

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Thursday, 19th October 2023

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy week, our year 3 children attended a multisport event at Park School. They had a fantastic time and participated in a range of activities with enthusiasm and enjoyment. The first group of year 5 and 6 swimmers have completed their lessons. Of these, 16 children can swim the required 25m or more and the others will be receiving further top-up lessons in the summer.



The children have celebrated Restart a Heart Day, with all monies raised going towards the maintenance of our community defibrillator. During a visit by the South West Ambulance Service, the children were introduced to basic first aid skills and what to do in an emergency. On Wednesday, we had our annual harvest assembly. We have a huge collection of food to deliver to the Freedom Centre today. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.



Harvest donations ready for delivery

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Russel today. She has been part of the OV Family for many, many years and we will all miss her. We wish her well in her new job.

Do you use your car Safety Door?

Several parking issues have been drawn to our attention by our local community this week. Please remember that it is safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, which is the one furthest away from passing traffic. It has been reported that some parents are allowing their children to alight from their vehicles from the door closest to passing traffic. This is not only a safety risk for your children and yourselves but also causes an obstruction to passing vehicles and other road users. Please make sure your children leave the car from the pavement side of your vehicle to keep them and yourselves safe.

Use of the turning circle

Although we encourage parents to use the turning circle as a safe place to drop children off, we have noticed parents are stopping in the middle of the turning circle blocking it for other drivers. When dropping your child off please ensure you pull up to the curb, leaving plenty of room for other cars, deliveries, and taxis to pass by. Please could we ask you not to park on the turning circle and leave your vehicle, unless you are a blue badge holder or a taxi.

Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme

As you are aware, nasal flu vaccinations are being offered by the NHS Vaccination Team to children in Reception to Year 6 at Orchard Vale on Monday, 6th November. You have been sent an email with a link to an electronic form which must be completed either providing your consent or declining this. If you have not done so already please [Click here](#) and use the code **DV137644**. Please be assured that if you do not consent to your child having the vaccination, and have declined this via the online link, the NHS staff will not administer the vaccination in school.

Bags to school

The last date for drop off of donations of old clothes for Bags to School is Thursday, 2nd November.

Parent Pupil Teacher Interviews

We are looking forward to seeing you all during the week of 30th October to discuss how your child has settled in this term. Don't forget to book your slot with your class teacher using your Arbor Parent Portal login.



Tomorrow, Friday, 20th October is a non-pupil day. I do hope you enjoy the half-term break.

School returns on Monday, 30th October.

Fiona Pearce Headteacher

Stars of the Week

The Pink Panthers

Hugo for beginning to take part in learning activities and playing nicely with a new friend.
Evie for settling in well and showing improvement when joining in with classroom routines.

The Curious Corals

Reuben is a well-loved member of our class who has had an amazing first half term in Reception. He is a boy who wears so many different hats! One minute he is our phonics superstar and the next he is our classroom helper. It is lovely to see his confidence shine in the face of challenge and responsibility. Reuben is always motivated to learn something new, and he has gone above and beyond to develop his reading and writing this half term. He has already memorised numerous tricky words and can use his knowledge of phonics sounds to decode different words. This is down to his focus and determination! Outside of his learning, Reuben is a caring friend with a big heart and is always on hand to make sure everyone is following the school routines. We love having you in our class Reuben - keep up the good work!

The Silver Sweethearts

Eleanor can always be relied upon to follow the rules and make the right choices. She is a kind, friendly person who is very helpful. Especially at tidy up time! Well done Eleanor!

The Energetic Emerald Explorers

My Star of the Week is Reuben. Reuben has surprised me this year in such a lovely way - he is so chatty compared to last year. I am loving the new confidence he has to speak up and contribute to discussions in class; he even has a great cheeky side and a fab sense of humour! This confidence is also showing in Reuben's learning as well; he is showing such improvement in his writing, maths and handwriting already this term! At this rate, he'll be ready for Year 5 by Christmas! Keep up the good work Reuben!

The Precious Pearl Problem Solvers

Owen has put outstanding effort into learning and **mastering his times tables**. He has completed tests with enthusiasm and has **demonstrated remarkable determination to move through the safari groups**. Owen's effort in maths from the start of the year has not gone unnoticed. Well done, Owen!

