



# OPJS Newsletter

Issue 1: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Academic Year 2020-2021



## Dear Parent/Carer,

First and foremost, I hope that you and yours are well and you have had a good summer! It's fair to say that it has been a cracking and rather scorching start to this brand new academic year! Indeed, it has been wonderful welcoming all of our children to OPJS and, I have to say, they look rather splendid and smart in their uniform! Thank you for your support in this. I am sure that you are with me in hoping that we will have an uninterrupted year - fingers crossed! Needless to say, we will continue to strive and work hard for the very best for your child and thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure that your child reaches their potential. Here's to a great year! Before we talk about our great start, let's catch up on one or two bits and bobs from last year! Here goes!

## OPJS Update

- Y6 certainly bowed out in style with their amazing performance of 'Darwin Rocks'! I have to say it was truly spectacular and having it outside really made it a great show. HUGE congratulations to our old Y6 and many thanks to last year's Y6 team for a truly superb effort! A snapshot is opposite.
- Y6 finished their time at OPJS with the Y6 Graduation which was a very special, if not emotional, afternoon! Indeed, there were tears and laughter as we bid them farewell and wished them all the best on the next step of their journey! Once again, a snapshot is opposite.
- As part of the Y6 Graduation we saw the first ever awarding of the Ben Saunders Memorial Cup (pictured opposite) for sporting achievement. It deservedly went to Maia who was a worthy and highly regarded winner. Not only was she proud to receive the award, we as a school were proud to



Oldfield Park Junior Sc... · 19/07/2021 ...

The amazing Y6 production of Darwin Rocks! Great work guys!



Oldfield Park Junior Sc... · 20/07/2021 ...

A great end to their time at OPJS! Well done to the Class of 2021! You are a sky full of stars!



Oldfield Park Junior Sc... · 20/07/2021 ...

You're welcome and Ben's legacy will live on at OPJS. We're all proud and honoured that Ben attended OPJS.

Ben Saunders Foun... · 20/07/2021

Beautiful way to honour Ben. Thank you to Oldfield Park Junior School.



give it to her as well as honour Ben in this way. Indeed, his memory still shines brightly at OPJS as does his contribution to our school.

As you know we had a truly fabulous OPJS Sports day which, of course, had a bit of a Greek twist! Well our very own Zeus of the film world, Mr Dack, worked his Athenian magic and produced a cracking video. Please do spend a moment and check it out: [https://youtu.be/18SljsrW\\_sU](https://youtu.be/18SljsrW_sU)

As mentioned previously, it has been a very positive start to the term (picture opposite). To be fair there have been a few creases to iron out, but we're just about there! The only 'pinch point' at the moment is at the end of the day. Many thanks for your support in parking considerately, leaving the playground swiftly at the end of the day as well as ensuring social distancing.

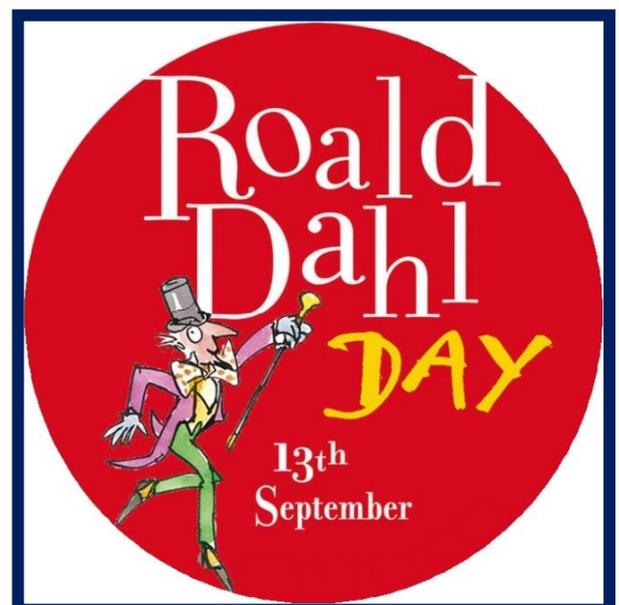
Linked to the above therefore, just a reminder that at the end of the day **Y5/6 parents/carers need to go to the south playground** and exit via the top gate, **Y4 parents/carers wait by the Stadium** and Y3 parents/carers wait near the north courtyard (behind the line). It worked a treat yesterday and I think we may have cracked it!

You may have noticed that we have a bit of building work happening at OPJS at the moment. The roofing works will be for a few weeks and there will be a skip on the playground so do please take care.

