



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Well what a rather eventful week it has been! Before we get onto the news, I hope that you and yours had a really positive half term break regardless of the challenges and restrictions that were in place. It has been a busy return that's for sure as we embark on our 3, 2, 1 Blake Off! theme and look ahead to Monday 8th March. On that, I hope that the letter that I sent you yesterday met you well and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries. Let's catch up on all of the news!

Go Pearl!

Well in the last newsletter I mentioned Pearl in Browne Class who decided to dress up as a new character every day until she was back in school, using only things that she has lying around the house! Well it would be a bit of an understatement to say that it has sort of gone viral! Indeed, BBC Breakfast have interviewed her, she's appeared on the One Show, Heart FM as well as had extensive coverage in the press! Oh and she's on ITV West Country this evening at 6pm too! At the last count she had raised, with Gift Aid, a truly whopping £8163! Once again a HUGE well done to her and let's see if we can help push it to the magical £10k. Here is the JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pearl-dressing-up?fbclid=IwAR0IZ9fSJycioX3eDvyYkxWVTJVhgmuXqcUx4rSZRLK7pr-BVmlf6zcnqXA>

OPJS Update

- It was a really positive end of term as we went off curriculum and celebrated the Year of the Ox. Great fun was had by all in school and I hope that those of you home learning had a positive time too. A snapshot is opposite.
- Although it was a positive end to Term 3, it was tinged with sadness as we discovered that one of our minibuses (the chucklebus as we like to call it) had been vandalised. Indeed, someone tried to hotwire and steal it which resulted in considerable damage. Thankfully our faith in the good nature of folk was restored as Anthony and his crew down at The Garage fixed it up free of charge! Furthermore Tina has been busy working her magic by giving it a good clean and spruce so happy days!

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What a day guys!! Started the day with @BBCBreakfast and ended the day starring on the One Show with Gary Oldman and Grayson Perry! Even better than 1.21 Gigawatts Marty and Doc!



Happy Chinese New Year!

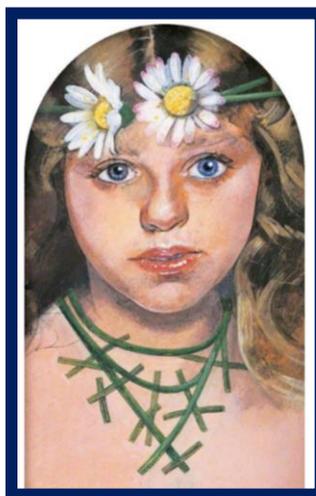


☞ Term 4 with our amazing theme '3, 2, 1 Blake Off!' using the 'Daisy Fairy' as a stimulus for our work. The picture is opposite and I am so looking forward to seeing what our children produce, whether in or out of school! Well done to Mrs Van Roy for coordinating and to all the children and staff for embracing the opportunity!

☞ A big well done to Cali-Ann who received a reply from Wera Hobhouse MP regarding her letter about the merits of homework. A picture of Cali-Ann with her rather splendid letter, on proper headed MP paper by the way, is to the right of Daisy.

☞ A big thank you to Jon and Mike for their continued work on the fence for the burrow. Fingers crossed the good weather continues and the rest will be finished over the next week or two.

☞ Just a reminder that there are two INSET Days on Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September. Therefore, the first day of 2021-2022 Academic Year is Monday 6th September.



Dates for the diary

Just a few reminders are below as well as a few new dates:

☞ **Monday 1st March: Start of Women History Month**

We will be looking at this throughout March and do follow the link to find out more:

<https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

☞ **Thursday 4th March: World Book Day**

As mentioned in Mr Dack's email we will be having a low key WBD this year. However, we are hopeful that, once things do settle down, we can have our own version in Term 5 or 6.

☞ **Thursday 4th March at 10am-11am: Second Hand Uniform Sale**

The chances are that one or two children might have grown a little over the last three months so please do pop along if you do require some new uniform. Please note that social distancing will be in operation and a face mask will need to be worn.

☞ **Friday 5th March: INSET Day**

Please note that there will be no work set by teachers during this day as it is an INSET Day.

However, please do have a look on our website as there are activities from '3, 2, 1 Blake Off' as well as on 'Creative Activities and Links' page if you would like to do something. Conversely please just enjoy the long weekend the best you can!

☞ **Monday 8th March: All children to return to OPJS and British Science Week**

☞ **Thursday 1st April: Easter Competitions and end of Term 4**

☞ **Monday 19th April: Start of Term 5**

And finally,

Once again thank you so much for your support over this term and I do hope that you have a restful and enjoyable half term. Here's to a great break and Term 4!

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.