

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parent/Carer

I must say a huge thank you to everyone for sticking with us getting Teams up and running. I know it has been a huge effort for staff, children and parents. We are still learning the different things it allows us to do and Microsoft are updating it daily and so we are continually having to learn new ways of working. I know there has been a few technical difficulties with uploading work or seeing work and this has been very frustrating, so again I thank you for your patience and understanding in sorting this out.

We had such an eventful start to the term getting to grips with new ways of working. The children have been working so hard both at home and in school and have had a great few weeks showing such enthusiasm and engagement in their lessons and activities.

As half term approaches I am beginning to see the tiredness creeping in and enthusiasm fading and I think we are all ready for a week off! I know there has been moments this week where my own children have been in tears or reluctant to do anything. Please don't feel like you are struggling alone. If your child is showing signs of flagging with their home learning this week then please be kind to them and yourselves and stop the lesson and find something else to do. You could go for a walk, do a puzzle, dance to music or just snuggling up on the sofa and watch a family film. From a school's perspective we do not want to put additional stress on children or you and some quality learning in the day is better than none.



We will be encouraging teachers to explore a variation in curriculum task in order to support tiring children next week. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call in or send a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher

Sarah Felgate is our Pastoral Teaching Assistant and is available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—9am to 3.15pm to offer emotional support/advice to our parents and children during Lockdown 3.0.



Hello you lovely people!

OV WEEKEND TEAMS CLUB

Firstly, I hope you are all OK and want to say I miss you, a lot.

Also thank you to all the birders out there who did the Big Garden Bird Watch. Shame it was so rainy. My sister saw a woodpecker in her garden and I saw a family of long tailed tits in mine, what about that?! We are busy making some more nest boxes. These are for robins, so if you want one, get going with the RSPB worksheets guys, and remember to post on the OV Weekend Club team page.

Here are some indoor and outdoor ideas for the weekend, hope you like them.

Indoors—[Place2Be Art Room Paper Links Project](#) This is good for up to 6 years old. You don't need much stuff – it's not messy. If you're a fab older brother or sister maybe you could help a little one?

Tip: Grownups LOVE it when children are kind and helpful.

[FINAL Calm Project- Main Pack \(place2be.org.uk\)](#) This is good for KS2 but all ages could do it with support. LOADS of good activities that will help you deal with any worries especially. Good to do together - we all have worries.

Outdoors - [Lockdown activities for kids in winter - Woodland Trust](#) I love the Woodland Trust site, it's got so many great ideas plus.....there are no adverts! Enjoy.

Have a happy weekend. Love from **Miss F** 😊



Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's

Harvey for good settling in and doing some super talking with his peers.

Seb for good settling in and joining in with learning time.

Miss Cawthorne's nomination

Albie for working hard and having a fantastic first week back.

Henry for all of his amazing work at home.



Miss Boundy's nominations

Mila has done amazing home learning this week. Her writing and phonics has been fantastic! Well done Mila

Mr Quilter's nomination

Malaki is consistently working hard! He attends all live lessons and is always chatty. He is a lovely boy and a deserving star of the week. Well-done 'Lemon'.

Lily-Mae is a very kind and considerate friend. She is great fun and well liked by everyone. Lily is wonderful learner; great job 'Lovely Lil'.



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

In school - Magda is one of the quieter members of our class, but since lockdown and being in a smaller group she has really blossomed in confidence. Because of this new found confidence and self-belief we are seeing all the amazing things she can do. She is flying through her tricky words now and both myself and Miss Freeman are so proud of her. Keep it up, well done Magda

Home learner - Toby is the perfect little gentleman. He is always hard working, kind and very polite. This week I have been especially impressed with him for knowing when to ask for help. Toby usually finds maths OK but this week he was stumped with some of the work set, but rather than giving up he asked for help. He has also drawn me the most amazing seahorse picture. Well done Toby

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Madison spends part of the week in school and part of the week at home. Wherever she is Madison is doing her best. She is always in the online teaching sessions and then completes all the tasks asked of her. She is working very hard at the moment and it is lovely to see. Well done Madison you are our Shining Star of the Week.





Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination



This week the learning superstar goes to Vinny. He has shown just how amazing he is as a home learner. He is online every single session and eager to learn with resources at the ready and a huge smile to start every day. He actively contributes to every lesson and submits work that is fit for a roman emperor! Vinny shines with positivity and he is a considerate member of remote learning, knowing how to be respectful and mindful of other learners. I am exceptionally proud of how hard Vinny is working and his work ethic radiates through him. You are a wonderful learner and true deserver of star of the week.

Mrs Johnson's nomination

In class - we have chosen someone who has worked really hard this week. She's been really positive and has been lovely on the playground. She has also been brilliant at noting down the dojo's for the home learners! Our in class star of the week is Larisa! Well done Larisa!

Home learners - we have chosen someone who has had amazing engagement with online learning. This child has shown wonderful participation in the live lessons and has excelled in his maths work! Our home learner star this week is Thomas! Well done Thomas!



Mr Whapham's nomination



Jorja has been awarded star of the week for her consistent commitment to attending and participating within all online live lessons. She has also been completing PE tasks and uploading videos and pictures showing her participation. Mum and dad have kindly supported Jorja by marking her work and she has taken into consideration their advice and completed work to a high standard. She is a student who is consistently participating and thriving throughout her online learning journey.

Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

My star of the week is Coral. She manages the transitions between school and home so well. She takes part in live and school lessons, answering questions and listening carefully to others, whilst also really excelling in the independent parts of her lessons. Coral ask questions as well and re-joins calls when she needs further helps or to clarify ideas. Coral has taken part in and completed all of her learning which is really incredible. Her moon colony creation, using different rooms in her house was really inventive. Well done, Coral!



Mrs Harding's nominations



Kai has been working very hard on his reading and writing this half term. He has learned to spell lots of his key words and is working hard on reading as much as he can at school and at home. Kai has produced some excellent work in art this week focusing on pattern and colour and the work of Mondrian and Caulfield. Kai has also been working on his playtime skills and managing how to organise games, share equipment and negotiate rules with friends. We are very proud of you Kai. Keep up the great work, Mrs Harding, Mrs Knight and Miss Passmore.

Mrs Rana's/Mr Boul't's nomination

Coby has been fantastic at completing all his work in every lesson, being a wonderfully active member of each subject, answering questions and sharing his answers. He is really showing great progress, and even shared a slightly sad story of a bird and a cat whilst he was out birdwatching - nature at its finest!! Well done Coby!!



Miss Squire's nomination



My star this week is Milius - he always has a great attitude to learning, is a good friend to all and just makes us smile! He is resilient and responsible, and just a fantastic member of our class. Throughout this term, he has continued to work hard and his progress is continual. Well done Milius, keep up the good work!

Years 5 and 6—Tri-Reading Tournament



The children in Years 5 and 6 are taking part in a Tri-Reading Tournament.

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 25, 50...nights of reading at home:

Mrs Harding's class 100 nights—Tyler



Mr Ovey's PE Champions

Mr Ovey has been impressed with everyone positive attitude to PE this week.

Well done to the PE Champions from Key Stages 1 and 2.

Year 1/2—Kornel - for always giving 100% in PE and trying his best

Year 3/4 - Ashton for excellent dance moves and overall brilliant PE

Year 5/6 - Lewis for really getting stuck in and giving it his best in football



COVID19 School Absence

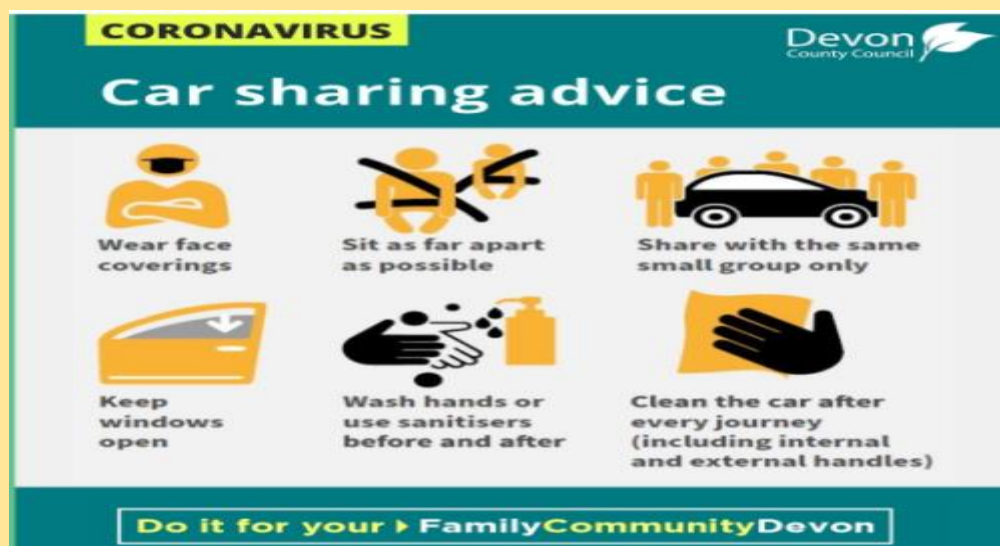
The national lockdown restrictions are helping bring coronavirus transmission back under control.

