



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

First and foremost can I say thank you for your support and understanding over the past week with regards to the Coronavirus outbreak. It is rather challenging at the moment and be assured that, being a parent myself, I am fully aware and sympathetic to your concerns. Needless to say, I will continue to follow advice from Public Health England, DfE and the PAT and pass on the relevant information. On that, I hope that you have received the email from Tim Withers highlighting what we are doing as a PAT and how things could change over the coming weeks and months. Coupled to this, further to my email last night, we are making preparations for a possible closure by reissuing passwords, allowing more books to be taken out of our library, giving out spare books as well as updating our website with relevant links. Once again, thank you for your understanding and support and I will keep you posted. On that note, let's lighten the mood a little and catch up on all of the OPJS news!

OPJS Update

- 📌 Well World Book Day, as always, was a splendid success with some amazing and original outfits on show as well as some cracking activities that our children participated in. Many thanks to Mrs Canandine who organised some super activities and a snapshot of the class winners is opposite.
- 📌 Many thanks for your support during last week's INSET Day. It was an extremely useful day for all of our staff as we joined together with others from the PAT.
- 📌 We welcomed Emma from the University of Bath and, moreover, Gloria all the way from Nicaragua to talk to us about the importance and power of buying Fairtrade products. It was a rather humbling and enlightening assembly as we learnt all about Gloria's work and life. A snapshot of Gloria as well as the winners of the Fairtrade poster competition is opposite.
- 📌 We had a rather positive OPJS PTA meeting at the Moorland Social last week as we planned out a number of events for the rest of term. Do have a look at the dates for the diary for details!
- 📌 It was a great to see a super turnout for our Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings last week. If you did manage to miss your appointment, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment.
- 📌 Just another note to remind you that all school money arrears need to be paid and brought to date and be aware that we will not be able to accept cash from Term 5 onwards.
- 📌 Even though the local council elections have been postponed, at the moment we still intend to hold the INSET day on Thursday 7th May.
- 📌 Unfortunately we have just been informed that this year's Dance Umbrella and Wednesday's PAT STEM event have been postponed ☹.



Well done for a super effort for the OPJS Mixed Football Team in last week's BaNES Tournament. They gave it a really good go and many thanks to Mr Parry for taking the team. A snapshot of the team is opposite.



Well done to everybody who took part in the OPJS Mini Marathon last Friday and what a great day it was! A snapshot of a rather happy bunch of Year 6s is opposite and many thanks for all of your support and donations. In a similar vein, many thanks for your kind messages with regards to the virtual Bath Half Marathon that I completed yesterday. The run to Wellow and back, as well as a few streets around Oldfield Park, was a rather soggy but, moreover, fun affair! We're still counting the sponsorship but we have raised at least £250 for the British Heart Foundation with the remainder going towards the community defibrillator fund. I will be in touch with the final scores on the doors and here's to next year as I'm sure that Captain Hook will make a re-appearance!



A big well done to Elliot who produced a rather splendid portrait of Robert Smith from The Cure (one for the older generation kids ☺) for the recent Black Swan Art Exhibition in Frome. A superb effort Elliot!

Just another reminder that part of our recent BaNES Safeguarding Audit, please note the website link <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/crime-prevention-and-community-safety/domestic-violence> that signposts support for those who are at risk of domestic violence or as a support for those who may know of someone at risk. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you do have any concerns or questions or queries.



Dates for the Diary

Given the current situation, the following is very much subject to change so please do keep an eye out on our school website.

- Wednesday 18th March: Mother's Day Lunch 11.45am-1.15pm
- Wednesday 18th March – Friday 20th March: Y4 at Mill on the Brue
- Thursday 19th March: BaNES TAG Rugby Tournament
- Wednesday 25th March: Archie Scarecrow Dress Up Day
- Tuesday 31st March: Easter Assembly at Ascension Church
- Thursday 2nd April: BaNES Basketball Tournament and Y3/4 Easter Disco 6pm-7pm and Y5/6 Easter Disco 7.15pm-8.15pm
- Friday 3rd April: Easter Competitions, Easter Raffle and End of Term 4
- Monday 20th April: Start of Term 5

And finally,

Many thanks for reading the third issue of our OPJS Newsletter for this term as well as your continued support during these challenging times. Please do keep an eye out on the website and your email.

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.