



# OPJS Newsletter

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## Dear Parent/Carer,

Well I can't quite believe that we're nearly halfway through the term! It's been a rather busy two weeks since I wrote to you last and it's great to see our children back into the swing of things. Indeed, things do seem to be getting back to normal and let's hope that the good progress continues. In the meantime, we will continue with our control measures and many thanks for your support with the staggered drop off/pick-ups as well as wearing face masks. Please be assured that when things do change we will amend our approach accordingly. Well enough of that, let's catch up on all the news and, it's fair to say, we start with some super news!

## OPJS Update

🌟 Amazing and truly wonderful news! Here's a message from Amelia's mum Paula regarding such welcome news! *Yesterday was a day we thought we would never reach, my girl smashed it no more chemotherapy!! I want to thank everyone for their support over the past 2 and half years. CLIC have been amazing not sure what we would have done without them, to thank them I have decided (stupidly ☹) to chuck myself out of a plane to raise as much money as I can for this amazing charity and to help other families the way they have helped me. If you could spare anything no matter how small I would really appreciate it, please donate if you can using this link <https://gofund.me/9b8af0d0>. Lots of love Paula & Amelia x*



🌟 Keeping up with the good news, as you may remember from the last newsletter Cara (Blackman) and Jemima (Riddell) Sanderson were going to cut their hair for the Little Princess Trust. Here's the website:

[www.littleprincesses.org.uk/](http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/)

Well photos before and after are opposite and what a fantastic way to help support this charity



that makes wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. The page is still open so please do make a beeline and support this great charity <https://www.justgiving.com/Sarah-Sanderson20>.

🌟 It's great to see all the extra-curricular clubs in full swing! It's a little like old times! There are still places available in Y5 Hockey (Friday), Y6 Hockey (Thursday), Y4 Little Dancers (Monday), Y3 Chess (Tuesday), Y6 Judo (Wednesday) and Y5/Y6 Football (Tuesday). Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you would like your child to sign up!

🌟 It was super to go all Mexican with our school dinner on Monday and do keep an eye out for more special days. Just a quick reminder that we do need parents/carers to pay in advance as this is a PAT policy. If money is not paid in advance then we cannot guarantee that your child will receive a school lunch.

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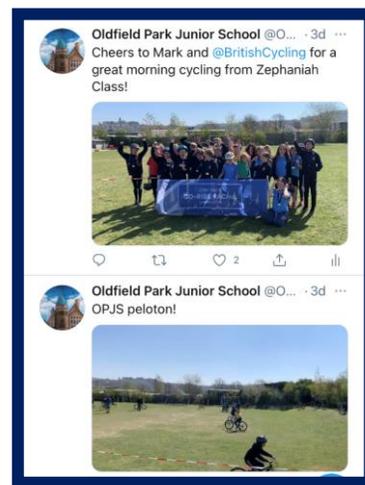
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It's been busy out and about with a number of rather splendid activities taking place! We welcomed Matt from British Cycling who spent the day with Y6 having great pedal fun! Indeed, he designed a course around the school grounds and super fun was had! A big thank you to Matt and to Mr Newman for organising and snapshots are below and opposite.

As always, there has been some super learning taking place as our children enjoy their new themes for the term! Indeed, we're going from *Ra, Ra Cleopatra and Egyptians* in Y3 to *'We'll Meet Again' and World War 2* in Year 5 through to *Electricity* in Year 4 and *Space* in Year 6. All in all, it's rather busy! Do check out the class pages on our website for further details and a snapshot of Year 4 is far opposite!

Just a cheeky shout out to Ryan pictured opposite who made a rather splendid OPJS out of Lego! Great work fella!

As you know Tim Withers (PAT CEO) is retiring at the end of this academic year. After a thorough recruitment process I'm pleased to announce that Donna Tandy will be taking over the reins from September and the PAT's press release is below. I'm sure that you are with me in welcoming her to the trust and I am looking forward to her visiting OPJS.



## Dates for the diary

Here's some key dates for the next few weeks!

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Y3 Forest School
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Class and Sports Teams photos
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May: OPJS Playday
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May: End of Term 5
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Start of Term 6
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: End of Term 6 and Academic Year
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September: Start of Term 1 and 21/22 Academic Year

## And finally,

Thank you for your continued support and here's to a great and rather busy bongo rest of term!

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher  
Headteacher.

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## 4 May 2021

### Palladian Academy Trust appoints new CEO

The Board of Palladian Academy Trust (PAT) are delighted to announce the appointment of Donna Tandy to the post of Chief Executive Officer with effect from 1 September 2021.

Donna joins PAT from the Focus Trust, a successful multi-academy Trust based in Greater Manchester and Yorkshire, where she currently holds the post of Deputy CEO. Donna has an exciting track record of executive leadership in education and ensuring continuous school improvement, working both within her own Trust whilst also setting up national networks for professional development and support. Donna's experience and passion for inclusive and lifelong education for all make her a perfect match for PAT as a values-led organisation that holds the needs of our learners at the forefront of our thinking.



Donna will take up the reins of leadership from Tim Withers, the Trust's founding CEO when he retires at the end of this academic year. Tim's excellent work has paved the way for Donna to build on strong foundations for evolution and growth of PAT and we are looking forward to a seamless transition for our organisation. Our communities will, of course, be offered the opportunities to both welcome Donna and say our thanks and farewells to Tim at the appropriate times.

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