

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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We are nearing the end of term and lots of you want to get outside and enjoy the good weather. For those children in school we will try to get out as much as possible so please remember to send your child to school with sun cream and a hat if it is sunny or a coat if it is wet. For those of you accessing home learning we will try to provide some activities that are outdoors as well as indoors.

Although it is tempting to go to the beach, the national news is reporting that these are very busy areas and probably should be avoided in order to keep your child safe.

End of term

With only 3 weeks to go to the end of term we are busy trying to finalise end of term arrangements such as reports. We plan to send reports to you by email, hopefully before the end of term. Please make sure the school office has your up to date email address.

Places this term

It is brilliant that we have been able to welcome lots of children back. Our bubbles are now reaching capacity and it is unlikely that we will be able to take on any more children before the end of term. If you need to discuss places further for this term, please contact the school office before sending your child in.

We know now that we are not opening to all year groups this term. Assuming everything goes to plan and there is no second spike in infections we will see all year groups back in September.

Key Worker places

Key Worker capacity is limited and we are now unable to swap days easily. Please contact the school office well before you need to change days to ensure this is possible from now until the end of term.

Summer holidays

The school will close over the summer holidays. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any holiday club at this point in time.

September

We are currently awaiting further government guidelines about reopening in September but we are expecting a full reopening and hope to see you all then. We will be in touch when we know what September is going to look like. Of course, this will be subject to change depending on what happens during the summer.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher

Free school meals to be extended over the summer holidays

Children in England who are eligible for free school meals will receive a six-week food voucher to cover the summer holiday period. A spokesman for the prime minister announced that all children eligible for free school meals during term time in England will continue to be provided for through a 'COVID-19 Summer Food Fund'.

If you are on a low income, you or your family may also be entitled to claim for free school meals.

[The criteria for free school meals is on the government's website.](#)

You can make a quick application online where your eligibility can be assessed immediately, and let you know straight away. To [apply for free school meals please visit the Free School Meal Portal](#).

If you have any other queries relating to free school meal entitlement you can email the team at freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk.



Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's nomination I have two stars of the week:

Henry P for doing some super work and using great language when explaining his maths activities.

Peyton for good listening and concentration and joining in with all her activities.

Miss Cawthorne's nomination – I have two stars of the week:

Theo for working hard, especially with his writing.

Rory for working really hard at home, especially on his writing and phonics.



Miss Boundy's nominations - I have two stars of the week:

George has been so brave throughout his chemotherapy and always has a smile on his face!! Well done George, you're amazing!

Haydn has shown a lot more confidence in his writing this week and is now able to write sentences independently using his digraphs! Well done Haydn.

Mr Quilter's nomination

Charlie E joined OV during Covid19 and has worked incredibly hard on his home learning. He has already impressed us with his amazing spelling skills and we are looking forward to meeting him in person again when we all return. Keep up the good work Charlie!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Layla is my star of the week because she continues to put 100% into all she does. Layla attacks each task set with enthusiasm and pride and this shines through in the work she uploads to seesaw. Her wonderful imagination never fails to make me smile and I love when she sends in photos of her being creative. Well done Layla I am very proud of you. Mrs O

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Ezra has completed all his work beautifully this week. He's really worked hard getting all the maths done and it was lovely to see that he is reading at home: he shared a photo of himself with his current book "The Scruff's Showtime". It has been especially hard to work this week in the hot weather so well done Ezra you are a shining star.



Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination



Lauren is a shining light at the moment, full of energy, positivity and great humour. She spreads joy and kindness and has really really grasped learning from home and in school. She is a pleasure and her hard work and dedication has not gone un noticed.

Mrs Johnson's nomination

Charlie and Kaleb are both so amazing that I couldn't choose between the two of them! Instead I have chosen them both to be my stars of the week! They have both had their ups and downs with home learning as we all have, and I know they miss school, their friends and their class. Despite this, they have both made extra efforts to complete their tasks and persevere. I really admire their dedication and effort during this tricky time - I appreciate all of your endeavours boys!