The Groundbreaking Golds

Josh has been a star this week! He has tried so hard in his learning - impressing multiple adults with his hard work and determination. Josh always listens well to adults and tries hard to complete tasks correctly. He is also a loving and kind member of the class who always ensures his classmates are happy! You keep everyone smiling

The Jubilantly Jazzy Jades

Kornel is my star of the week this week because he is by far one of the hardest working children I know. He gives 110% effort in everything he does, and it doesn't go unnoticed! Keep it up Kornel!

The Limitless Lemon Yellows

This week Madison is my Star of the Week! Madison is such a hard-working young lady, and she has really impressed me with her writing this week. Although learning can sometimes pose a challenge, she is always trying her absolute best to produce the best work possible! She is becoming more independent and confident in herself, which has been fantastic to see. Additionally, she is someone who always celebrates other people's successes, highlighting how kind and thoughtful she is! Madison you are an absolute superstar and a pleasure to have in class. I'm very proud of you, keep up the good work!

The Athletic Aquamarines

Our star of the week is Spencer. Spencer is such a hard worker, kind friend and all-round pleasure to have in the classroom! He has adapted well to the move into year 5, which can be quite a big jump from year 4, and has done so with a great attitude and work ethic. He has also been doing a fantastic job in our Shakespeare rehearsals, with some excellent 'stage whispering' being developed! Keep up all of your hard work, Spencer; well done.

Mrs Manley's Community Project Page

Orchard Vale's Mental Health Ambassadors

At Orchard Vale we have Mental Health Ambassadors to help your children if they are having a bad day or if they feel anxious about anything.

There are eight of us, we are all year 6.

Martha, Lily-Rose, Mia, Lilly-May, Ezra,
Mollie, Millie and Holly

We wear a light blue badge in the shape of a diamond with the letters MHA written on it and are here to help and give advice to people who need it.

Last year we created the worry box so people could write down their worries, and we would go and help them.

We spent a whole day training to be a Mental Health Ambassador so we can help your children as much as we possibly can.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for further information and ideas to help your child at home.

Thank you for reading.

Martha, Mental Health Ambassador.

Restart a Heartbeat

Thank you so much for your kind donations towards the Restart a Heart day we raised the magnificent sum of:-

£185

This money will be put aside to maintain the community defibrillator.

During the day the children took part in a workshop with members of the South West Ambulance Service who explained who they should call in an emergency—Fire/Police/Ambulance and what to say.



The children in Years 3,4,5 & 6 also learnt how to perform CPR on the mannequins.

Mr Ovey worked hard through the day putting the children through circuits training in order to raise their heart beats. Well done everyone.



Orchard Vale needs your help! Tesco Stronger Starts



We are delighted to inform you that we have been successful in our funding application with Tesco Stronger Starts.

We are in the process of upgrading our existing Forest School area into an accessible outdoor learning and well-being provision. There are 3 grants available, £1500, £1000 and £500. The amount we receive will depend on the public voting for us in-store with the blue tokens.

Please could we ask for your help when shopping at Tesco's by using the blue tokens, available at the checkout, to vote for Orchard Vale before you leave the shop.

Spread the word

Ask your family and friends to vote for us too.

Voting will commence in stores from
First week in October 2023 until mid-January 2024

Participating stores are:
Tesco Extra – Barnstaple Retail Park
Tesco Superstore – Rose Lane
Tesco Express – High Street

Can you help us help our school community?



We intend to give each child a wrapped age-appropriate book at the end of the year for Christmas.

Have you got any books at home that you feel you would like to donate?



If you have, could you please pop them to either your class teacher or the school office.



NEW MENU—Week commencing—Monday, 30th October

LUNCH MENU – WEEK 1				
30 th Oct / 20 th Nov / 11 th Dec / 15 th Jan / 5 th Feb / 4 th & 25 th Mar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Butchers Pork Sausages & Potato Wedges	Butchers Mince Beef Nachos & Wholegrain Rice	Chicken Stew (New Recipe)	Harry Ramsdens Battered Salmon Fillets	Organic Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Finger Roll
Spanish Omelette	Cheese Pasty & Tomato Pasta	Vegetarian Roast	Vegan Nuggets	Oaty Veggie Crumble & Creamy Mash Potato
Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	
Baked Beans & Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Mash Potato & Cauliflower	Chips, Wholemeal Pasta Peas, Tomato Sauce & Coleslaw	Fresh Sliced Carrots & Sweetcorn
Fruit Smoothie	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Strawberry Mousse with Berry Compote	Fruity Flapjack	Fresh Fruit
Ham Roll	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

