



Packmoor Ormiston Academy Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024



World Book Day Thursday 7th March

World Book Day is nearly upon us again! This year, we will celebrate it on Thursday 7th March 2024.

To celebrate World Book Day, we are asking the children to get creative and make a 'Story in a jar'.

The children are to make a scene from their favourite book, in a jar. This might be through the use of drawing and pictures or could be something like building a scene out of plasticine or Lego.

These creations will be displayed in our library areas for everyone to see.

The completed 'Story in a jar', can be brought into school on Thursday 7th March.

On the day, we are asking the children to come to school dressed as a character from their 'Story in a jar'.

School Values

This weeks winners who demonstrated our school value **Self Belief** are:

1JT - Jacob	1NH - Hollie
2PW - Poppy	2JH - Riley
3LS - Arthur	3JG - Isaac
4CH - Emilia	4GN - Harrison
5EB - Alfie	5GL - Alfie
6JM - Berthran	6RS - Myla

OAT Annual Awards Winner

The OAT annual awards recognise and celebrate the staff and pupils at our academies that have made a significant contribution to their academy, the community or for themselves.

This forms part of a year-round campaign to promote the work of our schools, pupils and staff.

We put forward two nominations for this years annual awards.

Amazing news that we were successful this year, with Elsie H in 1JT winning The Gareth Jones Community Champion Award.

We are so proud of you Elsie.

Elsie, along with her family will join the other lucky winners at the OAT award ceremony in Birmingham in March.

We would also like to say well done to Mrs Maguire - who was shortlisted for Staff Social Action Champion.

Well done.



Comic Relief

Friday 15th March

Please wear something red for Comic Relief.

Please bring a small donation on the day.

Thank you

Spring Term 2024

Friday 22nd March - School Closes 1.00pm
Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April -
(Easter Holiday)

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8th April - School Opens
Monday 6th May - May Day - School Closed
Friday 24th May - School Closes
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
(Half Term)
Monday 3rd June - School Opens
Friday 21st June - School Closed (Inset Day 4)
Friday 19th July - School Closes 1.00pm
(Summer Holiday)
Monday 22nd July - School Closed (Inset Day 5)

Term Dates 2024 2025

Change of Inset Day 3

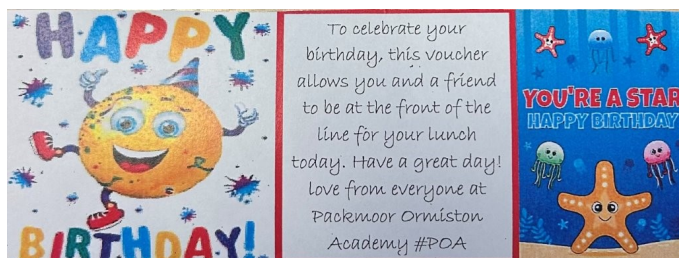
New date - Monday 24th February 2025

Y6 SATs Week

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

Please can we stress the importance of
attendance up to and including these dates.

Thank you for your continued support.



Celebrating their birthdays are: Jessica, Oliver,
Charlie, Lily-Rose, Pearl.

Attendance

Our challenge this year is to achieve 97%
attendance overall by July 2024.

Current whole school attendance since
September is 95.8%

Whole school attendance this week is 97.6%

This weeks class with the best attendance is

1JT AND 5GL - 99.3%

Well done.

Thank you for contacting the absence line if
your child is off school. Polite reminder to
give reason for your child's absence on the
message.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief

Monday 18th March - Dance Show Victoria Hall

Wednesday 20th March - Reception Easter
Bonnet Parade 2.00pm

Thursday 21st March - Nursery Easter
Bonnet Parade 2.00pm

Friday 22nd March - School Closes Easter
Holiday 1.00pm

Arrears

School lunches, nursery provision, breakfast club
and after school club must be paid for in advance.

Should your child be showing arrears on their
account, we will contact you to bring a packed
lunch, and entrance to the Breakfast and After
School Club will be refused.

Please continue to keep your child's account in
credit.

Thank you

Well done Chloe

Who participated in the
karate championships last
weekend.





**GEORGE
SALTER
ACADEMY**

USEFUL CONTACTS

It's time

to

talk

kooth

Kooth is a free online service offering emotional and mental health support for children and young people

www.kooth.com

Online support for young people aged 10 and above.

"It's alright to ask for help"

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Sandwell Talking Therapies

16+

Self-referral therapy service for low-mood, depression, anxiety and stress for over 16 year olds living in Sandwell:

www.sandwelltalkingtherapies.nhs.uk

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time check-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that is a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up. Just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos, uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as your child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are 'worth sharing'. Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school, even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-resolution version, which can help discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you should get their consent before posting. It respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

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