

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Mr Quilter's and Mrs Oldfield's Year 1 visit to Barnstaple

The Year 1 children in Mr Quilter's and Mrs Oldfield's classes learned a lot about Barnstaple and the local area when they visited the Guildhall. They were able to look around the old court rooms. We took part in a guided tour around Barnstaple to look at the fascinating architecture. We learned about Mr Rock who was born in Barnstaple in 1801 and lived in the building that houses the museum. Did you know that on his death in 1890 he donated his house to the people of Barnstaple? We finished the day off with a play in Rock Park.



Years 3 and 4—Spaghetti Challenge

On Friday, 28th February the children from Years 3 and 4 took part in the Spaghetti Challenge. The Challenge involved the children working together in groups using spaghetti and marshmallows to create a bridge.

'We had 5 minutes to draw our structure. We were given 10 marshmallows, some spaghetti and some tape and were given 15 minutes to build our structures. Every child had to build a bridge. The aim was to build the longest bridge which could hold at least 1 egg for thirty seconds.'

Well done to the winning team: Phineas, Sophia, Jenson, George and Ria who built the longest bridge which held 3 eggs.'
by Mya (Mrs Johnson's Class)



World Book Day

It was lovely to see the children dressed as their favourite book character yesterday. They looked fantastic! The children took part in various book related activities throughout the day. Classes joined together as 'book buddies' with the older children reading to the younger ones. Each class thought of 2 book related questions which we used to produce a book quiz for anyone to enter. Quiz sheets were handed out by class teachers (see the copy at the end of this newsletter).

All entries need to be handed back to class teachers by Friday, 12th March.

Thank you to James F's nan who made some scrumptious cakes decorated with book characters.

Class teachers handed out World Book Day £1 tokens which children can use to help pay towards a book at the Book Fair we will be holding next week.



Pro Strike sponsored Shoot Out

The children had a fantastic day today taking part in their class shoot outs. Each child had their shots measured electronically so they could see how much power their strike generated and all received certificates to confirm this. So far, with your help, we have raised over £1,200 to spend on sports equipment across the school. We have a few more sponsorship forms and monies to be handed in and will let you know the final total shortly. Thank you all.



Smoking and Litter around Orchard Vale



Smoking/Vaping—As you would expect Orchard Vale is a Non Smoking zone, this includes vaping. Please could we ask parents/family members not to smoke or vape within the school grounds. Our grounds start at the beginning of the turning circle and footpath besides the car park.

Litter—Some of our local residents regularly collect litter around Whiddon Valley and they have contacted us to say there has been an increase in litter on paths leading from the school. They have even picked up used nappies.



Nursery—This week

Our focus this week has been around the story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' We have enjoyed using play-dough and paint to make bears and have made our role-play area into a cave. In maths, we have been using prepositions to say where teddy is and for music we have been using instruments to give sound effects to the story. We have also been singing a variety of bear themed songs.

We have been learning about the letter 'n' and practicing how to form it correctly. Next week we will be learning about the letter 'm' so if your child would like to bring in something beginning with that letter we can show it during our learning time.

Next week we will be making daffodils. Please could we ask parents to send in any empty cardboard egg boxes. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Youll

Reception classes / Miss Cawthorne's Year 1—This week

Reception - We had a fantastic week looking at 'How to Catch a Dragon'. The children have done some lovely writing on how they would catch a dragon. They have been busy building their own dragon traps. The children have enjoyed collaging dragons and creating dragons and castles using shapes. We had a fantastic world book day and the children looked amazing in their costumes. We enjoyed lots of stories throughout the day and loved reading with some of the older children.

This week we have been looking at these sounds **oi ear air er**

Please let your class teacher know when your child knows all of their words on their chart.

For homework, this week you could design or make your own dragon trap.

Year 1 - We have been busy writing about how we would catch a dragon and about what our pet dragons would be like if we had one. The children have done a super job in maths, they are now confident with adding and subtracting on the number line which is fantastic.

For homework this week you could design/ make your own dragon trap.

Next week our book is 'Dragon Stew'.

Have super weekend. Miss Cawthorne Miss Boundy

Years 1 and 2—This week

This week we looked at modelling more of the sentence constructions from 'Tell Me a Dragon'. We generated some excellent vocabulary to describe dragons. While the year 1s went on their trip to Barnstaple the Year 2 children wrote newspaper reports about the Great Fire of London. Brilliant effort year 2s.