Devon County Council have created some useful resources to help you identify the symptoms of coronavirus compared to a cold or seasonal flu and what action you need to take if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of coronavirus. [You can find them on our website.](#)

It's extremely important that [anyone with coronavirus symptoms stays at home and gets tested](#) to avoid the risk of spreading the virus to others, including the more vulnerable in our communities.

That means if your child, or anyone in your household, has any of the symptoms of coronavirus, no matter how mild, you must keep your child off school and self-isolate your whole household while the person with symptoms gets tested and waits for the results. Just the person with symptoms needs to get tested. If you don't have symptoms, you don't need to get tested unless you are asked to by a health professional, but you do need to self-isolate until your household member gets their results.

REMEMBER to call the school office to advise us your child is self isolating and again once you have the results of the Covid 19 test.



CHANGES TO LUNCH MENU WITH EFFECT MONDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY

Please note that with effect from **Monday, 8th February** the school menu has changed.

Jacket potatoes will only be an option on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

School packed lunches have changed on Wednesday and Thursday.

Menu for the week commencing 8th February

Week 2

Jan 11th, 25th Feb 8th, Mar 1st, 15th, 29th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JP- Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	M - Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes, carrots and peas	M – Roast chicken, potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	M – Hotdog, potato wedges and peas	M – Breaded fish with French fries and peas
	JP – Jacket potato Tuna/cheese/tuna		JP – Jacket potato Tuna/cheese/tuna	V – Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas
SPL - Sausage roll	SPL – Cheese sandwich	SPL - Sausage roll or Cheese & Onion pasty	SPL –Cheese roll	SPL –Ham sandwich
D – Fresh fruit	D – Banana cake	D – Fruit smoothie	D – Apple cake	D – Rice Krispy cake

Yoghurts and fresh fruit will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request

Government Free School Meals Voucher Scheme



Over the weekend you should receive Edenred e-codes to redeem against supermarket vouchers up to the value of £15 per child per week for any children entitled to benefit related Free School Meals that have not attended school. The e-codes issued today are to cover this week just gone and next week.

For half term Devon County Council will be providing a voucher code to cover that week for all eligible children. A voucher code will be emailed to you during next week which you can use to collect vouchers through the Black Hawk's Select website using the same method you would have used for the vouchers received to cover the Christmas Holidays. There will be a letter attached to the email from Devon County Council with further information.

Please make sure you check your emails including your junk box, so you do not miss these voucher codes.

Please see next page regarding **Devon County Council's Free School Meals holiday voucher scheme**.

Devon County Council's Free School Meals holiday voucher scheme

About the scheme

Devon County Council is supporting families of children who currently receive free school meals during term time with supermarket vouchers to help buy food during the holidays.

The unique voucher code we've sent you can be used to get vouchers to the value of £15 for Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Aldi, M&S Food and Waitrose.

Please use the vouchers to purchase food over the holidays to replace the meals your child would have received at school during the day.

If you have more than one child entitled to free school meals, you should receive a unique code for each child, as the holiday vouchers are issued separately.

Getting the vouchers

Devon County Council has partnered with an organisation called Black Hawk Network to help us distribute these vouchers as quickly as possible via their 'Select' website because they have many years' experience of managing voucher schemes like this and are working with several other local authorities too.

