

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## 15th May 2020

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### PHASED REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

Many families will have heard the Prime Minister's address on Sunday, 11th May in which he stated that:

*"At the earliest by June 1 – after half term – we believe we may be in a position to begin the phased reopening of shops and to get primary pupils back into schools, in stages, beginning with reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Our ambition is that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays."*

Currently, Orchard Vale Community School will continue to offer places for vulnerable children and those of key workers.

We understand that many other parents will want to know more about when their children will return to school. Schools across the country will also have heard this news for the first time on Sunday and over the course of the next week or two, we will be reviewing the detailed guidance government has said it will provide. We will then take any action required to open the school to the year groups identified in a safe way.

When we are in a position to do so, we will provide information on our website, via email and in our newsletter so that parents will know exactly when the school will be able to once again offer a place for their children.

**In the meantime, it would be appreciated if parents could avoid contacting the school directly on this matter.**

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

### Return to school parent survey Parents of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils

We hope to be opening after half term for **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children only**.

Parents of these children have been sent an email/SMS with the link to an online survey. The survey is now open and will **close at 9am on Monday 18th May**.

**It is important that you complete this survey as soon as possible.** It only take a few minutes and can be completed on computers/laptops and mobile phones.

You can also click this link: [Return to school survey Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6](#)

### Short Term Funding for Devon residents



Help is available for Devon residents struggling with their finances as a result of the corona virus pandemic. Devon County Council has allocated one million pounds in grant funding to support people who need short-term emergency assistance to afford basic living essentials.

Contact North Devon Council who are responsible for considering application and administering grants.

[DCC Financial Support](#)

# Star of the Week

## Foundation Stage and Key Stage One

**Mrs Moore's nomination.** Jensen W comes into the sessions and sits quietly and gets on with all his tasks. He is a delight and makes the mornings go that little bit faster with his positive attitude.



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

Heidi has been doing lots of beautiful colouring and trying hard with her handwriting.

Lily BB has shown lots of effort and determination writing numbers and letters using the correct formation.



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

Rory has been working really hard at home, especially on his phonics.

Sofia J has completed some fantastic maths and reading at home.



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

Liam has worked hard at home and completed some fantastic phonics and maths activities. Well done Liam

Magda has completed some great work all week and has made an amazing ice cream number line. Well done Magda



**Mr Quilter's nomination**

Lilly has been using the Seesaw platform a little longer than her class and she is doing a marvellous job.

I have loved looking at her amazing work, especially her handwriting which I can see she is working hard on!

Keep smiling Lilly, you are a shining star!!!



**Mrs Oldfield's nomination**

Esmail has worked super hard to conquer the 2 times tables this week. With help from her mummy and some top tips she can now recite them with speed and ease.

I am very proud of you Esmail xx



**Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination**

Joseph has really impressed us with the way he has tackled his handwriting and the presentation of his work and he has made excellent progress. His maths is also amazing. He is tackling lots of different problems and is now making those connections and this is the sign of true mathematician. Well done Joseph, you are a Star!!!



# Star of the Week

## Key Stage Two



### Miss Gulliford's nomination

Shaila has been working her socks off this week! She has submitted great work with care and attention, is engaging so well with home learning now and is working extremely hard- I want her to enjoy her moment of shining brightly this week. Shaila is a credit to OV and to our class.

### Mrs Johnson's nomination

Elijah has been very consistent in uploading work from Seesaw, but it is more the quality of his work which I have chosen him for. His writing in particular is so expressive and descriptive - it has really impressed me. This week his ideas and thoughts about the characters in the Iron Man have been really thoughtful and he has used complex sentences to write them down. Well done Elijah!



### Mr Whapham's nomination

Coby has shown a real growth in maturity over the last few weeks while home learning. Coby initially found the idea of home learning a little tricky and it took him some time to get himself going! However, he has recently really focused on his work and now completes all daily tasks to a high standard. He also seems to be enjoying his learning which is a huge positive and I am super impressed with his change in mindset. Keep up the hard work Coby, your effort isn't going unnoticed! Well done! Mr W

### Miss Squire's nomination

William P has really impressed me by his hard work at home over this entire period, including cooking tea for his family this week. He is making great progress in all his learning and is continuing to develop all the skills he has worked hard for all year.



### Mrs Rana's/Mrs Lowrey's nominations

Kiaron has been working enthusiastically over the last few weeks to complete his online learning. He has had a go at almost all the activities and produced some excellent work. His rap was particularly memorable and his grammar is really improving. Well done, Kiaron!