In maths, we continued to explore fractions, moving on to quarters.

We looked at perspective in art, drawing toys from various angles.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Quilter Mrs Grimwood Mrs Huggins Mrs Oldfield

Years 3 and 4— This week

Last Friday we had a wonderful day exploring structures. We looked at the way structures are built, their foundations and how they have changed over time. This fed into our STEM spaghetti challenge where children had spaghetti and 10 marshmallows with a brief of designing a bridge that could hold as many eggs as possible.

This week we have enjoyed looking at clay - the properties of clay, where you find it and what it is used for. The children have experimented with 'pinch pots' and 'coil' pots using air drying clay which will be coming home.

Homework: Please practice the Times Tables Rockstars, High Flying Reading and spellings. Why not have a go at entering our school world book day quiz?

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Gulliford Mrs Johnson Mr Whapham

Years 5 and 6—This week

To provide inspiration for the children's creative writing we took the children to the Whiddon Valley woods on Tuesday and encouraged them to focus on the 5 senses to describe their surroundings. We have started looking at bridge building in design technology; looking at types of bridges and materials.

Homework and updates can be found on Seesaw. If you need help with logging in please talk to your class teacher.

Have good weekend.

Miss Squire Mrs Rana Mr Lewis Mrs Lowrey

Proud Cloud

The children in years 3 and 4 are being encouraged to read every day. Once they have read for 25 consecutive days they gain a place on the Proud Cloud in class. Well done to this week to:

Miss Gulliford's class Lexi-Mae

Mr Whapham's class Jasmine, Sophie G

Mrs Johnson's class Ria, Chloe-Rose, Phineas, Elijah, Heidi, Natalie, Lacey-Rae, Sophie L, Michael, Alice, Ruby, Kaito, Mya

Friends of Orchard Vale News

The Friends of Orchard Vale (FoOV) plan events through the year to raise funds to help subsidise trips and events across the school as well as equipment for classes and larger projects.



Planned events: Easter Bingo Disney Quiz Night (dates to be confirmed)

Dates and Events

Future diary dates (don't forget to check the school website, www.ovschool.co.uk for up to date information)

Tue, 10th Mar—Mr Quilter/Mrs Grimwood/Huggins' Year 2— Visit to Barnstaple Guildhall/tour of Barnstaple.

Thur, 12th Mar—Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am to 9am / 3.15pm to 3.45pm—school hall

Fri, 13th Mar—Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am to 9am / 3.15pm to 3.45pm—school hall

Fri, 13th Mar—St Petroc Cross Country, Bude—Team

Fri, 13th Mar - Year 6 Exmoor Challenge practice walk

Mon, 16th Mar—Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am to 9am / 3.15pm to 3.45pm—school hall

Tue, 17th Mar—Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am to 9am / 3.15pm to 3.45pm—school hall

Tue, 17th Mar—Years 5 and 6—Visit to Barnstaple Guildhall/tour of Barnstaple/Museum.

Wed, 18th Mar—Key Stage 1 Parents—booked places for lunch.

Thur, 19th Mar—Year 6 Rising Stars Basketball (selected team)

Fri, 20th Mar—Group 1 and 3—Years 3 and 4 Bikeability session

Fri, 20th Mar—Mayor's Charity Concert—OV Choir attending 6.30pm to 7.45pm.

Sat, 21st Mar—Exmoor Challenge walk

Mon, 23rd Mar—Group 1—Years 5 and 6 Bikeability sessions

Tues, 24th Mar—Group 1—Years 5 and 6 Bikeability sessions

Tues, 24th Mar—Years 5 and 6—Girls Football Festival—Park School—9.30am to 1pm

Tue, 24th Mar—Heatree Residential Parent/Child briefing meeting—3.30pm—Miss Gulliford's class

Wed, 25th Mar—Group 2—Years 5 and 6 Bikeability session

Thurs, 26th Mar—Group 2—Years 5 and 6 Bikeability session

Thurs, 26th Mar—Year 5 and 6—Boys Football Festival—Park School—9.30am to 3pm

Thurs, 26th Mar—Orchard Vale Easter Bake Off Competition.

