



OPJS Newsletter

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Academic Year 2020-2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the second OPJS Newsletter of what has been a rather busy and action packed start to the new academic year! Indeed, we've had a residential, clubs have started and a visit from our new CEO! All rather eventful! Let's catch up on all of the news!

OPJS Update

- 📌 Well what a great Mill on the Brue residential! It was so wonderful to have our Y5s head to MoB, especially after the last year! Well done to all and HUGE thanks to Miss Fox for organising, the OPJS MoB Team of Mrs Green, Miss Butler, Miss Miller, Mr Breese, Miss Mansell, Mrs Fortune, and, of course, the team at MoB! Snapshots are below and here's to MoB 2022 for our current Y4s! On that note, please do not hesitate Y4 parents/carers to contact Miss Fox if you would like your child to sign up for this amazing residential!
- 📌 As always, it was great to celebrate the Roald Dahl Day and many thanks for your support. A snapshot is opposite.
- 📌 As ever, we have an extensive range of clubs with a couple more coming 'online' over the next few weeks as well as next term. Indeed, I'm really pleased that we have managed to get Cheerleading back up and running so here's to the OPJS Otters! On that, do have a look at the flyer at the end of this newsletter for further information. Finally, we have Latin, Arts Award and Y3 football as a lunchtime club as well as one or two others so do keep a lookout.
- 📌 As you are aware Mr Withers retired in the Summer and, in typical OPJS fashion, we gave him a good send off and wished him well for his new adventures. Last week though we welcomed the new PAT CEO Mrs Donna Tandy to OPJS for her visit and it's fair to say that our amazing children and Doodle made quite an impression! Here's to even more visits by the Chief.
- 📌 Just a quick one to say thank you for your support for our end of day procedures. Indeed, at home time **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).

As you are aware OPJS has taken over the **Breakfast/After School Club** from the Bath YMCA. It continues to go from strength to strength and thank you 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. If you would like to book a place then you will need to use our Ipal system and log onto: <https://opjs.schoolipal.co.uk/>

Just a reminder that to keep up to date with the OPJS news then do follow @OPJS_Bath. 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!

It has been great seeing our children get stuck into their 'Spectacular Starts' as part of the themes that they are covering this term. From rivers to rainforests through to reefs and gothic, a big well done to all and here's to those 'Fantastic Finishes'. A couple of snapshots are opposite!

Still on the curriculum theme at OPJS, a number of amazing activities have continued from last term with a few others that are new. Indeed, I am so pleased to announce that each year group will get at least one Forest School session per term and, after a long wait, our own Mary Berry, Mrs Warren, is starting cookery with our year groups! YUM! This, along with singing assemblies, Voices for Life performances and oodles of sports fixtures, means that we're pretty much back to how it was in 2019!

It was great to welcome the Mayor of Bath to OPJS as part of the Voices for Life performance that we're part of. Indeed, excitement is building for the 'Stardust' performance at Bath Abbey next month. A huge thank you to Shean and Tess at Voices for Life as well as a big well done to the 30 children who are stars in the making! Finally, if you would like to attend the performance then do have a look at the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

As part of expanding further our children's horizons, as well as general knowledge, Mrs Green with the help of her Globe friend, have put together a cheeky Geography Quiz! They would like as many



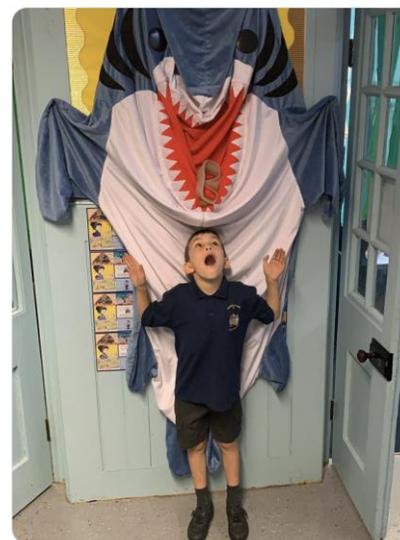
Oldfield Park Junior Sc... · 13/09/2021

Y4 enjoying their spectacular start to their 'River of Dreams' topic for this term! Looking forward to seeing the completed models guys!