### Mrs Harding's nomination

Lennox has persevered with his online learning even though he has found it tough at times. Well done for working hard and keep up the good work.



### Mr Lewis' nomination

Owen has put a lot of effort into the fantastic work he has put on Seesaw; his writing in particular, has been incredibly creative and thoroughly entertaining. Well done, Owen. Keep it up!



**Deadline for video entries**

**Friday, 22nd May**



## Calling all OV pupils!

Parents are the children getting a little bit bored of being at home?

Are they missing their friends from OV?

Would you be happy for them to take part in a video project that can be seen by their friends on Seesaw and Tapestry? These are the online learning platforms teachers are using to set home learning tasks on and can only be seen by the children and their parents when they login.

If so, let's do something amazing together and do what we do best at OV!

We hope you enjoyed the staff lockdown video which we shared on Seesaw and Tapestry. We thought it would be a great idea to put together a similar film for the children made by them.

**IMPORTANT - Parents please be aware that in sending a video clip for this project, we will automatically assume parental consent is given to put the video on Seesaw and Tapestry for the children and possibly on the Friends of Orchard Vale Facebook page.**

**Should we receive hundreds of entries, we will try to include as many of them as possible.**

### What is the song?

The song we have chosen is "Just Sing" from the new Trolls movie. Here is a link to the song: [\*\*Just Sing - YouTube\*\*](#)

**A copy of the lyrics will be attached to the newsletter.** Please enjoy listening to the song and try to learn it!

### What we need from you...

You can send any of the following:

- A video of you singing a verse of the song (see lyrics for key stage allocation).
- A video of you singing a solo section.
- A video of you singing the chorus.
- A video of you playing a musical instrument.
- A video of you dancing (like the staff video – you can be silly or in costume – as long as it is appropriate).
- A video of you clapping or doing a beatbox (or body rhythm).

The film clips should be short.

If you choose to sing, please look at the lyrics and sing the verse for your year groups or the chorus – that way the clip will be small enough to email.

Parents you can record your child on a mobile phone camera, an iPad or any other device.

Email the video clip to the school address [orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk).

Please mark clearly in the subject box the following: **Just Sing project (KS...)** (insert the Key Stage your child is in eg Foundation, Key Stage One or Key Stage Two)

If you have more than 1 child at home – they could sing or dance together. Why not try some harmonies with your sisters/brothers (if the Mums and Dads can bear it...!)

Listen to the song as much as you can, practise as much as you can... then just go for it!! Be brave, be confident.

At OV we are proud of our singers, dancers and those of us who are just individuals with great personalities – let's celebrate our uniqueness and be proud! All the staff members who took part in our video really enjoyed it – now it's the children's turn! Don't be shy!

We are happy to accept different ideas – so if you want to freestyle a rap section or play a bongo drum solo – feel free!

Mrs Lowrey will edit the song together over the next couple of weeks

## 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.

### Active Learning Moving to the Verb

**How to Play:**

- Choose your favourite story book. You can read this by yourself, with a sibling or a parent/carer.
- Every time you read a verb, perform the action together e.g. the dragon **flew** through the sky. How creative can you be with your movements?
- Challenge yourself to find the adverbs too and consider how you move e.g. the dragon flew **softly** through the sky.
- Can you make up some imaginative sentences and actions of your own?

**Key Vocabulary**

**Verb**  
A doing action or feeling word

**Adverb**  
Describes actions other descriptive words

**fast**  
**rolled**  
**softly** **skipped**

**Reading**  
Do not be afraid to ask if you need help reading the words.

**Gold Star**  
Create your own sentences and perform the actions

**Silver Star**  
Recognise verbs and adverbs

**Bronze Star**  
Recognise verbs

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### 60 Second Challenge Squat Jumps

**The Physical Challenge**

How many squat jumps can you perform in 60 seconds?

Stand behind a line and jump forwards, perform a squat and repeat.

**#StayHomeStayActive**

**Equipment**

Just yourself and enough space on the floor!

Why not compete against a family member?

**Achieve Gold**  
30 Squat Jumps

**Achieve Silver**  
20 Squat Jumps

**Achieve Bronze**  
10 Squat Jumps

Can you be honest when counting your score?

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## 10 MINUTE CARDIO CIRCUIT

Do each exercise for 30s.  
Rest 30s after 4 exercises.  
Repeat 2 times.