Fri, 27th Mar—Group 2 and 4—Years 3 and 4 Bikeability sessions

Lunch menu week commencing 9th March 2020

Please see the website for our Autumn 2019/Spring 2020 menu)

School dinners are now £2.30.

| Menu available: 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 9th Mar | Week 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | Mains | Pizza | Breaded fish | Roast pork with stuffing and gravy | Beef bolognaise | Crunchy chicken with tomato salsa |
| | Vegetarian | Cheese and tomato pasta bake | Vegetable lasagne | Quorn sausage roll | Haloumi and roasted peppers | Veggie burger |
| | Served with | Croquet potatoes and carrot salad | Wedges and peas | Roast/mash and chefs veg | Pasta and sweetcorn | Tomato ketchup, fries and veggie sticks |
| | Dessert | Fruit Jelly | Banana and blueberry cake | Fresh fruit | Carrot and orange cake | Shortbread finger |



You are invited to Orchard Vale's

SCHOLASTIC

Book Fair

Roll up, roll up! The Book Fair is on its way to Orchard Vale.
Please come and join us on

Thursday, 12th March - Friday, 13th March
Monday, 16th March - Tuesday, 17th March
At
8.30am to 9am and 3.15pm to 3.45pm
In the
School Hall

There are over 200 titles with prices starting at £2.99.
Something for everyone to enjoy!
Every book you buy helps get FREE BOOKS for our school.

The more we sell the more commission we have to spend on books for the
class book corners and the school Library.

Payment methods

Cash or Phone Payments

To make a phone payment—Call 0333 305 2963

Please have your school's Customer I.D. number ready together with a pen to record your transaction code. You will be asked for your card number, expiry date, the three digit security number on the back of your card and amount you wish to pay.

Name: School Customer I.D. no. **Orchard Vale**
Fair ID : 1091980 20806035

Transaction code: Amount: £

Please give the completed form back to your Book Fair Organiser and take your order.
This call will be charged at your standard mobile rate.

Dear Parents or Guardian,

27th February 2020

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

We would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase a memento for your child as a reminder of their time at Orchard Vale.

Navy leavers hoodies with all the names of the VR6 leavers in the number 20 on the back - sizes available will be 9-11, 12-13 for £15.00 or small adult size for £18.00

Please complete the slip below and return it with your choice and payment in cash by the 20th March 2020 to order. This will be the final deadline for ordering.

Many thanks,

Orchard Vale Community School

Name of child:

Number of hoodies required: Size:

Total of your order £..... Paid in cash to school office.

Parent/Guardian signature

OV'S BAKE OFF

Thursday 26th March

Have you got the skills to enter our Easter Bake Off?

Categories: Nursery, Reception and Year 1 through to Year 6.

Prizes for each of the following 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Bring your cakes to the hall on the morning of Thursday 26th.

We will be selling the cakes after school in the hall between 3.10—3.30pm. Please bear in mind when baking your cakes that we are a NUT FREE School.

READY STEADY BAKE!





OV World Book Day Quiz!

All of the classes in OV were asked to come up with some questions for the OV World Book Day Quiz. These questions have been written with the children and are based on age related books and class reads.

Have a go at answering all of the questions either on your own or with someone at home. Quiz answer sheets are to be handed in by Thursday 12th March to your class teacher and winners will be awarded with prizes in assembly.

Good luck and have fun reading!

What animal did Mr Twit sneak under Mrs Twits bedsheets?

Who is Mr Gum's trusty sidekick in the Mr Gum series?

The Baudelaire children are a part of which series of books?

Who are they written by?

What is the name of Voldemort's snake?

What is the name of the owl in "The owl who was afraid of the dark"?

In 'Superworm' how did the lizard get to the rubbish?

In 'The boy at the back of the class' where is he a refugee from?

In 'The Twits' what country is the 'Roly-Poly Bird' from?



Complete the set of friends: Mole, Badger, Ratihy and

In 'Superworm' what did the lizard do to Superworm?

In the story 'Oi Duck-Billed Platypus' what do Stellas sit on?

Which child got into trouble first in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?

In Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, who was the last owner of the Elder Wand besides Harry?

What are the names of all the Creakers?

Thor Nogson is a character in which book/series of books?

How many 'upside down' monkeys did Mr Twit keep in his cage?