Mr Whapham's nomination



Logan has been a lockdown learning superstar! He has consistently worked hard on all tasks set for him and has been presenting his work in a very clear and concise way. I can tell he has been thinking carefully about this home learning and has also been completing many topics tasks and investigations! I have also had lots of photos of Logan doing fun things during his time out of school. Keep up the hard work, I am very impressed with your attitude!

Miss Squire's nomination

Lucas for his unfailing perseverance in learning. Throughout his time learning at home, and now back in school, he has completed each task to the highest standard, responds to and acts on feedback, and has shown how ready he is for secondary school. I am so proud of you Lucas, keep it up.

Penny, it is clear to see how Penny has continued to be an incredible learner. She completes every task, seeks support when necessary, responds to and acts on feedback and has produced some beautiful and creative pieces of work over the past 13 weeks. You are fantastic Penny!



Mrs Rana's/Mrs Lowrey's nomination



Riley is a boy that we are always proud to have in class. Throughout lockdown, Riley has proven himself to be mature, reliable and flexible. He gets on with his school day in such a sensible manner - and always with a smile on his face. Usually, I can always rely on Riley to make me laugh and he has a heart of gold. Fantastic!

Mrs Harding's nominations

Riley for his reading, work on his spellings and times tables. Well done Riley!!



Mr Lewis' nomination



Elisha for star of the week. The effort that she puts into her work that she has uploaded to Seesaw has been brilliant and she should be enormously proud of what she has achieved in her online learning. All of the teachers that have set her work during the 'home learning' have commented on how much time and care she takes with her submissions. Well done, Elisha!

Mr Ovey's PE at home ideas

Here are a few ideas of fitness/PE activity websites/activities from Mr Ovey that you might like to check out.



[Joe Wicks Kids Fitness](#)— Joe Wicks hosts live PE lessons over YouTube for children at home during the coronavirus outbreak. The classes are specifically designed for all children, from little kids up to secondary school age, although adults can join in as well if they like.



[#ThisIsPE](#) is one of the resources recommended by the Department for Education to support teachers and parents to deliver physical education during the coronavirus lockdown. A new lesson will be added at 1pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



[Cosmic Kids Yoga](#) Cosmic Kids Yoga is yoga for kids like you've never seen before. Jaime's aim is to bring yoga and mindfulness to kids all over the world.



[GoNoodle get active at home](#) GoNoodle's goal has always been to help kids be more active while doing the things they love.

Race across the River

Home Physical Education

How to play:

- Agree a start point (one side of a big river) and a finish point (the opposite side of the river).
- Using two objects (cushions, pillows, or other flat objects) can you cross the river without touching the floor?
- You are only allowed two objects to cross the river with.
- It's a race! The winner is the first person to cross the river without falling in and touching the floor. If you do touch the floor, you have to start again.

Can you play by the rules and if you touch the floor start again?

Can you keep trying even if someone is quicker than you?

Top Tips
Place the Pillows
Place the pillows down on the floor. If you throw them you may over stretch and fall in.

Let's Reflect
Who was the winner? Why do you think they were able to win?
How did you feel when you crossed successfully?

60 Second Challenge

Super Slalom Run

The Physical Challenge
How many slalom runs can you complete in 60 seconds?
Layout 3 objects 3 steps apart, you must run in and out of the objects and back to the start to complete 1 slalom run.

Can you try and run as fast as possible?

#StayHomeStayActive

Equipment
A safe space and 3 objects.
This activity is best played outside, where you have lots of space.

Achieve Gold
20 Slalom Runs

Achieve Silver
18 Slalom Runs

Achieve Bronze
12 Slalom Runs

Three in a Row

Home Physical Education

How to play:

- Each player has 3 targets that they place on the floor.
- Each player takes 3 steps back from their targets when throwing.
- Players take turns to throw an object towards their targets.
- If a player hits a target it is removed. If a player misses they place a target which has been removed back in.
- The first player to hit all of their targets is the winner.

