wednesday.

Red Nose Day 2019

The children made a fabulous effort with this year's fundraising appeal! Thank you for your generous donations to Comic Relief.




Ormiston Cliff Park Junior raised
£625.22