

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a joy to see children really enthusiastic with their reading this week. I have seen lots of older children with their noses in a book and have had the privilege of joining some of the Read Write Inc sessions with our younger children; it is really clear to see the progress they are making and how proud they are of their reading ability. I know lots of children have moved groups and are making fantastic progress so well done to them all. A big thank you also to parents in terms of making sure the books are returned every week and the children carrying on their learning at home. I know this has a huge impact on their progress in school.



Yesterday, I spent some time browsing through the many books we have on offer through the Scholastic Book Fair and have a wish list as long as my arm. I would encourage you all to have a look in the Coffee Cabin tonight, Monday and Tuesday after school as there are some fantastic books at really good prices that I am sure your children would love.

It was lovely to see some sunshine this week. I know Mr Quilter's and Mrs Grimwood's classes appreciated it as they walked into and around Barnstaple for their geography studies on Wednesday and Thursday. Lots of local residents saw them walking and commented on how nice it was seeing them out and about enjoying learning in their local community and about the history of Barnstaple.



Lots of our children had the fortunate experience of taking part in inter-school festivals this week. Year 4 enjoyed a visit to the Tarka Tennis centre, a group of Key Stage 2 children attended a Dance Festival at Park School and Mr Boulton's class visited Park School's Science Department.

I would like to say a huge thank you to R and M Construction for a very unexpected gift this week of a defibrillator. We are going to keep this in school so that we have access to it immediately in case of an emergency but will continue to raise funds for a community defibrillator that can be used across the whole of Whiddon Valley and accessible 24 hours a day. This highlights the critical nature of this piece of life saving equipment and how important it is that we have this at the point we need it and the more that we can do to fund raise for our community the more people will benefit.



Have a wonderful weekend.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Late afternoon communications

If you have any messages you wish to be passed onto teachers at the end of the day regarding changes of adults collecting your child, early collections and last minute booking for OV Explorer Club etc. Please could we ask you to call the school office rather than email.

The office is often very busy and emails may not be read straight away or in time to pass messages on to teachers at the this time of day.

Star of the Week

Foundation and Key Stage 1



Mrs Youll's nomination

Blair for trying hard in maths and doing good listening at carpet time.

Ava for doing super P.E and sharing nicely when playing with the dolls house.

Miss Cawthorne/Miss Boundy's nomination

Brody for having a great first week.

Arabella for always working hard and being super helpful.



Mr Quilter's nomination

Theo works extremely hard in school, giving 100% effort in everything that he does.

He was a joy to have on our school trip where he was sensible, calm, and showed great interest in the topic discussed. Theo is a fabulous artist and will make a fantastic illustrator!

Mrs Grimwood's nomination

My star of the week is Dexter. Dexter is such a lovely, cheerful and friendly member of our class. He is always smiling and looking on the bright side. Dexter tries really hard with his learning and his reading and writing are coming along a treat. He is also making good progress in his maths. Dexter has an impressive knowledge of the Great Fire of London and is great at recalling facts. Dexter is a kind and loving friend and always cares for other in the class. Dexter, you are brilliant!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Charley-May and Cheryl.

These two girls have formed a fantastic friendship over the past two weeks and are a force to be reckoned with. Not only do they both work incredibly hard together, but they are an excellent support to each other praising achievements and helping each other when stuck. They have also been a fantastic help at lunch times with younger children, demonstrating good play, helping to tidy up and just being kind and helpful.

We love watching you giggling and laughing together girls.

You are the best Cha,cha,cha girls ever.

Mrs O



We need your help to keep our children safe!

We are sure you will all agree that the safety of our children and families is of the utmost importance to us all.

Please could we urge our parents/families to put safety first by parking responsibly during drop-off and pick-up times.

Where possible you should park in the designated area just past the school after Kingfisher Drive and behind the bollards. If you are unable to park there you are able to park in one of our neighbouring residential roads but please park considerately and do not block driveways or mount the footpath.

Devon and Cornwall Police monitor traffic with spot checks at busy times. The pictures below were taken by a concerned parent and we think you will agree the cars are parked in very dangerous positions.

