

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed to get out and about in the gorgeous weather we had. It has been wonderful hearing from the children about their trips out to the park, beach, swimming pool, visiting relatives with some venturing further afield, having fun in the garden and seeing friends and family. The children have obviously benefitted from the break and have returned with a spring in their step which I am sure has something to do with the sunshine.

It has been a busy first week back. We have welcomed some new members of staff - Teaching Assistants - Miss Race and Miss Shapland; Mrs Boast has joined the reception class as a Reception Teacher and Mrs De-Ritis has joined the year 5 and 6 Teaching team. The children have been very welcoming and enjoyed working with them all. We are delighted they have had such a wonderful start to the term.

You may be aware that last weekend we were unlucky enough to experience some anti-social behaviour on the school grounds. On Saturday evening a group of teenage boys broke into the school ground, started a fire in the forest school area and caused a bit of damage. This was such disappointing news as we have worked hard to make sure our grounds and resources are safe for our children to use. The police and fire brigade were called and we have been able to get some clear images from our CCTV cameras. These have been passed to the police for further investigation. If anyone in our community has information which would help the investigation, please contact the police referring to Police Log 764230422. We are hoping this does not happen again.

We are pleased to be arranging many trips and events for the summer term and this kicked off with our year 2 children attending a tennis festival on Wednesday. Sadly, over the Easter break we were made aware of a fire at We the Curious in Bristol which has meant we had to cancel a trip planned for the year 3 and 4 children. We are trying hard to find an alternative trip for them.

During assembly today we were visited by Mr Lewis a guitar teacher who works for Instrumental Music Services, North Devon. Mr Lewis spoke to the children about the guitar and ukulele lessons he could offer within Orchard Vale. If your child is interested, you can contact IMS office on 07974 849303 imsnorthdevon@gmail.com for more information and to book lessons.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend enjoying the glorious weather. Don't forget that Monday is a bank holiday so we will see you all again on Tuesday.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

ParentPay



Please could we remind parents/carers to check Parentpay regularly and clear any outstanding amounts for:

- School dinners
- Early Bird Breakfast Club
- OV Explorers After School Provision
- Nursery Fees
- Little Seeds Fees

As trips are arranged these will be allocated to the children on Parentpay and you will receive a letter with full details.

WANTED

If you have any small world play items, furniture, characters, farm or zoo animals, artificial flowers, redundant Easter celebration items or Union Jack flags we would be very grateful for any donations. Please bring these in for the attention of Mrs Manley.

Year 2 Tennis Festival

On Wednesday, the year 2 children went to Tarka Tennis to take part in a tennis skills morning. There were 8 different stations for the children to practice different skills. The children practiced catching, throwing, hitting, balancing and moving with the rackets and balls. We had a fantastic time, and I think we may have some future tennis stars in the making. Well done to all the children, your behaviour was impeccable and we were very proud to see you represent Orchard Vale in such a fantastic manner.



Stars of the Week

Foundation and Key Stage 1

Mrs Youll's nominations

Noah for having a super week and playing nicely with his friends.



Miss Cawthorne/Miss Boundy's nominations

Emmie and Isabelle both for amazing phonics and great listening.



Mr Quilter's nomination

Bella has worked incredibly hard this week! In English she has worked with greater independence; she is writing with more accuracy and her handwriting is spectacular.

She is a very quiet member of class, but she always shines with her learning! You are a kind and caring friend Bella and I love having you in my class! Keep up the incredible job my lovely! Mr



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Rory is always such a hard working boy and never fails to give his work his all. This week he has been the subtraction king!

He has really impressed us with his quick mental arithmetic and confidence in subtraction. You are a super star Rory and we are all very proud of you. Keep up the great work. Mrs O



Mrs Grimwood's nomination

Luka is a wonderful, friendly and hardworking member of our class. He is making brilliant progress with his phonics and reading and it is an absolute pleasure to have him in my group.

Luka is also working hard at his maths and he has got stronger and stronger in this area. Being a twin, Luka relied a lot on his brother to start the year, but as he grows, he is becoming more and more confident and independent. It is brilliant to see him developing in this way. Luka is such a kind hearted and gentle individual too. He is simply an all round top learner! Well done, Luka. You are fabulous!



School Diary Dates

Mon, 2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wed, 4th May	Tuck Shop
Wed, 4th May	Visit to Allotment
Wed, 4th May	New to U Sale—2.45pm to 3.15pm
Thurs, 5th May	New to U Sale—2.45pm to 3.15pm
Mon, 9th May	KS1—Group 1—Visit to Rock and Rapid Adventures
Tue, 10th May	KS1—Group 2—Visit to Rock and Rapid Adventures
Wed, 18th May	Wilcombe Wobbler—Ventrus cross country event
Thurs, 19th May	Year 1—Multi Skills Festival—Park School
Mon, 23rd May	Tennis Workshops
Wed, 25th May	Tennis Workshops
Thurs, 26 May	Jubilee Celebration
Fri, 27th May	Non Pupil Day
Mon, 30th May to Fri, 3rd June	Half Term
Mon, 6th Jun	Year 5/6—Bikeability Level 2—Group 1
Mon, 6th Jun	2022 Challenge—Cake Sale (break and lunchtime)
Tue, 7th Jun	Y5/6—Bikeability Level 2—Group 1
Wed, 8th Jun	2022 Challenge—Craft Sale (break and lunchtime)
Thur, 9th Jun	Olympic Legacy—Park School
Fri, 10th Jun	Tempest Class Photos