- JUMPING JACKS**
- SQUAT JUMPS**
- MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS**
- BUTT KICKS**
- BURPEES**
- WALL SIT**
- HIGH KNEES**
- PLANK JACKS**

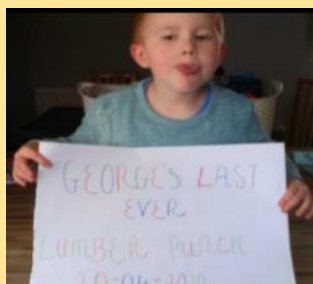
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Congratulations to George who has celebrated his final lumbar puncture in his treatment for Leukaemia.

Over the past 3 years George has received a Bead of Courage to record every hospital trip and treatment on his courageous journey. Wow what a lot of beads.

What a very brave young man!



Arlo did some sewing to make a web and then drew a spider.



Mikey performed a show of The very Bad Tempered Ladybird.



Olivia and Heidi making a super Woodland and a butterfly.



Hollie made a monster.



Ellie's fantastic shape pizza.



Magda made an ice cream number line



Martha and Will explored a river, finding pond skaters and a dam



Freddie and Jorja helping build a pond



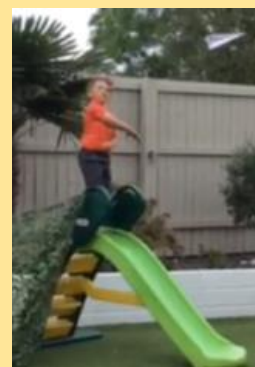
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The children have made sunflower pots this week.



VE Day celebrations for children of critical care workers who made some scrummy carrot scones.



Mahi

Ryder

Rhys

Bibi

Vinny

Ryder won his class paper airplane competition. Although Mr Quilter was very impressed with Vinny gaining an advantage by throwing from the top of the slide.



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Ethan made a Victoria sponge for VE Day



Naima cooking for the VE Day celebrations.



Ruby and her family celebrated VE day.



Grace making some noise for the NHS.



Ria's 2nd Blue Peter Badge for a drawing competition.



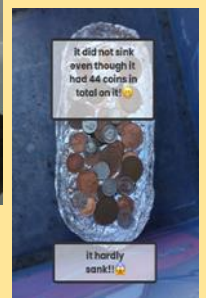
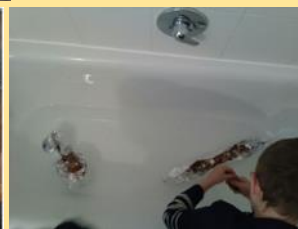
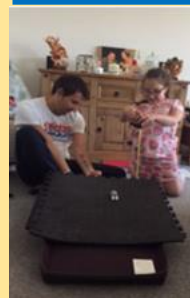
George camped out for the Scouting world record big camp. 84,000 took part in 67 countries.

For National Vegetarian Week some children have created vegetarian meals and drinks.

Michael made a delicious carrot biryani.  
Naima cooked a vegetable soup.  
Gracie made a smoothie.

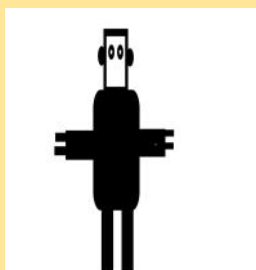


In science and DT this term we are learning about forces. The children made tin foil boats to test water resistance, paper aeroplanes to test air resistance, and rolling toy cars on different surfaces to test friction.



As part of our 'Robots' topic this term, we have been learning about Japan and have been reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

Here is what Heidi, Kaito and Mya think the Iron Man looks like.



Chloe-Rose made a kimono shaped book with information about Japan.

Ruby found out about Shibuya Ohara Matsuri, a dance festival, which takes place each year in May.





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Year 5 and 6 have been drawing maps to show the climate of South America.



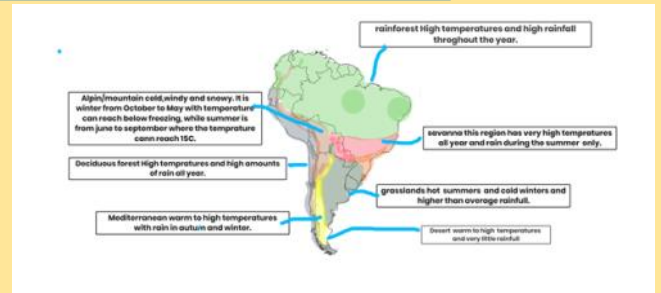
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Freya



