



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Well I can't quite believe it's the end of Term 5! Yikes! It's been another busy one that's for sure and it's fair to say that we're pretty exhausted, especially after our brilliant OPJS Play Day yesterday! On that, we are all still recovering to be fair and a snapshot is opposite. Needless to say, it was a glorious day where not only the sun shone, but also our amazing children and staff! A **HUGE** thank you to the OPJS Play Team for making it happen and there'll be

more pictures in the next OPJS Newsletter! Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make the best of things at the moment. Let's catch up on all of the news in our bumper issue!

OPJS Staffing Update

- 👤 We start our OPJS Newsletter with, in one sense, sad news and, on the other hand, happy news! After five successful years at OPJS Mr Newman is leaving 😞 and heading up the hill to St Martin's Garden Primary School on a secondment. This is a fabulous opportunity for him and, once again, shows the best of what OPJS stands for as it is the second time that we have done such a thing to support another school in the trust. I am sure that you are with me in thanking him for all his hard work over the years as well as all the best on his new adventure!
- 👤 Another member of staff heading off on an adventure is Mrs Campbell as she is leaving Y4 to pursue her publishing dream. Once again, I am sure you are with me in thanking her for her hard work and support and wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

OPJS Update

- 👤 I hope that the OPJS Friendship letter found you well and a reminder that please do return it to the School Office as soon as possible.
- 👤 Opposite is a snapshot of the Page boys who thoroughly enjoyed the Bath Philharmonic rehearsal last week! It's great that our children can enjoy these amazing music opportunities!



📷 Staying on the Music theme, it was great to see thirty of our children start their Voices for Life Oratorio Project. I can't wait to see their performance at Bath Abbey in the Autumn.

📷 It was great to see our children having their class and some teams photos last week and please do not hesitate to contact the School Office if you have any questions or queries.

📷 It was great to accompany Mr Newman and some of our Y5/6 footballers to the BaNES Football Festival on Wednesday. Unbelievably it had been 14 long months since we played in a competitive tournament! My goodness me! Well done to the three teams (snapshot opposite) and thank you to Mr Newman for organising. Oh and a shout out to Harrison and Josh W in Y6 and the whole Y5 Team who were commended by others as to how they conducted themselves and played the game!

📷 I had the great pleasure of covering a Y6 class earlier this week and had super fun trying to remember how to sew! Indeed, the Y6s have been busily making their space patches as well as space utility belts with great success! A snapshot is opposite.



PTA Update

It was great to go to this term's OPJS PTA meeting yesterday and HUGE thanks to them for all of their support for our school! There's a few things heading our way in terms of fundraising starting with **Ice Lolly Wednesdays** whereby we will be selling lollies for 50p at lunchtime! There's a couple of mufti days next term and a hamper raffle so do keep a look out for the letter!

OPJS World Book Day – Message from Mrs Cannadine

As lots of children missed out on the World Book Day celebrations in March due to lockdown, we are delighted to announce that we will be having our own special Book Day in the first week back next term (Thursday 10th June):-

- 📷 **Dress up** as a book character (prizes for the best costumes)
- 📷 **Bring in a book** you'd like to donate to the Library
- 📷 Take part in a book **treasure hunt** on the day
- 📷 Visit the **Travelling Book Fair**

All you need to know about the Travelling Book Fair:

- 📷 It's a '3 for 2' (lowest price book is free)
- 📷 We've attached a 'leaflet' so that you browse the books available
- 📷 Complete the **order form** on the form that your child will be bringing home



- ☒ **Pay by phone** (all instructions for this are on the form; we can't take any cash or cheques, so this is the only way to make payment. You must fill out the transaction code or we can't fulfil the order)
- ☒ **Return your completed order forms** back to me as soon as possible - last date for order forms is Monday 14th
- ☒ Books will be given to your child sometime between 10th and 16th
- ☒ Payment must be made before books are given out

Thank you for your support in all that we do to encourage a love of books and reading at OPJS.

A reminder of Local History Month – Update from Mrs Green

Over the last year we have all been enjoying our local geography, getting out on local walks and discovering new areas near where we live. Well, this month is Local History Month and I wanted to encourage you all to engage with our local history. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful city with so much history surrounding us, from the Roman Baths to the plethora of Georgian buildings at every turn in our city centre.

