

# OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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### Dear Parents

We have had a great week this week at school. The Inter-House Football was a huge success and with sunny autumnal weather everyone has had a skip in their step.

### Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to this week's Stars. A wonderful array of different reason for being brilliant!

**Mia Baxter – 6E**

**Alex Plummer – 6E**

**Sophia Harrigan – 6G**

**Fred Viner – 6G**

**Tristain Drean-Reilly – 6S**

**Caitlin Kett – 6S**

**Anna Langeskov- 4R**

**Tanisha Raviraj – 4R**

**Madaline Bunter – 4W**

**Steven Sturman – 4W**

**Maisy Andrews – 3C**

**Lois Lincoln – 3C**

**Natasza Masternak – 3H**

**Oby Alderdice – 3H**



### Golden Book

This week the following pupils have had Wow moments to be proud of, impressing their teachers and amazing their peers with special moments of brilliance. Well done!

**Ava de Cooper Wride**

**Daisy Viner**

**Mia Baxter**

**Rose Codling**

**Georgia Tilley**

**Ellie Chapman**

**Erin Greengrass**

**Anna Langeskov**

**Alyssa Hoogesteger**

**Steven Sturman**

**Abbie Chapman**



### Special Mention

I would like to give a special mention this week to **Serle Bailey** in year 6, who went along to take part in the Adapted Games Competition at UEA on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Serle went to the UEA with Miss Knowles, who was able to watch as Serle took part in various activities. He won a medal and a certificate for his participation and excellent attitude. We are very proud of you Serle – well done and thank you to Miss Knowles for taking him!

### Attendance Cup

6E have won the attendance cup for a third week running with an attendance of 98.91% - Well done!



(What is Miss Emrick feeding her class?)

### Year 6 Prefect Applications

My plan to organise interviews this week for the Prefect positions may have been a little ambitious! The interviews will need to take place after half term due to such a full diary in the week and a half we have left. However I have loved reading the applications from 20 of our year 6 pupils who have all put in so much effort and showed how proud they are of their school. Thank you year 6.



### House Football!

Last week Miss Gedge organised a whole school House Football Tournament. Years 3 and 4 battled it out on Tuesday afternoon and years 5 and 6 on Wednesday afternoon. The children all loved taking part and despite the rain all completed their matches earning points for their houses.

Miss Gedge and Mr West decided that some special awards should be given to three pupils who had stood out during the tournament for their attitude and skill. These three children were:

**Max Yeomans – for excellence in football**

**Joel Frimpong – for sportsmanship**

**Amelia Allen – for outstanding effort**

Congratulations to these pupils who should be very proud of their performances. However! There can only be one winner and when all the points were added up, (and verified by an independent adjudicator,) the winners of the Inter-House Football were...**Kestrels!** Congratulations to everyone who took part, with a special thank you to **Miss Gedge** for organising and **Mr West** for referring two afternoons in a row.



### Food Bank Donations

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to our Norwich Foodbank donation. Time is ticking on the run up to half term and we would all very much appreciate your support in giving whatever you can.

### Clubs

Due to a need to change our Staff Meetings to a Wednesday evening, Miss Cooper's Art Club will take place on a Tuesday evening after half term, rather than a Wednesday evening. Your child's place on the club is not affected and the timing remains the same.

**On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November there will be no Gymnastics Club after school. The**

club will return to normal from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. This is due to the staff from Norwich School who run the club not being able to attend.

Dance Club – run by Cat – will return in January after a break next half term. Cat has commitments with Christmas Pantomimes and therefore can't run dance club.

Please pop these dates in your diary!

### The Shakespeare Project 2015 – A Midsummer Night's Dream

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October Miss Gedge's Year 5 English class will be performing an adapted version of A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Play House Theatre in Norwich. They have all been working so hard on this project which has been the focus of their literacy lessons this half term. The children have been learning lines, acting, dancing and creating a brilliant version of the play, which they will come together with three other schools to perform four Shakespeare plays on Tuesday night. We would like to wish them all every success, I can't wait to see them in action and I am sure it will be a performance to remember. Watch this space in the next newsletter so I can tell you how it went! "Break a leg" year 5 and Miss Gedge!



### Mrs Wright's Maths App of the Week!

Times table cloud click game (Lumpty Learning) Children can practise individual times tables or select mixed. Children can repeat games and try and beat their time.



### Assertive Mentoring

The last day of school this half term for the pupils is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015. On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October we are inviting you to make an appointment to come and speak to your child's class teacher to find out how they are progressing this year so far. We hope to see as many of you as possible and are available all day for you to make appointments to come and see us. The meeting is meant to be with you and your child so that they can be involved with their own progress and understand their next steps. If you are not able to make the date, please contact your child's class teacher to make an appointment on another day after half term. Please be aware that this will be the first time we are talking to you in terms of our new curriculum. The language will be different and we will endeavour to explain the new systems clearly, however we are still adjusting assessments and finding our feet to "life

without levels" so if you have any concerns I will be available all day if you would like to see me.

### Reading Week Autumn Term

Next half term we will be having our first reading week of the year. The theme will be H<sub>2</sub>O and our books will be based around water. We would like to invite parents to come and work with their children in school on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November between 2:00pm - 3:15pm**. If you are unable to attend another family member is more than welcome to come along instead. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

### Hilltop Payment Deadline

Please can all final payments for Hilltop be made by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Please contact the school office in order to pay the outstanding money. Thank you to all who have paid in full so far.

### Debating Society

This year Mr Semmens is leading a debating society and the children involved in the club have voted for their favourite logo as designed by Cara Tipple Here is the finished logo – what a grand design!



Old Catton Debating Society  
Established 2013

## TALK HOMEWORK & 'WOW' WORDS

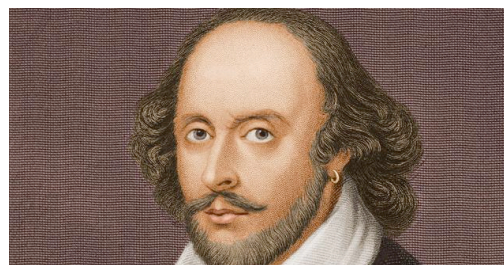


Each week we send a Talk Homework activity and 'Wow' Words home and we would be very grateful for your support.

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;

***Shakespeare for everyone? Can children as young as year 3 learn Shakespeare? Why do people see the works of Shakespeare as "difficult"? Have you read any Shakespeare yourself? When you think of Shakespeare plays what first pops into your head?***



*(artist, character, entertainer, headliner,  
performer)*

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

Our **'WOW'** Word this week is;

### **Thespian**

Please encourage your child to use this 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.



I hope you all have a great week! Please come in and speak to me or your children's class teachers if you have any worries or concerns.

**Mrs K Connelly.**