Please could we ask you to report any parking or speeding issues to the non-emergency number of 101 or email 101@dc.police.uk attaching photos.

The Highway Code tells us you must not stop or park in the following locations, except when forced to do so by stationary traffic:

1. Near a school entrance.
2. Anywhere that would prevent access for emergency vehicles.
3. On a bus stop, or a taxi rank.
4. Opposite or **within 32 feet of a junction**, except in an authorised parking bay.
5. Opposite another parked vehicle (if it causes an obstruction).
6. Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair and mobility vehicle users.
7. In front of an entrance to a property.
8. On a bend.
9. Where you would obstruct a cycle lane.
10. A cycle lane during its period of operation.
11. A cycle track.
12. A pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zig-zag lines



**ALL OF THESE CARS ARE PARKED ILLEGALLY
AND ARE CAUSING A HAZARD WHICH
COULD COMPROMISE A CHILD'S SAFETY**

Please do not park here

These cars are obstructing a bus stop, are within the no parking area near the school entrance, obstructing the footpath, obstructing the view of local residents coming out of their roads. With parents unable to get past safely with pushchairs and children.

Children wishing to cross the road cannot be seen clearly by approaching drivers.

These photos taken this week have been passed directly on to our local councillors, Police and parking officers showing number plates by our witnesses in the community.

Year 5/6 science at Park School

On Wednesday, the 9th of March 2022 Yr 5/6 went to park school for a science Learning session.
We walked to Park School at 9:00 to be there for 9:45 where we walked into the science lab to learn about things (and what they looked like) under a microscope! 🧫.

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KADEN:

I really like it because I could see a rats heart ❤️👁
Under the microscope 🧫.

JOE:

I enjoyed it because I got to see a sea monkey 🐙💧 and human blood under a microscope 🧫

The weird things that we looked at:

A rat heart ❤️👁

A pig part 🐷

A sea monkey 🐙

A bee leg

A bit of mouldy bread 🍞

A bit of blood cell 🩸

And the teachers blood

Mr Plaza also has some pets in his class:

A yellow snake 🐍

A red and black snake

And a lizard lizard

Orchard Vale loved the trip!



Mr Quilter and Mrs Grimwood's class visit to Barnstaple Guildhall and Tour of Barnstaple

Mr Quilter's and Mrs Grimwood's classes enjoyed tours of Barnstaple on Wednesday and Thursday.

We learned about the oldest building, why the church spire is crooked, and saw the original school for



After learning so much history of the town and eating our lunches, we enjoyed playing in Rock Park.

Lots of climbing, swinging and spinning!



Key Stage 2—Dance Festival



A group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a Dance Festival at Park School today.

The format of the festival involved Lion King themed workshops in the morning, led by Park School's dance specialist teacher and performances in the afternoon.

The children were helped with their choreography by GCSE dancers in Year 10/11.



Year 4—Tennis Festival—Tarka Tennis

The Year 4 children had an amazing morning at Tarka Tennis on Wednesday at the first tennis festival in a long time! All of the children were really excited as they moved around 9 stations, practising a range of tennis skills. Year 9 students from Park School were there to give them a helping hand. It was lovely to see two of OV's previous pupils! We were told that our children were polite and listened well - what great role models you all were!



Mr Quilter's and Mrs Oldfield's classes—Forest School Challenge

This week Mr Quilter's took Mrs Oldfield's class down to Forest School and set them a challenge.

Could they build a structure/ shelter that was strong, had a roof and was waterproof?



We had great fun testing the shelters by pouring buckets of water over them to see if they could withstand the 'rain'.



Miss Gulliford's class—Outdoor Learning



During outdoor learning, we used our scientific knowledge to make a skeleton.

We had to use all of the scientific names whilst making them. These included the cranium, mandible, patella and even the phalanges! I wonder if you can spot any of these bones on the skeletons in the pictures?

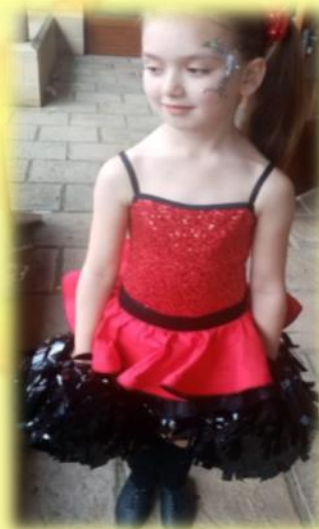


WOW MOMENT

On Sunday we had our first majorettes competition and she Charlotte performed fantastically having never competed before.

