



OPJS Newsletter

Friday 22th January 2021
Academic Year 2020-2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

Well it's been a busy two weeks since I wrote to you last that's for sure! Many thanks for your continued support over the past few weeks and thank you to you too for doing a sterling job with home learning! All in all, pretty positive all round! Let's catch up on all the news!

OPJS Update

- 📌 We continue to adhere to our very thorough OPJS Risk Assessment to ensure everyone's safety at school. On that, we are commencing Lateral COVID Testing for staff next week which could possibly mean that provision could be affected. Further details will follow early next week and many thanks for your support.
- 📌 Home learning, coupled with the learning in school, continues at a pace and, once again, thank you for your support in this. As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if there are any problems or if you have any questions or queries. However, it is fair to say that we're spending a lot of time on Zoom which has been a lifesaver over this and the previous lockdown. Given that a year ago not many of us had heard of Zoom, I really do wish I'd bought some shares in the company! On a more serious note, we have put together a Zoom Code of Conduct as we're finding one or two children are losing a little focus in the sessions. Thank you in advance for your support.

Zoom Rules of Conduct:

- 1) Find a quiet place to participate (at a table if possible)
- 2) Dress appropriately (no pyjamas)
- 3) Always use your real name (spelt correctly with correct capitalisation)
- 4) No using chat, emoji or annotation functions unless instructed
- 5) Always have a pen/pencil and paper to hand (just in case)
- 6) Always keep your screen orientated correctly
- 7) Do not alter your screen's background
- 8) Raise your "hand" if you wish to speak, unless addressed by your teacher
- 9) Always remember that this is our place of learning – be respectful

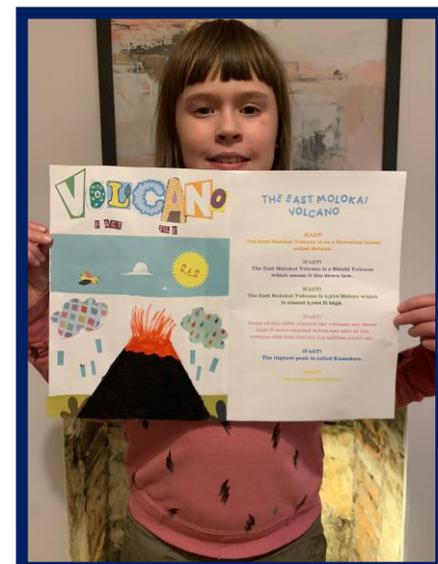


- It was great to see one or two children, in a socially distant way of course, pop along to our fortnightly OPJS Bookswap. Our next one will be on **Thursday 4th February** so do please pop along!
- Sticking to the subject of books and our library, we had a very generous donation to enable us to buy a batch of books from a parent who would like to remain anonymous. HUGE thanks to them as we are loaning out considerably more books than would usually be the case due to lockdown.
- It has been great seeing the children as part of my assemblies. Indeed, there was some cracking artwork on show this week from the Kids Arthub (<https://www.youtube.com/c/ArtforKidsHub>) and the theme for next week is hobbies. Plus we'll be talking about the forthcoming RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch so do keep a lookout for that! Timings are as follows:



Monday 1pm-1.30pm: Y4 and Y6
 Monday 1.30pm-2pm: Y3 and Y5
 Tuesday 1.30pm-2pm: Y3
 Wednesday 1pm-1.30pm: Y4
 Thursday 1.30pm-2pm: Y5
 Friday 1pm-1.30pm: Y6

- As mentioned previously, there has been some great learning both in and out of school. We will be putting examples onto our website and a great picture of India and her work is opposite as well as Mr T-S doing a grand job of putting the chickens to bed!



Dates for the diary

Just a few reminders:

- Friday 29th January – Sunday 31st January: RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**
- Friday 12th February: End of Term 3**
- Monday 22nd February: Start of Term 4**
- Friday 5th March: INSET Day**

And finally,

Once again thank you so much for your support and please try and have a peaceful and restful weekend, take care and stay safe.

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.