

On Wednesday, 28 of our year 3 children represented us at Park School in the annual multi skills activity festival. We took part in a range of football and netball skill games which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Everyone behaved and performed fantastically, taking part in each activity enthusiastically and demonstrating some great ball skills.

Those children who stayed in school on Wednesday had an amazing morning at forest school, honing their building skills and designing inventions for a Stone Age person to make their life a little easier.

What a great week of learning! In maths, we have continued our work on fractions, adding and subtracting them. In literacy, we have been writing instructions and unpicking the features. In topic work, we have looked at the evolution of humans over time and compared how we have changed to suit our environment.

Spellings and Homework

The children will bring home their spellings to learn for next Friday's test. The homework task sheet is linked to the features of sub-headings.

Please encourage the children to log on to the maths website to help support their times tables
www.mathstest.org.

School Photos - Thursday, 18th October

The Tempest photographer will be visiting us on Thursday. From 8am - if you wish to have a family group photo which includes siblings who are not at Orchard Vale please come to the school hall between 8am to 9am. Photos will be taken on a first come first served basis. Photos of siblings who attend Orchard Vale, individual and class photos will be taken during the school day. You should receive proofs of sibling and family photos on the day. The individual and class photos will be sent home at a later date. We understand orders should be received before Christmas.

Fri, 19th October - This is a Non Pupil Day.

School Council Bonfire Night - Friday, 2nd November

The School Council are organising a bonfire night treat in the forest school area and school field. If you would like to book a ticket please come along to the Key Stage 2 Library area on a Tuesday or Thursday between 8.30am and 9am or visit the school office.

Parent/Pupil/Teacher interviews - 6th and 7th November

Thank you for returning your slips requesting a time slot with us for the Parent/Pupil/Teacher interviews. If you have not done so already, please return these by Thursday, 18th October. We will be sending home slips confirming your interview time on Wednesday, 31st October.

Annual nasal Flu vaccinations - Reception to Year 5

If you would like your child to receive the annual nasal Flu vaccination on Monday, 26th November you should complete the electronic parent consent using the link below. The extended deadline for submission is now **Friday, 12th October.**

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/?h=1e83282cf290d7365757669da20537a3dbedf16b237f369c5324adf0c59103fe>

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week One'.

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

Mon, 22nd to Fri, 26th October - Half Term

Mon, 29th October - Back to school.

Thur, 1st Nov - Bike to school

Fri, 2nd Nov - Non-Uniform day - School Council

Have a great weekend.

Miss Gulliford

Mrs Johnson

Mrs Benn

Mr Whapham