Can you name all four of Charlies Grandparents in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?

What is Kangaroos first name in 'Oi Duck-Billed Platypus'?

Who are the 'Little Women'? What are their names?

Who is the author of "The Giant's Necklace"?

Events at Barnstaple Library over the Easter break.

April Events in the FabLab, book via fablabdevon.org:

Wednesday 1st

Laser cut Perspex Stencils 11am-12pm £7.50 6-16yrs

Thursday 2nd

Springtime Vinyl Stickers 2pm-3pm £7.50 6-16yrs

Tuesday 7th

2D Drawing Laser cut Coaster 11am-12:30pm £10 12-16yrs

Wednesday 8th

3D Printed Rabbits 11am -12pm £7.50 6-16yrs

Litcraft sessions every Thursday Afternoon (Focusing on Treasure Island):

4pm-6pm Suitable for ages 7-16. £20 for all 5 sessions or £5 per session. Find out more and book via fablabdevon.org

2nd 1 hour of Litcraft 1 hour of Story Stones

9th 1 hour of Litcraft 1 hour of 3D Block Building

16th 1 hour of Litcraft 1 hour of Treasure hunt and Pirate Flags

23rd 1 hour of Litcraft 1 hour of 3D Printed Minecraft Animals

30th 1 Hour of Litcraft 1 hour of 2D Vinyl Pirate Clothes

Wednesday 1st April 2-3pm and every Wednesday - Wednesday Wanderers- Are you aged 55 and over? Want to enjoy the outdoors more? Want to be a bit more active? Join us for a friendly walk exploring the walking routes around Barnstaple and over the weeks maybe make some new friends too. Programme funded by Connecting Actively to Nature-Active Devon. Suggested donation of £2 per session to help cover costs. Book your place via barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or on 01271 318780 or in person at the library.

Thursday 2nd April 10-12pm - Easter Crafts - no need to book, just drop-in. Suitable for all ages. Under 8s to be accompanied. Donations welcomed for this free event.

Thursday 2nd April 2pm - James D Mortain Author event £3 including refreshments. Book and pay at the library.

Tuesday 7th April 3-4pm - Weekly Mindfulness sessions Bring some clarity and focus to your life by practising Mindfulness at these friendly weekly sessions. £4 per session. Please book and pay at the library.

Wednesday 8th April 10-12 - Easter Crafts - no need to book, just drop-in. Suitable for all ages. Under 8s to be accompanied. Donations welcomed for this free event.

Thursday 9th April 10.45-11.45 - Hen Welfare Trust: Amazing Eggs workshop suitable for children 5 and above. Free event, book at the library. Donations welcomed.

Thursday 9th April 10.45-11.45 - Hen Welfare Trust: Claws, Wings and Other Things suitable for children 5 and above. Free event, book at the library. Donations welcomed.

Wednesday 15th April 7.00-8.30pm - John's Delicatessen of Instow and Appledore: Its History and Role in Food culture. An illustrated talk by Mr Anthony Johns. Supported by Barnstaple Library Friends group. Tickets £8 to include a light buffet and refreshments with John's local produce. Raffle on the night.

Friday 17th April 9.30-5.30pm - TEDx Exeter streaming live at Barnstaple Library. Please enquire at the library to book your place and register your interest. Ticket cost TBC.

b 7-8.30pm - Virginia Baily- Author event at Barnstaple Library

Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine or a soft drink. Please book your place at the library. Payment required at time of booking. Books supported by Waterstones available to buy on the night. Please bring cash. Raffle on the night to win a signed copy of one of Virginia's Books.

COOL TO BE ACTIVE...
FUN TO BE FIT



Primary Sports and Education North Devon LTD will be running Easter holiday camps at Pilton Bluecoat C of E Junior School, Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Bishops Tawton Primary School and Pilton Infants Primary School in the Easter holidays on the following dates for children aged between 4 and 11.

Children from ALL Primary Schools are welcome to ANY of the holiday camps

Pilton Bluecoat C of E Junior School on: Monday 30th March 8.30AM-3.30PM

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School on: Tuesday 31st March 8.30AM-3.30PM

Pilton Infants School on: Monday 6th April 8.30AM-3.30PM

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School: Tuesday 7th April 8.30AM-3.30PM

Bishops Tawton Primary School: Wednesday 8th April 8.30AM-3.30PM

ONLY £10 PER DAY

IF YOUR BOOKING IS RECEIVED BEFORE FRIDAY 20TH MARCH,

£15 for any bookings received after this date!

