



OPJS Newsletter

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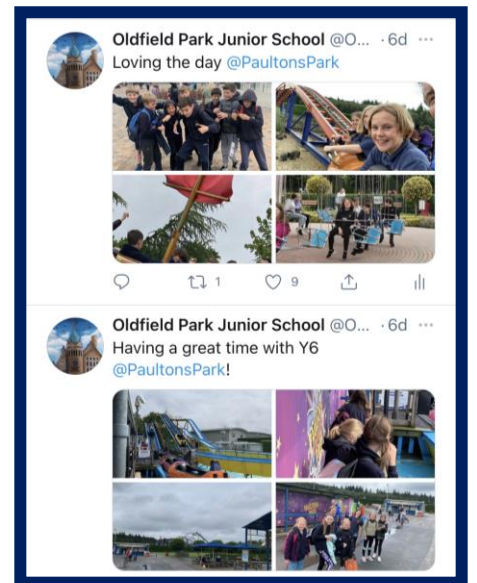
Dear Parent/Carer,

Well this is it! I can't quite believe we are at the end of this rather challenging and eventful year! It is fair to say that over the past 21 years being a teacher, it has been one of the most difficult years that I can remember. The children and staff have been truly magnificent and I have been so very proud of all of them in how they have approached and overcome the challenges this year. Whether it is encountering another lockdown through to each year group achieving so very well and overcoming the odds, it has been a super year at OPJS. Thank you for your continued support and your role in this. It continues to be a real honour and privilege being head teacher of OPJS and I am very much looking forward to seeing what we can achieve together as a community and school over the remainder of this and the next academic year.

As with the end of every year we have to say a few farewells. Firstly, we wish all the very best to our truly amazing Year 6 who head off on the next chapter of their journey. They have been magnificent, particularly so over the past two years, and their dedication, caring nature and all round sense of fun will be sorely missed. They have achieved so much, both in and out of the classroom, and I wish them well. Secondly, we bid farewell to Mr Newman who is heading up the hill to St Martins Primary. I would like to thank him for all of his hard work for OPJS and wish him all the best at SMGPS - he'll be missed whilst we 'loan' him out in a football transfer kind of way! Finally, we said our goodbyes to Mr Withers who popped in last week for a cuppa. He was, once again, impressed about all things OPJS and thanked us for our significant contribution to the PAT and I thanked him for his and the PAT's support. Right, let's lighten the mood a tad and catch up on all the news!

OPJS Update

 Well let's start with our amazing Y6! Unfortunately, the Y6 residential to the Isle of Wight had to be cancelled, however that didn't stop the children from having a rather splendid Activity Week. Snapshots of the week of the children at Paultons Park, Rainbow Woods and, of course, GLASTOPJS 2021 are opposite and below! What an amazing week! It is fair to say that GLASTOPJS 2021 was phenomenal and it will stay in the memory for a long time! On that, so will '£1 Fish' and 'Sweet Caroline' that's for sure! A HUGE thank you to the Y6 staff and the amazing OPJS PTA for making it all happen – you are all stars! We're already planning next year!



- It has been great welcoming Y4 back today following their bubble popping. However, we do have a couple of children who are at home recovering and I know that you're with me in wishing them a speedy recovery.
- It has been a busy end of the year on the sporting front! Indeed, we enjoyed a local football derby with St Michael's, participated in the BaNES Quadkids as well as enjoyed our own Greek Sports Day. All in all, rather busy and many thanks to all the staff who made attendance at these activities possible!
- Hopefully you will have received your child school report which I hope found you well. As ever, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or queries.
- I hope that you managed to catch the live stream of this year's Bath Carnival 2021! Here's to next year when we can parade through Bath in person!
- Well done to the Year 5s who successfully completed their Bikeability course! Well done to all and many thanks to Lia for organising.
- Just a note that both Breakfast and After School Clubs are cancelled today and tomorrow as the staff are self-isolating.
- 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

- Just a reminder to complete the survey regarding the Liveable Neighbourhoods Initiative. Needless to say, we do need support and your views will be really helpful when it comes to applying. Therefore, I would be most grateful if you could follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XMWF97> and do let us know your thoughts regarding this very important issue.

Jasper's 'Junior News' – JJN!

The superstar and would be Editor in Chief that is Jasper in Year 5 has put together his very own OPJS Newsletter! I have to say 'Junior News' is rather good and far better than my efforts! It's highlighted on the next couple of pages and I'm sure that you agree, it is fantastic! Here's to even more issues next year Jasper!

Dates for the diary

Well it's going to be a bit busy over the next couple of weeks!

- Today: Y6 Performances of 'Darwin Rocks'**
- Tuesday 20th July: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and End of Term 6 and Academic Year**
- Monday 6th September: Start of Term 1 and 21/22 Academic Year**

Please note that details regarding the start of the academic year will be shared the week before the start of term. This is because of the current uncertainty and many thanks for your understanding.