Oldfield Park Junior School @OP... · 6d

You're gonna need a bigger boat Angus! We might need your help @StevenSpielberg for our Under the Sea theme @OPJS_Bath!



Oldfield Park Junior School @OP... · 6d

Amazing to welcome the Mayor of Bath @JunePlayer1 to our Voices for Life @voicesforlifeuk rehearsal! Only four weeks to go to the big performance @bathabbey!



children to have a go as possible and there's prizes and stickers galore! Just head to Mrs Green in Year 5 in the Huts with the answers!



Geography Quiz Time!

Where am I?

Using the picture clue, can you guess where I am?

If you can answer the following questions, go and see Mrs Green in the Year 5 Huts:

1. Where am I exactly – can you name the building?
2. What city am I in?
3. Which country is this in? Do you know the name of the capital city?
4. What does their flag look like?
5. What language is spoken in this country?
6. On what continent would you find this country?
7. Am I in the Northern or Southern Hemisphere?



Hello, I am Globe and I have a challenge for you!



Dates for the Diary

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

 **Tuesday 28th September: OPJS Mini Marathon**

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! Letters have been sent out by Mrs Jenner and here's to Tuesday!

 **Tuesday 28th September: OPJS FC v St John's FC**

 **Thursday 30th September: Y6 Forest School**

 **Friday 1st October: European Day of Languages**

 **Thursday 7th October: Y5 Forest School**

 **Tuesday 12th October: OPJS B FC v St John's B FC in BaNES Cup**

 **Wednesday 13th October: Harvest Festival at Ascension Church**



- 📅 **Thursday 14th October: Y3 Forest School and Voices for Life 'Stardust' performance at Bath Abbey**
- 📅 **Friday 15th October: Voices for Life 'Stardust' performance at Bath Abbey**
- 📅 **Tuesday 19th October: Parent/Carer Consultation Evening for all class APART from Isambard Class**

Steve will be in touch regarding appointments for the forthcoming Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings week beginning 11th October so do keep a lookout for the email.

- 📅 **Wednesday 20th October: Parent/Carer Consultation Evening for Isambard Class only**
- 📅 **Wednesday 20th October: Y3 at Bristol Aquarium and BaNES Cross Country**
- 📅 **Thursday 21st October: Parent/Carer Consultation Evening for ALL classes, Y4 Forest School and BaNES Inclusive Sports Festival**
- 📅 **Friday 22nd October: End of Term 1**
- 📅 **Monday 25th October – Wednesday 27th October: OPJS Holiday Club**

Please do not hesitate to contact Mark Gunning if you would like a place.

- 📅 **Monday 1st November: Start of Term 2**
- 📅 **Tuesday 2nd November: OPJS Otters are BACK! Flyer opposite!**
- 📅 **Thursday 16th December: End of Term 2**
- 📅 **Friday 17th December: INSET Day**
Please note that this is an addition to our INSET days and with the INSET on the 4th January, it will make for a rather splendid and welcomed Christmas break!
- 📅 **Tuesday 4th January: INSET Day**
- 📅 **Wednesday 5th January: Start of Term 3**

And finally,

Thank you for reading the second OPJS Newsletter of the year and thank you for your continued support. Here's to continued super term and a great academic year!

**With every good wish,
Mr Dave Goucher
Headteacher**

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150 local primary school children perform the world premiere of...

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An Oratorio written by Jools Scott and Sue Curtis and designed by Tessa Armstrong. Performance accompanied by The Bristol Ensemble, narrated by Jon Monie and directed by Shean Bowers

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6:30PM @ BATH ABBEY

Tickets £12 and £6 (under 18s)
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www.bathboxoffice.org.uk

www.voicesforlife.org.uk
Patron: The Mayor of Bath
Registered Charity in England and Wales number 1191491

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COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING

Brand new Cheerleading Club is coming to Oldfield Park Junior School, Tuesday afternoons with Obsidian Cheer and Dance.

Tuesdays
After School
3:30-4:30pm

for Years 3-6
£6 per session
7 week term £42
starting Tuesday 2nd November

to book please email us at admin@obsidiancad.co.uk

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