Her trainers and the troop are super proud of her and she is a total superstar.

Rowan
Barnstaple Town Majorettes
Vice secretary



Ruby, in Year 5

This is Ruby's homework: she designed a new welcome sign for Barnstaple.

Scholastics Book Fair

The book fair is finally here.

Friday, 11th March - 3.15pm to 3.45pm
Monday, 14th March - 3.15pm to 3.45pm
Tuesday, 15th March - 3.15pm to 3.45pm

The Book Fair has been moved to the Cabin next to the school playground.

Why not come along and browse the selection of books at the Scholastics Book Fair.

You are able to view a wider selection of books online now on:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>

All books will have to be ordered and should will be here by the end of next week.

PAYMENT (all books will be delivered next week)

Pay online by visiting - <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>



Type in—EX32 8QY.
Select — Orchard Vale and follow the prompts.
Follow normal online payment instructions.

Pay in cash (books will still need to be ordered for you).

Use the World Book Day Vouchers to take £1 off the cost of your order.

Order Form (Wish List)

Whether you pay online or in cash all orders MUST have a completed Wish List. This is the only record of the titles you have paid for.

Please hand your Wish Lists to Mrs Butler at the fair or at the school office.

For every book you buy the school will be given credit towards buying books for our classes.

Thank you in advance for your support.

School Diary Dates

Mon, 14th Mar	Scholastics Book Fair — 3.15pm—3.45pm
Tue, 15th Mar	Scholastics Book Fair —3.15pm—3.45pm
Wed, 16th Mar	KS1—Mrs Oldfield's class visit to Guildhall and tour of Barnstaple
Tue, 22nd Mar	Dental Survey—Selected children with parental consent
Thurs, 31st Mar	Y5/6 Boys football festival at Park School
Fri, 1st April	Ukraine School Appeal—Disaster Emergency Fund Wear blue and yellow
Mon, 4th April	Reception—Vision Survey (with parental consent)
Fri, 8th Apr	Easter celebrations (See page 12)
Mon, 11th to Fri, 22nd Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon, 2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
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, 26 May	Jubilee Celebration
Fri, 27th May	Non Pupil Day
Mon, 30th May to Fri, 3rd June	Half Term

Week commencing Monday, 14th March 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M	Breaded Fish & Wedges	Brunch, Sausage, Bacon & Scrambled Eggs	Roast Gammon	Beef Burger in a Bap	Mild Chicken Korma & Wholegrain Rice
V	Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry with Sunshine Rice	Vegetarian Brunch	Vegetarian Roast	Quorn Nuggets	Cauliflower Bites with BBQ Sauce & Wholegrain Rice
Sides	Peas & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Hash Brown	Roast Potatoes, Fresh Broccoli, Sliced Carrots & Gravy	Chips, Tomato Sauce, Peas & Sweetcorn	Carrots
JP	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
SPL	Egg Mayo Bap	Cheese Bap	Gammon Bap	Chicken Salad	Sausage Roll
D	Sticky Toffee Sponge & Custard	Fresh Fruit	Fruit Smoothie	Cookie	Flapjack

Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit & Bread will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request

Orchard Vale's

Easter celebrations

Thursday 7th April



This year's Easter competition will have a twist,
hidden in your entry we would like to see a heart,
alongside the normal Easter ideas.

Categories:

Easter Bonnets

Bake a cake, biscuits or fairy cakes



1st, 2nd and 3rd in each categories will win a prize

Nursery, Reception

Year 1/2

Year 3/4

Year 5/6



Bring your bonnets and cakes to the school hall on Thursday, 7th April.

Please label them with your name and class.

Entries will be judged in the morning and winners will be announced in assembly.

Easter Tuck Shop

Children can bring in 50p for a treat during break and lunch time.

All funds raised will be put towards our Defibrillator Fundraising project.