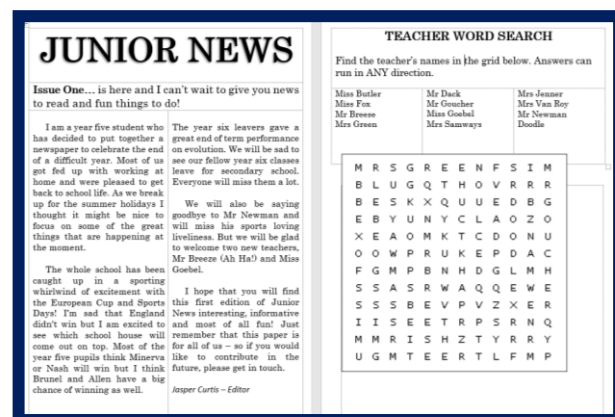
And finally,

Once again, thank you for your considerable support over the year and I hope that you have a safe and super Summer!

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.



JUNIOR NEWS

Issue One... is here and I can't wait to give you news to read and fun things to do!

I am a year five student who has decided to put together a newspaper to celebrate the end of a difficult year. Most of us got fed up with working at home and were pleased to get back to school life. As we break up for the summer holidays I thought it might be nice to focus on some of the great things that are happening at the moment.

The whole school has been caught up in a sporting whirlwind of excitement with the European Cup and Sports Days! I'm sad that England didn't win but I am excited to see which school house will come out on top. Most of the year five pupils think Minerva or Nash will win but I think Brunel and Allen have a big chance of winning as well.

The year six leavers gave a great end of term performance on evolution. We will be sad to see our fellow year six classes leave for secondary school. Everyone will miss them a lot.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Newman and will miss his sports loving liveliness. But we will be glad to welcome two new teachers, Mr Breeze (Ah Ha!) and Miss Goebel.

I hope that you will find this first edition of Junior News interesting, informative and most of all fun! Just remember that this paper is for all of us – so if you would like to contribute in the future, please get in touch.

Jasper Curtis – Editor

TEACHER WORD SEARCH

Find the teacher's names in the grid below. Answers can run in ANY direction.

Miss Butler
Miss Fox
Mr Breese
Mrs Green

Mr Dack
Mr Goucher
Miss Goebel
Mrs Samways

Mrs Jenner
Mrs Van Roy
Mr Newman
Doodle

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GAMING REPORT

Hello my fellow gamers! I am sure you must be excited about the new gaming related news.

I am happy to announce that Splatoon 3 will be released in 2022. This will probably be one of the biggest Nintendo Switch releases for the year. You will be able to discover the Splatlands, a new sun-soaked region where you can play as Agent 4 or Agent 8 as well as other characters. Octolings will return and there will be new weapons including a bow-shaped gun to sling ink.

For movie lovers the long-awaited Minecraft film will be hitting cinemas next year although the release date is not yet confirmed. But for those of you who can't wait here is a brief outline of the plot **spoiler alert**

A teenage girl and her unlikely group of adventurers must save their beautiful, blocky Overworld after the malevolent Ender Dragon sets out on a path of destruction.

And finally, for those of you that can't stop boogying, the 2022 edition of Just Dance will be released on November 4th *this year* on the PS5, XSX, PS4, XBO, Switch and Stadia.



Why are you looking at me?



I'm not...

STOP LOOKING AT MY BROTHER.



He's sensitive!

DOODLE

Some of us have had the pleasure of spending our year with Doodle the dog. He has been both funny and hyper. But how much do we know about Doodle's breed?

Doodle is a ~~Cavaapoo~~. These fluffy sidekicks are a cross between a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel and a Poodle.

~~Cavaapoo~~ LOVE people and attention, which definitely explains why Doodle loves us.

~~Cavaapoo~~s generally live for more than thirteen years, so hopefully he will be around to lick plenty more knees in the future!



CHOCOLATE FUDGE BROWNIES

Brownies are everyone's favourite treats come lunch time! Follow the recipe to recreate them at home.

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees centigrade. Grease a cake tin and line with baking paper.
2. Melt 250g butter and 275g dark chocolate in a saucepan over a low heat. Remove and allow to cool slightly.
3. In a large bowl beat together 275g caster sugar, 3 eggs and 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract until pale and fluffy.
4. Whisk the chocolate mixture into the egg mixture until combined. Then

stir in 225g plain flour and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of salt.

5. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and cook for 20-25mins in the middle of the oven until the brownies are just set. The middle should be slightly gooey.

6. Leave to cool for 10mins in the tin. Tip onto a cooling rack and when completely cool remove the baking paper and cut the brownies into squares.

TIP – you can add all sorts of treats to the mixture before cooking. Try chocolate chips, nuts, dried fruit or even mini marshmallows.