

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I would just like to say a big "Thank You" to Miss Elliott who has been working with us at Old Catton as a student teacher. She finished her last placement with us on Friday last week and we would all like to wish her the greatest success in her teaching career as she moves onto Angel Road Infant School.

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 – Yung Loh

6E – Caitlin Carruthers

6R – Lola Yeomans

6R – Rohan Day

6S – Emmy Allen

6S – Tom Walker

4G – Henry Locke

4G – Lilly Richardson

4P – Jack Parker

4P – Szymon Kurek

3C – Mikey Bradstreet

3C – Kyan Batterbee

3E – Tyler Allen

3E – Conor Day



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:

Mahtab Rahman

Tyler Bailey

Ivy Henderson

Faye Lincoln

Caitlin Carruthers

Georgia Tilley

Ellie Coe

Ben Miller

Lilia Wilson

Golden Homework Award

This week we have some children who have achieved their Golden Homework Award! This means that they have collected 10 Golden Homework stickers this year for brilliant pieces of homework. Very well done to:

Yung Loh

Lexia Superstars!

Well done to the following pupils who have completed their levels in Lexia:

Maia Walker – Level 10

Attendance Cup

6R won the attendance cup for their attendance last week. With an attendance of **98.67%** - Well done!

Swimming Year 4

Very well done to the Year 4 swimmers who have been presented with their swimming certificates. Brilliant work – keep it up!

5m

Ellie Blyth

Natasza Masternak

10m

Ayden Webster

25m

Adam Coates

50m



Move over to email correspondence

We have reattached the letter regarding email correspondence for those who may need to still return letters to us. Please let us have your contact details so that we can try to move over to electronic correspondence. Many Thanks.

Goblin Racing Car Project



After weeks of hard work and preparation, a small group of Year 5 racing drivers travelled to Scottow Business Park in Coltishall on Wednesday 7th June to try our luck in the very exciting Greenpower IET Goblin Car Race. The event was a highly anticipated one: children from all over East Anglia gathered to compete in electric cars they had built from scratch and decorated themselves.

We got off to a terrific start, winning three of the four heats! Our drivers did a fantastic job; even carrying on after one minor smash into the barriers! Sadly, we didn't place in the competition, but the whole group had a wonderful day competing against other children. The

teachers who accompanied the children were so impressed by their team spirit and great attitudes throughout the day.

The Goblins are an electric kit car designed for young people, providing them with an exciting, real-life challenge in engineering and design technology. Old Catton's entry, dubbed "The Black Cats" was a real labour of love. Small groups of Year 5 children worked incredibly hard during the first half of the summer term to create our car. First, our designers had to create the overall look of the Goblin and then the assembly team spent a huge amount of time helping teachers put the car together. This was a complicated and lengthy task; building took place over several days as the kit itself contains several hundred parts! Finally, artists designed some wonderful graffiti stencils to spray on the bodywork and attach it to the car and our drivers had a session after school to practice their racing skills!

Well done to the following children who worked so hard these last few weeks:

Sienna Price, Fay Bridge, Bradley Copping, Luke Copping, Harley Carolan, Joshua Legg, Joseph Sanderson – Drivers

Eli Wishaw, Ava de Cooper Wride, Madeline Bunter, Daisy Viner, Tanisha Raviraj – Artists

Ella Murray, Jayden Beattie, Anna Langeskov – Designers

Connor Hanworth, Ashleigh Bunn, Aleta Castelino, Keira Edwards, Tom Dann, Johnny Edwards-Assemblers

Special thanks also to **Mr Pritchard and Miss Richardson** who managed the project and **Mrs Morgan** who provided transport to the event. The team also benefited from help from **Jason Gunton of Fury Designs**, who came to the rescue with his engineering, mechanical and designing expertise! The success of the project really was a whole team effort.

Year 4s – if you are interested in taking part in this project next year, listen out for details that will be given in assembly after the summer holidays! It will be a very exciting opportunity to get involved with!