Staying on the subject of building works, just a quick shout out to Goodall class who are doing a cracking job in their new temporary accommodation (Play Centre) due to a few damp problems in their usual classroom!

As you may be aware OPJS has taken over the **Breakfast/After School Club** from the Bath YMCA. It has been a really promising start and many thanks for your support. A session at Breakfast Club is 7.30am-8.30am and costs £4 and a session at After School Club is 3.25pm-6pm and costs £11. We are in the process of setting up an Ipal account which I expect to come online next week so do keep an eye out for the comms.

As always, we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day this coming Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September by dressing up as our favourite Roald Dahl character. Please do keep it simple with regards to the costume and do take the opportunity to read one of his great stories with your child.



Year 5 are currently enjoying their long overdue residential to Mill on the Brue! Hooray! You'll be able to read all about it in the next OPJS Newsletter.



As you know I do love to tweet or two! Indeed, please do follow us on @OPJS\_Bath to keep up to date on all OPJS news. Similarly, please do have a look at the Palladian Trust Twitter @PalladianTrust as this is a great source to find out about what is happening across the PAT!



Please find below a reminder of 'batting order' for the next academic year. Classes for 21/22 have been named after inspirational STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) folk!

Year Group	Class	Teacher
3	Carson	Mrs Van Roy
	Jemison	Miss Goebel
4	Goodall	Miss Fox
	Herschel	Mr Breese
5	Isambard	Mrs Green
	Knight	Miss Miller
6	Johnson	Mrs Jenner
	Sagan	Mr Dack

Likewise, find below a reminder of our timetable. I have been so impressed at how punctual and smoothly the mornings are running. Once again, thank you for the support in this as it does make a difference!

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Gates open and Breakfast served in The Stadium</b>
<b>8.45am</b>	<b>Children sent into class and morning activity</b>
<b>8.55am</b>	<b>Morning Registration</b>
<b>9am</b>	<b>Guided Learning</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Teaching Session 1</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Assembly</b>
<b>10.55am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Teaching Session 2</b>
<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Lunchtime</b>
<b>1.15pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Registration and Teaching Sessions 3 and 4</b>
<b>3.25pm</b>	<b>End of School Day</b>
<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Extra-curricular Clubs</b>

## Dates for the Diary

Here's just a few dates so do please have a look at the OPJS website for the school calendar!

📅 **Today: Y5 return from Mill on the Brue**

📅 **Tomorrow: Rugby training at Oldfield RFC**

Do have a look at the flyer opposite as it would be great to welcome even more OPJS children up to Oldfield RFC! I currently coach the U10s and please do feel free to have a chat if you'd like more information.

📅 **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September: Roald Dahl Day**

📅 **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Meet the Teacher**

We will be holding our usual 'Meet the Teacher' event which will be online given the current guidelines. Do keep a look out for the invitation from your child's class teacher.

📅 **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September: Extra-Curricular Clubs commence**

📅 **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September: INSET Day**

📅 **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September: OPJS Mini Marathon Day**

Mrs Jenner is once again putting on those trainers and running the 2021 London Marathon. To support her in her fundraising for Children with Cancer and the OPJS PTA we will be having a little jog too! Details to follow from Mrs Jenner!

📅 **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October: European Day of Languages**

📅 **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Y3 at Bristol Aquarium**

📅 **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: End of Term 1**

📅 **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Start of Term 1**

**And finally,**

Thank you for reading the first OPJS Newsletter of the year and here's to many more! Thank you for your continued support and here's to a great year!

**With every good wish,**

**Mr Dave Goucher**

**Headteacher**

**Oldfield RFC**  
www.oldfieldrfc.com

**Mini's & Youth Rugby For Boys & Girls**  
**FUN for U6/U7/U8 Tag & U9-U14 Contact**

**SPORT ENGLAND CLUBMARK** **ACCREDITED RFU CLUB**

**Training every Saturday morning 10 am-11.30 during school term time only and regular fixtures on Sundays**

**Situated on Shaft Road, Bath, BA2 7HP**  
Modern Clubhouse facilities with ample parking & excellent pitches

**Coaches & Info**  
Enhanced DBS Checked  
Each age group has a RFU licensed coach  
Signed up to kids first age grade rugby  
Qualified First Aiders  
Dedicated Child Safeguarding Officer

**Hot and Cold refreshments available**  
BT Sports on Big Screen  
Free WiFi

**Contact our Youth Coaches for more info:**

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