Ewan



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Alyssa



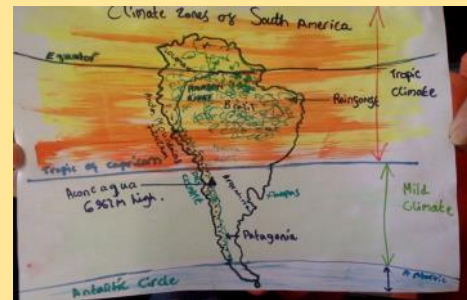
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Violet



Will J



Noah



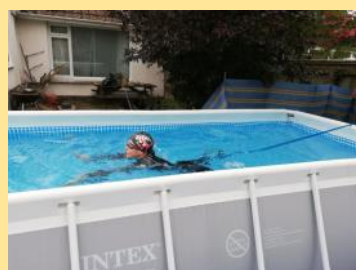
Alex G's hotpot



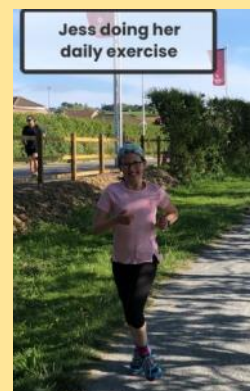
Will P's sausage casserole



Annalise is keeping up with her running.



Riley training in his pool



Jessica's daily jog



## Why not help to break a world record drawing with Rob

We are in lockdown.

Being stuck at home is tough, especially for parents who work, care for and educate kids full time.

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**At 4pm to 4.30pm**

World Book Day author and illustrator, **Rob Biddulph**, will unite people around the world in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record title for the largest online art lesson ever. You will be able to create art and donate to fight against Covid-1.

Click here [for full information about the record attempt and fund raising](#)

Click here to [Register for world's largest online art lesson](#)

We'll be making history while reinforcing the message #StayAtHome.



### Colouring Competition

To promote the importance of conserving water for the environment and future generations South West Water have launched a colouring competition for children aged 7 – 11.

Are you water smart and know how to save water?

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**£50 shopping voucher for your family and £500 for your school.**

#### 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> Prizes

**£25 shopping vouchers and £250 for your school**

A copy of the colouring sheet is attached to this newsletter.

Entries can be submitted by clicking the link below

[SW Water competition entries](#)

Or

Email your completed sheet to [myuse@southwestwater.co.uk](mailto:myuse@southwestwater.co.uk)

**Closing date 25th May 2020**

**Top Tip Tap!!!**



## Boots pharmacies offering safe spaces for victims of domestic abuse

[Boots chemists are offering safe spaces](#) within their pharmacies for victims of domestic abuse.



Anyone needing help can ask staff at the counter to use the consultation room, where they will be able to contact local services for help and advice. It's been launched by charity, Hestia, following an increase in calls to domestic violence helplines, since lockdown.

Devon's regional domestic violence and abuse support charity, Splitz, saw a 62 per cent rise in the number of reports to them during April.

If you need help, call Victim Support on 0300 303 0554. Lines are open 12pm-6pm Monday to Friday.

If you need support outside of these times, call Support Line for free on 08 08 16 89 111. You can now also access Victim Support's free live chat for 24/7 support.

**In an emergency always call 999.**

## World Wildlife Fund

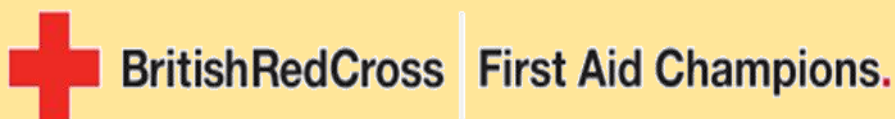
### Educational activities to enjoy from home



The WWF are providing engaging ways for you to connect with nature and learn more about our amazing planet. Their themed weeks include live events via their dedicated Facebook group, an opportunity to participate in fun and insightful webinars with WWF experts, and links to their popular educational materials. If you have missed some you can revisit and access all contents as and when you need to.

From Monday, 18th May they will be focussing on Biodiversity. They will be investigating how biodiversity supports everything in nature that we need to survive.

[Learn to Love Nature—Biodiversity](#)



Through First Aid Champions children will meet six characters as they use their first aid skills to help others. You can watch films and take part in activities to learn and practise first aid skills.

You will also learn about kindness, how to cope and keep calm, and how to keep yourself safe. Followed by tips on sharing what you have learned with others. Now learn about the British Red Cross and meet the characters by clicking the link below.



[First Aid Champions—Primary](#)

