

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I hope that you all had a brilliant three-day weekend. It's a bit of a treat having another 4-day week this half term!

Next week will be SATs week for year 6. This is an important week for our year 6 cohort. They have all been working very hard, all year and I know that they will all tackle the tests to the very best of their ability. At Old Catton we believe that every child is an individual who is different and unique. The SATs tests are one measure of an individual's progress during their time in Key Stage 2. We know that they show us certain elements of a child's development and ability but they certainly do not show us the whole picture. The children in our school are talented artists, musicians and scientists; they are deep thinkers, caring friends and compassionate classmates; they are courageous, adventurous, creative and confident young people – and all of these things are impossible to show on a SATs test. The tests have their place and are part of our education system so we need to tackle them to the very best of our ability; my message to year 6 is exactly that – do your best and you have done all you can. Before you have even taken the tests we are already immensely proud of you for your hard work and dedicated attitudes. Good luck to all of year 6!

Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to the Stars of the week before half term – wonderful work and attitudes shown; what brilliant role models we have in our school.

6E – Sophia Thompson

6E – Caiden Saunders

6R – Kye Gray

6R – Georgia Herod

6S – Lauren Aldous

6S – Steven Sturman

4G – Ellie Blyth

4G – Jack Slater

4P – Reece Pleasance

4P – Ben Mallett

3C – Elsie Blackman

3C – Tyler Bailey

3E – Ana Chettleburgh

3E – Maisie Atkinson



Golden Book!

The following children were put into the Golden Book for amazing work that has astonished, astounded and amazed their teachers. Huge congratulations to the following children:

Emma Gray

Alex Payton

Luca Colebrook

Ellie Gall

Isabelle Savage

Charlie Leovald

Joseph Pereira

Elsie Blackman

Golden Homework Award

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Golden Homework Award for gaining 10 Golden Homework stickers!

Amelia Wickinska

Riley Cornish

Lexia Super Stars!

Toby Alderdice – Level 12

Emma Gray – Level 11

Logan Carolan – Level 9

Special Football Awards for the girls Football Team for their brilliant performance at a tournament last week. The girls qualified for the Norfolk wide games as a result of finishing 3rd at the Norwich East qualifying tournament and receiving medals!

We played for the whole day at Goals football centre against a variety of teams across the whole county! We were placed in the Uefa cup due to our qualification record. Initially we played 2 matches to determine if we would be playing for the plate or cup- we qualified for the cup having won 1 and lost 1 match. This was the stronger of the 2 competitions and meant we would have to play 1st and 2nd place finishers! The girls worked hard during this next stage but it was tough. They did manage a draw and a win but also took on a few losses. This meant they qualified for a 7th/8th place playoff match which they lost. So they finished 8th overall quite an amazing achievement out of 15 teams!! Lily Morris was our top goal scorer with Daisy P receiving the sportsmanship award from me. Ellie was particularly committed to her role as a defender! Behaviour and attitude was super throughout the whole day and the girls had a wonderful time. They were very excited about it and most had bought new boots especially. Lots of children, including some year 5/6 boys have been asking me how they did so we have had a lovely response from the whole school.

Thank you very much to Mr Eastwood for taking the team to the tournament and well done to all the girls.

Christina Frizell Taylor

Asha Kandola

Lily Morris

Isabelle Savage

Daisy Phillippo

Special Mention to **Daisy Phillippo** for winning the Outstanding Attitude and Optimism Award!

Maisy Jay Harvey

Natasza Masternak

Ellie Blyth



Attendance Cup

3E won the attendance cup for their attendance last week. With an attendance of **100%** - Well done!

After School Hockey Club!

Please note a change of finish time to the after school Hockey Club which ends at 4:20pm not 4:30pm – my error! Apologies.

Science Fair

On **Thursday 27th April 2017** Old Catton held its first Science Fair. I am sure that everyone who was able to come along would agree with me when I say it was a huge success! Every class tackled the project differently and had come up with their own way of investigating an experiment. The children were able to lead their own enquiries and answer detailed questions on the day. I was so impressed with the children's understanding and confidence in speaking to lots of different adults and other members of the school community. Thank you to all who came and supported the event and a huge thank you to Miss Emrick who thought up and organised the fair.

The results from the counter votes that we conducted are as follows:

- 1st Place 6S
- 2nd Place 6E
- 3rd Place 4P
- 4th Place 6R
- 5th Place 3E
- 6th Place 4G
- 7th Place 3C

Very well done to 6S who were our overall winners! They will be receiving a Science Book for their classroom.

May the 4th Be With You!

We are going to be supporting a charity called **Finnbar's Force** by dressing up in Star Wars related clothes on **Thursday May 4th**. This charity is very close to us and is connected to a family at one of our partnership schools – Frettenham Primary School. Finnbar's family are raising awareness and money for children fighting brain tumours after losing Finnbar, aged just 6 years old. So far they have raised over £12000.

On May 4th they would like children to enjoy dressing in the theme of Star Wars to celebrate Finnbar's love of Star Wars and the incredible fighting force that he demonstrated. We would ask that you donate £1 towards the charity on this day. Dressing up could be as elaborate as you like – full Yoda outfit? Or much simpler – a Star Wars T Shirt or your hair in the style of Princess Leia. If you have nothing Star Wars related but would still like to wear non-school uniform on Thursday and bring a £1 this is also fine. Whatever you decide – please help us to raise some money for this worthy cause. Thank you.



TALK HOMEWORK & WOW WORDS



Each week we send a Talk Homework activity and 'Wow' Words home and we would be very grateful for your support.

We are trying to help all our children develop excellent speaking and listening skills, which in turn will help them with their writing. "If a child can't say a sentence then they can't write it either!"

Please spend at least 10 minutes talking with your child about the questions below;

What is your Favourite Book and why?

Reading is as popular as ever!

Last year was a record year for book publishers in the UK, and children's books are selling especially well.

They sold 16% more last year, and the biggest seller was Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. Do you prefer fiction or non-fiction? Poetry or plays? Newspapers or magazines? Fact books or joke books? Find out what your family members prefer too - are their choices the same as yours or different? Find out and feedback to your class!



Our WOW word this week is

Literature

(written works, writings, creative writing, literary texts, compositions, letters, printed works, published works.)

In Big Talk, we use 'WOW' Words to improve our vocabulary and 'big up' our sentences to make them more interesting!

Please encourage your child to use this WOW word, in the right context, as much as possible.

- The 'Talk Homework' and 'WOW' words will be set every Monday in the newsletter; children will then share their 'Talk' with their class on a Friday afternoon.
- We will encourage the children to use the WOW word throughout the week.

Thank you for your support in helping your child.

Please do not hesitate to come into school and speak to me or another member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great week!

Mrs K Connelly.