**Congratulations to
Reading road champions**

Farai Arthur Wyatt

On reaching 25 reads

**Congratulations to
Years 3 and 4 - High Flyers**

Jensen W

On reaching 25 reads

School Diary Dates

Fri, 20th Oct	Non Pupil Day
Mon, 23rd to Fri, 27 Oct	Half Term
Mon, 30th Oct	First Day back after half term
Mon, 30th Oct—Thur, 2nd Nov	Parent/Pupil/Teacher update— please check your Arbor logins for timings
Wed, 1st Nov	Y5/6—Group 2—swimming lesson
Thur, 2nd Nov	Bags to School—please could we have all donations in school by this date
Mon, 6th Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccinations—Reception to Year 6
Wed, 8th Nov	Y5/6—Group 2—swimming lesson
Wed, 8th Nov	Y5/6—Shakespeare Festival—Landmark Theatre
Thur, 9th Nov	North Devon Ventrus Cross Country at Orchard Vale
Fri, 10th Nov	Children's Remembrance Parade—Rock Park Memorial
Fri, 10th Nov	Orchard Vale Remembrance Service
Wed, 15th Nov	Y5/6—Group 2—swimming lesson
Fri, 17th Nov	Y5/6 Cinema Trip
Tue, 21st Nov	Y5/6—Hampton Court Trip
Tue, 21st Nov	Y6—Rising Stars—Gymnastics Day

Wow, congratulations Ryder.



He fought in his first karate competition on Sunday. The competition was tough and he came 2nd in his kata (skills display) and joint 3rd in kumite (fighting).

Ryder's mum and dad are very proud.



Your PTFA

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who visited the Book Recycling Event on Wednesday. We made **£70.85**, which will go towards extra curriculum events or experiences for your children. Also, thank you to those of you who have given wrapped up books for Christmas presents. Please keep them coming.

If you feel you would like to join our small friendly PTFA, we would love to hear from you.

Any hours you have available to volunteer to join this great team of PTFA members would be a wonderful, it does not have to be a set time each week.

If you are interested please contact one of the following:

**Mrs Oldfield, Mrs Golding, Ms Knight,
Mr Whapham or Mrs Manley.**

We will require all members to complete a DBS check, which is a easy process. Please contact Mrs Slate in the school office.

Struggling to top up your prepayment meter?

You might be able to claim fuel vouchers

If you have prepayment meters and can't afford to top them up, we can help. We may be able to give you fuel vouchers, and our specialist energy team can help you find ways to save money on your household bills

Call 01237 879233, email fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk or scan the QR code to request a call back

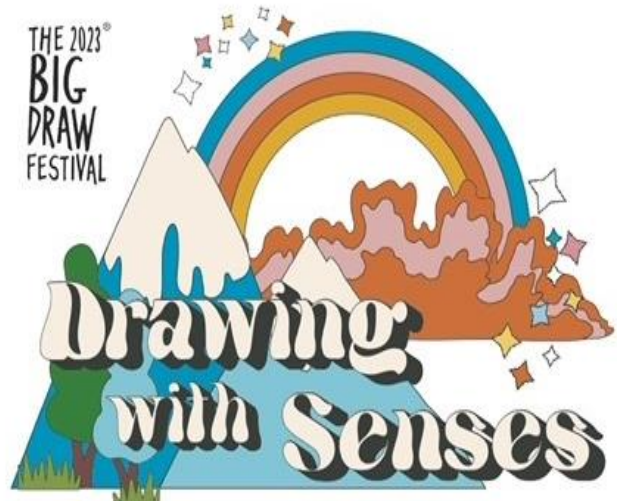


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OUR FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES AT BARNSTAPLE MUSEUM

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023

Sessions: 11.00 - 12.15 | 13.00 - 14.15 | 15.00 - 16.15

North Devon Arts with Barnstaple Museum



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LIGHT PARTY

Grosvenor Church

Tuesday 31st October

5-7pm

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