Orchard Vale's Weekly News Friday, 1st July 2022

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to all of the OV's Got Talent Finalists! We had a tremendous turnout of children who performed by themselves in front of others. This is to be highly commended, ilt is not easy standing up in front of a room full of people and sharing your talent. They are all winners in my eyes. Well done to Michael Bailey whose 'staff spinning' wowed the audience and was a very popular winner.

We have had another busy week learning outside the classroom with our Year 5's attending the Cricket Festival at Pilton and Barnstaple Cricket Club, the children in Reception visited the Combe Martin Dinosaur and Wildlife Park to round off their topic of dinosaurs this term. We had more Years 5 and 6 children visiting Park School for a food technology session and our Year 6 top up swimmers had their final lesson today.

Over the past few weeks we have noticed a trend of children being absent from school dues to sickness/diarrhoea. There is also a trend nationally of Covid cases increasing. To prevent transmission of infections in school staff encourage children to wash hands regularly with soap and water. Please could we ask that parents keep their child at home until 48 hours after the last episode.

We hope you have received your child's annual report which have been emailed to you. It was a privilege to read the reports and to see how well the children have done this year. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Consultations next week.

Attendance

Many of you were commenting on the attendance percentage and may have received an attendance letter this week. The Government expectations on attendance are high and we are required to report on your child's attendance in school. The Government require 98% attendance and the Devon average is 92%. We are aware that children have been off school due to Covid or illness and this is recorded in a different way on Arbor. We hope that as children's immunity improves their attendance will be better next year.

We have noticed an increase in children coming into school late (after 8.50am registration time). This late mark contributes to the absence mark and is recorded as unauthorised absence. Please make sure your child is in school by 8.50am each morning.

Anti-social behaviour

We have been made aware of some anti-social behaviour outside of school. This is being dealt with by the appropriate outside agencies. My advice to you is to not leave primary aged children unsupervised.

Social Media

Children are now being exposed to things which are inappropriate for their ages on Apps such as WhatsApp and Facebook. Please could parents be aware of what your child is viewing and how appropriate it is for their age. Please see the guide below.

Please could we ask adults not to post information which could be regarded as a safeguarding issue on social media. This should be reported to the Police or the Multi Agencies Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0345155 1071.



Have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Pearce Headteacher

Please could we remind parents/carers to check Parentpay regularly and clear any outstanding amounts. It is always worth making regular payments which will stop large amounts of debt accruing for the following:

School dinners

OV Explorers After School Provision

Early Bird Breakfast Club

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.



APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS





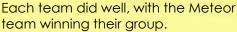


Year 5 Cricket Festival



Our year 5 children enjoyed the cricket festival at Barnstaple and Pilton Cricket Club on Monday.

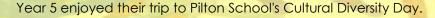
The weather was kind and we saw great progress over the day in bowling, batting and fielding.







Year 5 Cultural Diversity Day



As well as finding out lots of interesting information about various countries, they were able to sample delicious foods from all over the world and saw their names written in different alphabets.

They particularly enjoyed having their arms covered in henna patterns!







'This Is Me' Young Writers Competition



Earlier in the term, Mrs Scott set a challenge to her year 6 English group - to create an original piece of poetry, based around the theme of 'This Is Me', to submit to a national competition.

Twenty-one year 6s chose to enter, and, this week, we received an exciting letter, along with certificates.

Here is an excerpt of the letter we received:

Dear Mrs Scott,

Thank you for sending poems from your school to be considered for Young Writers' This Is Me competition.

We have received in excess of 10,000 entries and we are delighted to let you know that we have chosen all of the work from your school for publication in This Is Me 2022 - Amazing Words, which is an incredible accomplishment!

Having all your pupils' work chosen is something to be proud of - it doesn't happen to every school! We were impressed by their writing, each piece was a privilege to read and each will make a fantastic addition to our book.'

A **huge** congratulations to Kaito, William, Ethan, Sophie G, Natalie, Florence, Naima, Mya, Alice, Morganna, Chloe-Rose, Michael, Harrison, George, Joseph, Oliver, Ria, Logan K, Olivia, Phineas and Ava.