Can you help other players if they are finding it hard?

Can you challenge yourself to use the right technique?

Top Tips
Throwing Underarm
Step forwards with one foot, releasing the ball from low to high using your opposite hand.

Let's Reflect
Did you congratulate the winner of the game?
How did you feel when your throws were successful?

Something to share? What have you been doing?

If you would like to share photos of things you have been doing whilst at home please either send photos/ comments to your class teacher via Seesaw or Tapestry and confirm you are happy for it to appear on the newsletter or email the school on orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk.



Ayden released
his butterfly



Olivia and Heidi
growing sunflowers

A Key Stage 1 tasks this week was to look at the work produced by the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. These wonderful pieces of art are by the children in Ms Whiteley's, Miss Freeman's and Mrs Hyde's class.



Lilly



Jamie



Emmie



Elsie



Theo D



Madison



James



Cole



Ella-Rose



Elise

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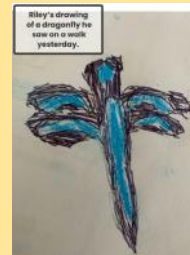
Grace's cakes



Harrison's
elf house.



Sophie's
pixie house



Riley's
dragonfly



Lexi-Mae's
Ellie Simmonds poster

One of the art tasks this week was to create a version of Van Gogh's 'The Bedroom', an oil painting he created in 1888. the children had fun drawing their own rooms using different media.



Ruby's room



Kaleb's bearded
dragon room



George's
bedroom



Ajay's bedroom



Chloe-Rose's
bedroom

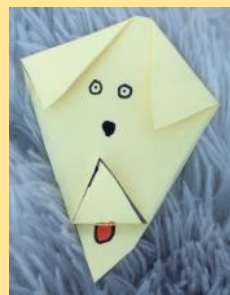
Kelsey and Archie found items around their homes to measure;



Archie



Kelsey



Lacey-Rae



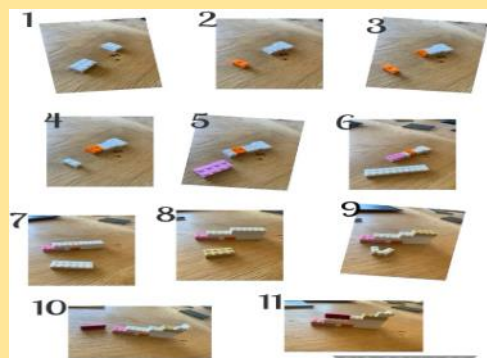
Chloe-Rose's



Harmonie

Some of the children tried some Origami this week as part of their art task.

In computing this week, the children have used lego blocks and other items to create an algorithm (a set of instructions to get something done). they took pictures of the steps of their algorithm to create instructions to make a simple model.





devon
music
education
hub

A week today, The Mix, Devon's annual summer music festival for children and young people, is moving online for the first time. On **Friday 3 July**, whether you're at home or in school, you can join Devon Music Education Hub live on YouTube for a day of online workshops, live music and opportunities to get involved. Featuring leading music educators from Devon and beyond, all activities will be primarily aimed at KS2 and KS3, but are also accessible for other age groups.

10am STOMP-style Body Percussion

Join the brilliant Ollie Tunmer from Beat Goes On for a STOMP-style body percussion workshop – a fun music activity, ideal for socially distanced learning!

11am Music Technology using BandLab

Phil Heeley from Inclusive Music demonstrates how BandLab can be used to support music education and creativity.

12pm Music & Nature

Outdoor learning expert, storyteller and Music Educator, Chris Holland, AKA 'The Digeridoo Man', leads a fun wake and shake activity that explores links between music and the natural world.