These Holiday camps will consist of ALL different types of sports, working on agility, balance, coordination, speed, team work exercises and lots of games. It's a great way to keep your child active and participate in a wide variety of sports through **Primary Sports and Education**.

- Pay by **cash** or **cheque** to Tia Stoman by inserting into an envelope with the below slip plus the name of your child and **hand to your school office**.

- All bookings are **Non-Refundable**

All equipment will be provided; Children are expected to wear suitable PE clothing, daps/ trainers and provide their **own packed lunch and drink**. Warm/wet weather gear and a towel are also advised. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure inhalers are brought with the child and we are informed of any medical conditions. All the sports that are listed below could result in children being injured. Primary Sports and Education will accept no liability. Primary sport and Education staff have a clear DBS through the company.

Deadline for returning slips is: **Friday 27th March 2020**

For queries please contact Tia Stoman on: E-mail: north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk or tel: 07789954068

Booking Form

Please indicate which sports your child/children would like to participate in:

Football • Netball • Tag Rugby • Basketball • Cricket • Rounders • Tennis • Gymnastics • Hockey/Quicksticks • Multiskills • Dodgeball • Handball • Multi-games • Dance • Athletics

Child's name: _____

Dates required (please circle): **Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March, Monday 6th April, Tuesday 7th April, Wednesday 8th April**

Email address: _____

Medical conditions: _____

Emergency Contact No: _____

I enclose payment of £_____ for my child to attend the Holiday session.

Signed (parent/guardian): _____

Photos may be taken for use on our website. Please indicate whether you give permission for photos to be taken **YES NO**

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Company No: 11523022

EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING OF THE GAME

EURO 2020 EASTER HOLIDAY SOCCER SCHOOL

30 March - 3 April & 6 - 8 April

Each day we will bring you a variety of Euro2020 themed sessions & games.
Dedicated to football.

Girls & boys 4 - 12 years
of all abilities

9am - 4pm

3G Pitch, Tarka Tennis Centre
Seven Brethren Bank
Sticklepath
Barnstaple
EX31 2AP

GK ICON will be joining us again this Easter
30th March & 3rd April
9 - 12pm
£20, stay & play at Romar Sports til 4pm + £5
£30 for both days
Sam: 07473 924616

Each day we will bring you a variety of Euro2020 themed sessions & games.
Every afternoon we will have an exciting Euro2020 tournament.

Learn with different styles of play for each nation. Get to know the players who represent them, recognise the colours of each nation's flag & let us teach you the skills & tricks to help you follow in their footsteps one day.

Our soccer schools always give young footballers of all abilities the chance to learn & develop their skills & have a huge amount of fun with friends.

This Easter we also have GK ICON, our goalkeeping experts to give good quality goalkeeping coaching.

The days will be structured with lots of chances to win prizes with our challenges, games and daily tournaments.

Whether your child is a complete beginner or an advanced player, our coaches will adapt the sessions for the individual to ensure they are engaged and have a fantastic time at our Euro2020 themed Soccer School Holiday Club.

For footballers who play regularly for a team & want to advance further, we will also provide a new level of fun challenges & experiences

We can't wait to see your footballers this Easter. **BOOK NOW, LIMITED SPACES**

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| ENGLAND | Want to be able to switch play like Trent Alexander Arnold? Lets show you how! |
| SPAIN | Learn how possession of the ball can open up the opposition defence in the tightest of areas. |
| FRANCE | Are you an explosive player with incredible ball technique? If not, we will help you get there! |
| BELGIUM | Fancy playing the No. 10 role? Come & see how we can improve your 1v1 skills as an attacker. |
| HOLLAND | A defender who likes to get forward? A winger who can defend the central area of the pitch? We want you to be a total footballer. |
| PORTUGAL | Come & show us that goal scoring ability & those silky skills. We will show you even more. |

Romar Sports Development Players & Partner Clubs: **£15**

Early bird, book before 15th March: **£17.50**

Day price: **£20**

Full week deal, week 1: **£75** week 2: **£45**

Sibling discount: 10% (use code 10OFF at time of booking)



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