Our local museums are full of the stories from our past. They have had a difficult year but wouldn't it be great to get out and support both them and the Local History Month when they begin to open – subject to Government guidance - over the next few weeks. Discovery cards are probably long out of date in your purses and wallets, but most museums are honouring free entry if you can prove that you live in Bath, so pop a bill or driving license into your bag, book yourself an online slot to visit and let's get supporting our local history...

- ☒ **The Roman Baths** will reopen on 17th May and is always worth a visit to remind us of how our city first began its journey of importance.
- ☒ **The Fashion Museum** reopens on 18th May and for all of you interested in shoes, it is starting with a special world-class collection of shoes titled, 'Shoephoria!'
- ☒ **No 1 Royal Crescent** reopens on 2nd June and has developed a new immersive experience where you will get to meet the family and servants and experience a day of the Georgian Bath season.
- ☒ **The Herschel Museum of Astronomy** reopens on 19th May and is dedicated to the Herschels who were 'distinguished astronomers as well as talented musicians'.
- ☒ **The American Museum** reopens on 21st May with a special exhibition on Britain and America in the 1970s.
- ☒ **The Museum of Bath Architecture** reopens on 17th May and is well worth a look for all of its architectural treasures and models of our famous city.
- ☒ **The Museum of East Asian Art** reopens on 19th May and is a lesser known museum in our city but squished full of beautiful East Asian treasures.

And don't forget the beautiful art galleries that we are fortunate enough to have within our city too...

- ☒ **The Holburne Museum** reopens on 17th May and has a number of special exhibitions running as well as their rather lovely café too! They have some half term activities organized which will need booking in advance.
- ☒ **The Victoria Art Gallery** reopens on 18th May with a special exhibition by Kurt Jackson highlighting issues around Biodiversity.

And don't forget all of our lovely parks and gardens which nearly all give marvellous views of our local history. Fingers crossed the weather will become more consistently warm soon and we can properly enjoy the outdoors. This is by no means an exhaustive list, just a starter! We'd love to see pictures of you and your families enjoying the local history, please do send a snapshot to

mel.green@oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com

Many thanks for the update Mrs Green and please do send photos in folks as I'd love to put a few in the OPJS Newsletter!

Dates for the diary

Here's some key dates for the rest of our year!

- 📅 **Friday 28th May: Start of Voices for Life Oratorio Project**
- 📅 **Friday 28th May: End of Term 5**
- 📅 **Tuesday 1st June and Wednesday 2nd June: OPJS Holiday Club**

Please contact Mark Gunning via email on markgunningteaching@outlook.com if you would like to book a place for your child.

- 📅 **Monday 7th June: Start of Term 6 and OPJS Y5 FC v Saltford (Away)**
- 📅 **Tuesday 8th June: OPJS Y6 FC v Moorlands (Home)**
- 📅 **Wednesday 9th June: Ice Lolly Wednesday!**
- 📅 **Thursday 10th June: OPJS World Book Day and Book Fair and BaNES Y6 Cricket Festival**
- 📅 **Friday 11th June: OPJS Y6 FC v Saltford (Away)**
- 📅 **Monday 14th June: PAT Internet Safety Day**
Information from the PAT is opposite and more details will follow!
- 📅 **Friday 18th June and Monday 21st June: INSET Days**
- 📅 **Tuesday 22nd June: Make Music Day!**
- 📅 **Monday 12th July-Friday 16th July: Y6 Activity Week**
- 📅 **Tuesday 20th July: End of Term 6 and Academic Year**
- 📅 **Monday 6th September: Start of Term 1 and 21/22 Academic Year**

And finally,

Once again, thank you for your continued support and what a wonderful term and, to be fair, year it has been! I hope that you and yours have a great and safe half term and I do hope that you manage some time beside the seaside next week!

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.

Internet Safety Day
On Monday 14th June all schools in the PAT will be having an internet safety day. Each class will have a talk and some activities to help them to become more internet aware in an age appropriate way. The sessions will be run by Carl Hopwood who is an internet safety specialist. As part of this we are very pleased to be able to offer a live webinar to parents which will be held on that evening. Further details and a link will be sent nearer the time. We do believe this to be a very important issue and I encourage you all to attend if possible. I have no doubt you will find it informative, helpful and eye opening.

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Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!