Week commencing Monday, 3rd May 2022

	Around the World Italian Tuesday	Roast it Up Wednesday	Tasty Treat Thursday	Fun Time Friday
M	Pasta Bolognaise	Gammon & Pineapple	Butchers Sausages	Harry Ramsdens Battered Salmon Fillet
V	Vegetable Lasagne	Homity Pie (Leek & Pots.)	Pizza Muffin	Veggie Sausages
Sides	Crusty Baguette, Carrot & Pepper Sticks	Roast or Mash Potato Fresh Broccoli, Shredded Cabbage & Gravy	Chips or Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks	Wholegrain Rice & Mixed Vegetables
JP	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
SPL	Egg Roll	Gammon Roll	Ham Roll	Sausage Roll
D	Banana, Syrup Pancake	Fresh Fruit	Fruit Smoothie	Date & Apple Cake

Low Fat Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit, Bread, Water will be available daily, Milk on request.

Gluten/Dairy Free/Vegan menu available on request

Living with Covid

From Friday, 1st April the government rules for Covid were relaxed.



If your child is unwell and has a high temperature they should stay at home.

They can return to school when they feel well enough and the fever has gone.



If you choose to or have been requested to take a Lateral Flow Device or PCR test and the result is positive, please inform the school office in the usual way.

If you test positive the advice from the government is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days (for adults) and three days (for under 18 year olds), which is when they are most infectious.



To find out if you are eligible and to order a free LFD test click here.

You can pay for Lateral Flow Tests at some local pharmacists.



THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2022



Our Commonwealth

In 2022, on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee year, Her Majesty The Queen will celebrate 70 years as Head of the Commonwealth.

The Queen's seven decades of service to the Commonwealth are an inspiring example of the steadfast commitment and important contribution we can all make to our societies.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2022 will ask entrants to explore the positive impact that can be achieved through dedication and selfless commitment to our Commonwealth.

TOP PRIZE

The top two winners from each category will be awarded with a trip to London for a week of educational and cultural events, culminating in a special Awards Ceremony at a royal palace.

AWARDS

All successful entries will receive a Certificate of Participation and a number of entrants will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards for excellence in writing.



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The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is supported by the Lagos State Government.



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The Commonwealth is a voluntary network of 54 countries, based on a shared English language and the key values of democracy, equality, tolerance, human rights and the rule of law.



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools, established in 1883.

With thousands of young people taking part every year, it is an important way to recognise achievement, elevate youth voices and develop key skills through creative writing.

HOW TO ENTER

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is open for entries between **15 March and 30 June 2022**. For more information on how to enter the competition please visit, www.royalcw.org

Follow @RoyalCWSociety on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for writing tips! Email competitions@royalcw.org with any questions.

SENIOR CATEGORY

BORN BETWEEN 1 JULY 2003 AND 30 JUNE 2008 (14-18 YEARS OF AGE)

1. Imagine you are a Head of Government delivering a speech to your counterparts at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Rwanda. Write a speech that highlights what you believe should be a priority for collective action within the Commonwealth.
2. Committed to the Commonwealth.
3. Her Majesty The Queen was born in the twentieth century, a period that saw enormous social change driven by visionary and committed leaders. Reflect on an inspirational leader from this period.
4. "Whilst experiences of the last year have been different across the Commonwealth, stirring examples of courage, commitment and selfless dedication to duty have been demonstrated in every Commonwealth nation and territory, notably by those working on the frontline who have been delivering healthcare and other public services in their communities." – Her Majesty The Queen, Commonwealth Day Message 2021. Imagine you are working on the frontline. Write about your experience, explaining why you serve your community and why your service matters.

JUNIOR CATEGORY

BORN ON OR AFTER 1 JULY 2008 (UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE)

1. Imagine you are a grandparent in 2022. Tell your grandchildren a bedtime story about an inspirational person.
2. What are the best ways for young people to serve the Commonwealth in your view?
3. Our Commonwealth community.
4. Write a job description for a superhero needed to solve a problem in your community.



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GUITAR LESSONS AT ORCHARD VALE PRIMARY

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to be able to offer guitar lessons in school for your child and these will take place during the school day.

We can offer a choice of lessons from groups to individual depending on availability:

Group of 4 for 30 minutes – cost £4
Group of 2 for 30 minutes – cost £8
Individual 20 minute lesson – cost £11
Individual 30 minute lessons – cost £16

There will be 10/11 lessons per term and they will be invoiced for in advance.

Soundpad, Rolle Quay, Barnstaple offers the best selection and advise on buying the correct size guitar. 01271 323686 or www.soundpad.co.uk

If you would like your child to take lessons on these instruments please can you contact the IMS office on 07974 849303 or email imsnorthdevon@gmail.com or alternatively post the attached form to the above address

This is a great opportunity for your child to learn an instrument. Music lessons have been proven to improve maths and English skills, build your child's confidence as well as being a fun and social experience.

A short "Agreement for Instrumental Lessons" will be included with the first invoice which clearly states the terms on which lessons are provided.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Sarah Steed
IMS North Devon, www.imsmusic.co.uk

ORCHARD VALE GUITAR LESSONS 2022

Pupil's name.....Year.....

Lesson choice (Please circle)

group 2 group 4 individual 20 mins individual 30 mins

Your name & address (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss).....

Mobile E-mail:.....

Instrumental Music Services www.imsmusic.co.uk