1pm Music & Wellbeing Big Sing

Debbie Kent & Teachers Rock facilitate a Big 'virtual' Sing using our new Music & Well-being resources hosted on the Music Hub tab on Charanga Musical School. Download the resources available for 'It's Gonna Be A Lovely Day' and 'Get On Your Feet', or visit our new Devon Music Education Hub [YouTube channel](#) to check out the videos in advance.

2pm Taiko Drumming

Gillian Ashcroft from North Devon Taiko delivers a 'Taste of Taiko' session using classroom bubble based resources like desks and pencils, or things you can easily find at home, to emulate beaters and drums.

3pm Jazz Improvisation for Beginners

Sam Massey and friends from South Devon Youth Jazz offer an introduction to jazz improvisation for young instrumentalists – suitable for any instrument or level of ability!

PLUS We'll have interviews, performances and opportunities for you to get involved with throughout the day.

Search for Devon Music Education Hub on YouTube or [follow this link](#) to subscribe to our YouTube channel

We hope you'll join us for what promises to be a fantastic day!

Kind regards
Lewis Gibbs



Barnstaple Library 2020 Summer Reading Challenge

The [Summer Reading Challenge](#), presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence. Last year more than 14,000 children across Devon and Torbay took part.

With the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch as a digital activity to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. The Challenge will run from June to September.

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020 celebrates funny books, happiness and laughter and features bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator:

Laura Ellen Anderson

Amelia Fang

Evil Emperor Penguin

I Don't Want Curly Hair

Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

The digital Challenge is free to access, featuring games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in reading-related activities at home.

Although our library buildings are closed we have boosted the number of children's books available to borrow via our e-lending platforms which can be accessed from our [Devon Libraries](#) website. From July we will also be hosting lots of Silly Squad events and activities on our Facebook pages, so look out for those!

Parents can sign their children up [here](#).

OR

Parents can visit their Facebook pages

<https://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleLibrary/>

which will be hosting lots of Silly Squad digital events throughout the summer.

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Parent Survey

Sustrans is a UK walking and cycling charity and custodian of the National Cycle Network. They work with schools to encourage active travel (cycling, walking or scooting) among students as well as working with employers and local authorities.

Each year we ask schools to complete a hands up survey. However, due to Covid19 we are able to do that this year. We would, instead like to ask parents if they could complete a short questionnaire about travel to school via the following link.

<https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/parent-survey-june-2020>



Pin your thanks competition

We know that lots of our families would like to say thank you to others who have helped over the last few months. From the postman who delivered cards that cheered us up, to a neighbour who has done some shopping to a doctor or nurse, a friend who called for a chat etc... **PinYourThanks** are inviting children across the nation to enter a competition to design a pin badge to say thank you to someone who has helped them (or their wider family) over the last few months.

The winning entry will be turned into a real pin badge and sold, alongside other badges designed by national treasures including Ringo Starr and Joe Lycett. Every pin badge sold raises money for **NHS Charities Together** and **Volunteering Matters**. We think the competition presents a fantastic opportunity for children to reflect on the last few months and express their gratitude to the people who have helped them and their family during this difficult time.

If your child would like to enter the competition simply [click here](#) to find out more.

The design should be inspired by someone who has helped the child or their family over the last few months and is a perfect activity for pupils aged between 4 and 11, working either in the classroom or at home.

The competition will be judged by a team of Pin Your Thanks founders, designers, education professionals and star of Paddington, Hugh Bonneville and ex-England goal-keeper David James MBE!

The winner will become an official badge designer and their design will be turned into a real pin badge which people can gift to their personal heroes. It will be available alongside our **[other beautiful badges](#)** designed by some of the UK's national treasures.

As well as being a heartfelt thanks, all funds from these pin badges (after all costs and fundraising activities) will go to **[NHS Charities Together](#)** and **[Volunteering Matters](#)**.

You can find more information on this [here](#).

Please note:

The competition closes at 6pm on 12th July 2020.