Karate Taster Sessions

On Friday 9th June, all classes had the opportunity to take part in a half an hour Karate taster session, led by ESKA Karate. The sessions were packed full of demonstrations and fun Karate techniques and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning a new skill! They were taught how to greet someone during a Karate session as well as learning some key Karate moves. The most important rule they learnt was: Karate is only performed in a class with an instructor! A very exciting way to end the week!



School Entrances

At the beginning and end of the school day, ALL parents need to collect their children from either the Recreation Ground Gate or the Church Street Gate. Please do not send your child in via the main reception or collect from the main front gate / car park area – it is not safe to do so as vehicles may be moving in or around the car park.

If your child needs to come into school late or be collected early, you must always report to the school office to sign your child in or out of school. The office staff will always be happy to deliver items to your child when needed during the day. No parents should access the school site during school hours unless through the main reception with a member of staff being aware. We need to make sure that our school site is safe and therefore we need to know who is in the building or on our school grounds. **This is for the safety of the children.** Please do not use the side gates to access the site. The main front entrance and the school office is where all parents and visitors need to report at all times.

Thank you for working with us to help keep the children safe in school.

SRE

We will be teaching our Sex and Relationships Education to the children during this half term. A letter will be sent home outlining the teaching for your child's year group. Please be aware that if you would like to remove your child from the SRE lessons we will need written confirmation of this decision.

Open The Book

As part of our Church School Collective Worship, we have Open The Book volunteers come into school every other week to help the children tell a Bible Story through a drama re-telling of a story. The children who wish to take part, love acting out the stories in front of the rest of the school. They dress up and with the help of the Church Volunteers create lovely representations which help to bring the stories to life.

Last week we enjoyed the story of The Bad Brother – about Esau and Jacob the sons of Isaac.



Summer Term Dates

Monday 19th June, Tuesday 20th June, Wednesday 21st June—Whitlingham Trip Year 6
Thursday 22nd June—New Intake Transition Evening for Year 2 parents 7pm

Thursday 29th June—Year 6 Fashion Show 10:00-11:00am

Monday 3rd July, Tuesday 4th July, Thursday 6th July—City Sports at UEA

Wednesday 12th July Sports Day—sports day will follow the same format as last year with events taking place all day. Field events will take place in the morning and track events in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend all day and bring a picnic lunch or come for part of the day if more convenient. There will be no raincheck day—we will hope for good weather!

Monday 10th July, Tuesday 11th July and Wednesday 12th July— Assertive Mentoring meetings. Appointments will be made for you to see your child's class teacher to discuss and review your child's end of year report.

Friday 14th July—Summer Fair

Wednesday 19th July—Year 6 Leavers Show 7pm

Thursday 20th July—Celebration Assembly 9:00am

Friday 21st July—Last Day of Term

Monday 24th July—Tuesday 5th September—Summer Holiday

Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September—Staff inset days, school closed to children

Wednesday 6th September—Children return to school for new academic year

Our 'WOW' Word this week is

compete

(take part in a race, run, contend)

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.

WOW!

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;

Last week some of our pupils took part in the Goblin Racing Car Project. Our team name was the Black Cats! If you were designing your own racing car what would your team be called? What colours would you paint it? What design would go onto it? Who would you want your sponsors to be? Get creative and ask your families what they would have on theirs too!





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22nd May 2017

Dear Parents

We are hoping to improve home-school communications and are looking at adopting a paperless approach to contacting parents. With the growth in e-mail, smartphones and general home computers, we have noticed this is the preferred method of communication for many parents now. Emails are a faster and more reliable way for you to receive information directly from us regarding trips, events and any general information from the school.

Please complete the slip below, indicating your preference for receiving emails as we are more than happy to continue sending information home via students for parents who express a preference to remain on paper-based communication but the benefits as outlined above are undeniable, and we hope that you will join us in these efforts.

Kind regards

Mrs K Connelly
Head of School

To: Mrs Warby (School Secretary)

I would like to receive information from the school via email
(Please circle your choice)

Yes / No

Student's Name: _____ Form: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent email address: _____