School Diary Dates				
Mon, 4th Jul	Nursery Sports Day—9.30am to 10.30am			
Mon, 4th Jul	Nethercott Residential parent/child briefing—3.30pm			
Mon, 4th Jul	Y6—Pilton Community School—Transition Day			
Tue, 5th Jul	Y6—Pilton Community School—Transition Day—Saunton Sands			
Wed, 6th Jul	Tuck Shop—3.15pm—Coffee Cabin (ice Iollies and ice creams			
Wed, 6th Jul	Y5/6 Sports Day—1.30pm			
Thur, 7th Jul	Reception Sports Day—1.30m			
Fri, 8th Jul	Y3/4—Bristol Aerospace Museum			
Fri, 8th Jul	Year 5/6—Junior Lifeguard (children who have signed up for this)			
Mon, 11th Jul	Year 6— Milky Way visit and rounders match			
Mon, 11th Jul	Y 1 / 2 Sports Day—1.30pm			
Wed, 13th Jul	Pro-Strike Fundraising day (details to come)			
Wed, 13th Jul	Year 6—Park Community School—taster day			
Wed, 13th Jul	Tuck Shop—3.15pm—Coffee Cabin (ice Iollies and ice creams			
Thur, 14th Jul	Year 6—Park Community School— taster day			
Mon, 18th to Fri, 21st Jul	Years 5/6 Nethercott Residential			
Wed, 20th Jul Y5 /6 Boys Football—Finals				
Wed, 20th Jul	Tuck Shop—3.15pm—Coffee Cabin (ice Iollies and ice creams			
Fri, 22nd Jul	Last Day of Summer Term			

Week commencing Monday, 4th July 2022

	Meat Free Monday	Around the World American Tuesday	Roast it Up Wednesday	Tasty Treat Thursday	Fun Time Friday
М	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger in a Bap	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Fish Fingers	BBQ Chicken
V		Quorn Hot Dog in a Finger Roll	Quorn Fillet	Quorn Nuggets	
Sides	Malted Baguette, Sweetcorn & Fresh	Wedges, Corn on The Cob & Peas	Roast or Mash Potato, Fresh Sliced Carrots,	Chips or Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks	Wholegrain Rice, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
JP	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
SPL	Cheese Roll	Egg Roll	Chicken Roll	Ham Roll	Sausage Roll
D	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Chocolate Brownie	Fresh Fruit	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruity Flapjack







Name of child:

Can you be the top fundraiser in your school?

The Profition Speed Challenge is the easiest and most enjoyable way to reize times for your school. Our events train are coming to your school with one of our glant inflabble goods and speed radar system). Every peopl gets in takes three chalts of goal with their speed displayed on a digital occreen for their classicates. Please out the form below to raise spacearship, the more you raise the more moving your school rawns and the prizes you receive!

Please return the completed form and all the money raises to school effice on the day of the event let the late.

Good luck with your fundraising!



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Spot Light on the Commonwealth Games

The multi sporting competition is held every four years, with a hiatus during World War II, the Games have grown from featuring 11 countries and 400 athletes, to a global spectacle of 6,600 sports men and women from across 72 nations and territories. They will be held in Birmingham from Thursday 8th July to Monday 8th August.

We would like to encourage you to talk to your children about the importance of sport which keeps us fit and healthy and is also good for our mental health.

This week our spot light is on **Diving**.





You might have heard of one of the most successful divers in recent years, Tom Daley. He started his career with the swimming club Plymouth Leander.

Perhaps now we have a new facility in Barnstaple it might be the time to introduce your child to the pool.

The most important thing is to have a go at different things and ENJOY.

News Flash!



We are delighted to announce that we, Orchard Vale Community School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school 's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our physical activity and school sport achievements this year include: Taking part in many competitive sport events against other schools such as football fourments, cricket tournaments, tennis festivals and netball tournaments. Gaining many medals in corss country events and in the Olympic Legacy event. Teaming up with other schools in ventrus to play weekly football matches. Hosting in school competition such as the tennis tournament. Running daily after school sport clubs.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven 't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most either as a participant, leader, official or withursteer.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfill criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: All the pupils for their continuous enthusiasm and dedication to school sport, all the parents for their support and commitment to the extra currcular activities and all the school staff for their dedication to making the school an environment for children to flourish in PE.

We look forward to applying once again in 2023!







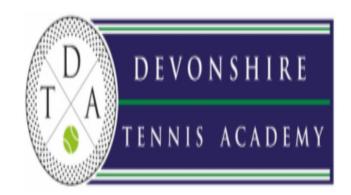








Tennis Camps 2022



Develop your child's tennis whilst having fun, making friends & playing games.

Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages & abilities in great locations.

Junior Camp

5 - 14 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £20 per day*

Tiny Tots Camp

3 - 4 yr olds | 10 - 11am | £6 per day

*For every full day purchased on our Junior Camp, bring a friend or sibling for free to either the Tiny Tots or the Junior Camp!

Summer Holidays

Wk 1	Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th July	Barnstaple & Braunton
Wk 2	Mon 1 st - Fri 5 th August	Barnstaple & Braunton
Wk3	Mon 8 th - Fri 12 th August	Barnstaple & Braunton
Wk 4	Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th August	Barnstaple

Locations

Barnstaple Park Lane Tennis Club, Rock Park, EX32 9AH
Braunton Braunton Tennis Club, Wrafton Road, EX33 2BP



To book email: bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com

www.devonshiretennisacademy.com

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.