



# OPJS Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Academic Year 2020-2021



## Dear Parent/Carer,

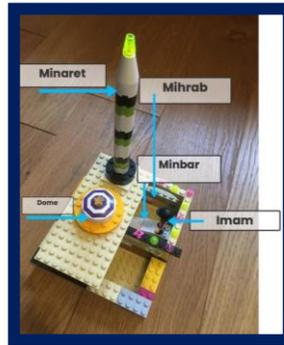
Well another week has passed us by and I hope that all is well with you and yours. As always, well done on completing another week of home learning and many thanks for your continued hard work and support for OPJS. It continues to be busy for us all and we have lots of things to share as well as look forward to so here goes!

## Mr Tim Withers CEO

We start with the news that our CEO Mr Tim Withers will be leaving at the end of this academic year to unwind a little and spend more time with family and pursuing other adventures. I'm sure you are with me in thanking him for all his hard work and support for both OPJS and PAT. A recruitment process is underway and is being led by the PAT Trustees and I will keep you updated on how they get on.

## OPJS Update

- I do hope that you managed to participate in last weekend's RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch as well as have a go at making birdfeeders. A snapshot of a rather splendid effort from Erin in Y4 is opposite.
- Y6 have been zipping around the world with their curriculum by completing work on Australia as well as making pancakes with a twist as all of the instructions were in French. Tres bon! Indeed, it is fair to say that there has been some astounding learning happening across all year groups, both in and out of school, and do find below a selection of super snapshots.



- Today we have been thoroughly enjoying the 'OPJS Do Something Different Day' and I hope that you have too at home. Keep a lookout for next week's newsletter as there'll be lots of snapshots and do have a look on our Twitter @OPJS\_Bath for some corking updates!
- We have received an awfully generous donation of a £100 gift card from our friends at Sainsbury's Moorland Road. This is amazing and many thanks to Ben and his team for the help and support! A snapshot is opposite.
- Just a note to say thank you to the 'Pot Hole Fairy' for filling in that pesky big pothole outside the main gate! Much appreciated!



Just a reminder of a message from Miss Fox with regards to the work we are doing as a school to become more eco friendly. OPJS are now signed up to Energy Sparks. This is an online, school-specific energy tool that aims to help schools become more energy-efficient and fight climate change. In the future (when COVID allows it!), we hope to start an eco-committee to lead the way in making our school more environmentally friendly. Your child will be able to explore the Energy Sparks website, see the school's energy use and compare us to surrounding schools <https://energysparks.uk/for-pupils>



It was great to have another OPJS Bookswap yesterday and many thanks to Mrs Cannadine for organising. Do keep a lookout early doors next term for the next one.

Hopefully you received the email from Mr Newman regarding 'Feel Fab Feb' which does look rather wonderful and fun filled! A snapshot is opposite.



## Remote Learning Survey

First and foremost many thanks to those of you who completed the survey, it is much appreciated as it means we can work together to further improve our provision and support for us all. Overall it was very positive and many thanks for your kind comments, support and 'shout outs'. As always, and quite rightly, there are a few things that were mentioned that we could improve and we are addressing these now. Find below a couple of points:

- ☒ 'More live lessons' – We are pleased that Zoom sessions are going well and have been welcomed by all. We are looking to add further recorded sessions as well as increase the number of Zoom sessions. Please note that I view 'live lessons' differently from that of perhaps our secondary colleagues, rather I prefer Zooms sessions to be focussed upon setting the children up as well as offer targeted interventions.
- ☒ 'More creative lessons' – Although we try to make all lessons as creative as possible, as much as the curriculum allows, we've definitely taken this point on board. As a result, you'll notice that we've gone off curriculum today and we will be doing the same next Friday by celebrating Chinese New Year. Term 4 will also be different as we will be studying a picture by the great British artist Peter Blake in a theme called 'The Great OPJS Blake Off'. I have no doubt that this will result in a further increase in creative activities across all subjects.
- ☒ 'Introduction of Teams' – This was a bit of a mixed bag and the good old phrase 'If it ain't broke...' really came to the fore. I fully agree that our website has been a great platform for home learning and we will continue to use this for the foreseeable future. However, we are undertaking Teams training at the moment and will only start using this once the staff have completed the training as well as a session provided for parents/carers as well as our children.

## Dates for the diary

Just a few reminders:

- ☒ Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February: OPJS 'Do something different day', Forest School and Hot Choc with Mr G at 3.45pm
- ☒ Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Chinese New Year Day and End of Term 3
- ☒ Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Start of Term 4 and start of 'The Great OPJS Blake Off'.
- ☒ Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March: INSET Day

## And finally,

Once again thank you so much for your support as we continue through to the 8<sup>th</sup> March at least. Please do try and have a peaceful and restful weekend, take care and stay safe.

**With every good wish,**

**Mr Dave Goucher**

**Headteacher.**