



OPJS Newsletter

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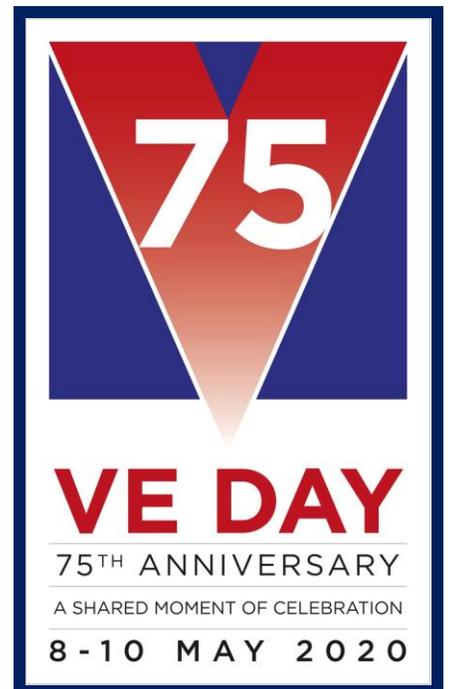


Dear Parent/Carer,

First and foremost, as always, I hope all is well with you and yours. Regardless of this challenging and unprecedented time we're experiencing at the moment, there is a real sense of positivity around school with lots of activities taking place as well as improvements made. Let's catch up on all the news as well as what is ahead of us over the next couple of weeks.

OPJS Update

- ☒ Talking of the Take One project, it has been super seeing so many examples of wonderful art and many thanks for your part in this. Here's to the next Take One project week beginning 11th May and do keep an eye out on the website. At OPJS we have been mixing in our Take One tasks with other activities such as pond dipping highlighted opposite.
- ☒ Thank you to those of you who completed the OPJS Home Learning survey last week and it was pleasing to see that the vast majority of you were positive regarding how we have set out our home learning. As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's classteacher if you require any support, advice or resources.
- ☒ As mentioned in last week's OPJS Newsletter, we're all looking forward to next week's VE Day 75 Activity Week. Given the current situation we can't do what we really wanted to do, however this doesn't mean we can't remember and commemorate this historic day. Mrs Green and staff have been working hard putting together a whole host of amazing activities, videos and links all about this momentous anniversary. I do hope you get into the swing of it and please do send in pictures of what you get up to as well as your all Stay at Home Street Party (poster highlighted later). Here's the link to the OPJS website:
<https://www.oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com/1221/ve-day-activity-week>
- ☒ Whilst we've been closed Tina has been busily getting started on maintenance jobs around OPJS. These have included a spot of painting, uncovering fireplaces from the 19th century through to discovering original brickwork in Japan class!!! Needless to say, she has been working like a Trojan and huge thanks to her. She will be continuing to work hard sprucing the place up and do keep an eye out for a shout out when the time is right as we do need to sort the Stadium with a lick of paint and a new name!
- ☒ Just a little note to say thank you for all of your cards and kind messages for Miss Butler's rather special birthday earlier this week. She was very touched and sends her warmest thanks and wishes to you all.



- 🌱 Mrs Cotterill, with a merry band of volunteers, continue to ensure our vegetable garden continues to grow. Here's an update from Mrs C and the Gardening Team: "Although we are missing our busy lunchtime gardening club sessions, the school gardens still continue to thrive! Those children that have been in school with us, have had fun planting peas, beetroot and potatoes. Even more fun has been had watering them in this hot, sunny weather! A special thank you to the efforts of Flo, Clara, Cara & Jemima who have been caring for the plants in their own time, during the weekends, evenings and holidays. Their help has ensured that the newly planted seedlings, and established wheatgrass, beans and strawberries are growing robustly! Kate Mills has even pulled some of the rhubarb and made 10 pots of ginger jam for the gardening club to sell at future gardening club events. As this busy growing season gains momentum, we'd love to hear about and see any pictures of the gardening activities you are involved in at home. Happy growing, from the gardening club team." A snapshot is opposite.
- 🌱 A big well done to Max Plumley, pictured opposite, who is proudly displaying his special recognition certificate and prize as part of the Bath City Police colouring competition. A great effort!
- 🌱 Just another shout out to Postman Parry, who continues to do a rather sterling job in the OPJS Chucklebus delivering food parcels and resource packs. Furthermore many thanks to Miss Butler, ably supported by Doodle, for manning the 'OPJS Shop'.
- 🌱 Linked to the above, I am conscious that circumstances for a number of families may have changed due to the current situation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any support, advice or guidance.
- 🌱 It was great to receive a special card from the residents at Culverhayes Care Home highlighted below. As you are aware Year 4 visit on a regular basis as part of the Archie Project and I know that both children and residents alike are missing each other during this time. Reminiscence Learning, the founders of the Archie Project, have been running live activity sessions to Facebook every week day between 10:30am - 2:30pm. The organisation's patron, Angela Rippon, is narrating the new Archie's Adventures story book every Wednesday at 2:30pm until all ten chapters have been read. Do check it out as this will help everybody who is missing the Archie Project at the moment.



And finally,

Many thanks for reading this week's issue of our OPJS Newsletter and thank you for your continued support. Please do stay safe, keep well and take care of yourself and your family. Here's to our VE Day Activity Week!

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.

VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations

STAY AT HOME STREET PARTY!

Friday 8th May 2020

DECORATE YOUR HOUSE RED, WHITE
AND BLUE AND ENJOY A PICNIC
IN YOUR FRONT GARDEN

*Commemorate the end of WW2 by celebrating with your family,
friends and neighbours!*