- To get your vouchers you will need to visit a website called 'Select' (www.select-your-reward.co.uk) and input your unique code.
- You will then be able to choose your preferred supermarket and add your vouchers to your basket.
- Please then checkout of the 'Select' website by providing an email address for them to send you your chosen supermarket vouchers electronically. There is no option to receive physical vouchers by post.
- Once you have received the vouchers to your email inbox, you can save them to your phone or tablet to use online (depending on the supermarket) or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively, you can print the vouchers off to give to the cashier.

What if I need some help?

If you are struggling to get your vouchers because you don't have access to the internet or a mobile device to receive and store the vouchers on, and don't have any friends or family to help, please contact Devon County Council's education helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Arrangements are in place to support you if you cannot shop, either in store or online, at one of the supermarkets where the vouchers can be spent. Again, please call Devon County Council's education helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Further information

If your child has siblings attending school in a neighbouring authority (for example Plymouth or Torbay) who are also receiving free school meals, the local authority their school is located within will have arrangements to support them over the holidays.

If you received a voucher code for the Christmas holidays and haven't used it to get your supermarket vouchers via Black Hawk's 'Select' website yet, please do so by Sunday 24 February before it expires.

If your child was eligible for free school meals last term but you didn't receive a voucher code for the Christmas holidays, please call Devon County Council's education helpline on 0345 155 1019.

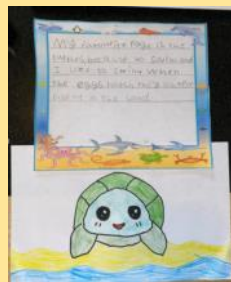
More detailed information about the free school meals holiday voucher scheme, including how to use them and what to do if there's a problem, is available on Devon County Council's website. Please visit www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/free-school-meals-holiday-voucher-scheme.

There are also some useful FAQs on the Select website along with contact details for any technical support if you have a problem using the codes and accessing your vouchers. Please visit www.select-your-reward.co.uk. If you're experiencing severe financial hardship, support is available. Please visit www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families for information about how to access local financial support, where to find foodbanks and community larders and what to do if you're on a low income and need to self-isolate.

Finally, if you have received this message in error, please let us know by calling 0345 155 1019 or emailing freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk so we can make sure this vital support gets to the right family.



Jamie L's under the sea creature



Lexi Pa



Dexter and Lilly G try to show the water moving and the wind blowing.



Under the Sea are by Mr Quilter's Critical Worker children



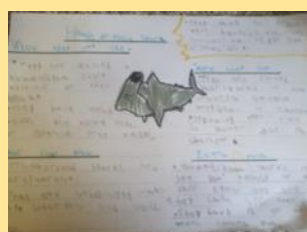
Bella's under the sea art



Olivia T's super shoe box aquarium



Hoops made an under water scene.

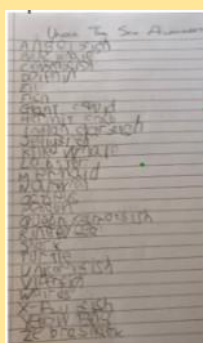


Francis was inspired and created a fact file about hammerhead sharks

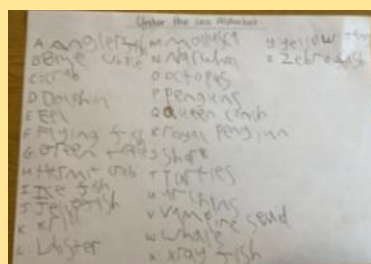


Mr Quilter and Jenson having a bake off

Here are some fabulous under the sea alphabets.



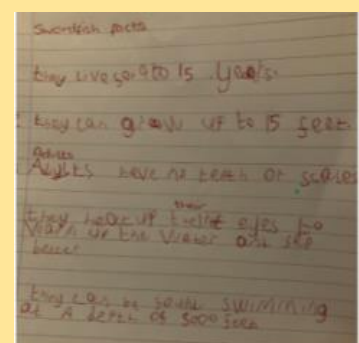
Jenson



Malaki



Spencer



Noah wrote about a sword fish



Olivia has been exploring floating and sinking.



What did you see?
How many birds of the same kind did you see at the same time?

 House sparrow 1 box	 Blackbird 1 box
 Blue tit 1 box	 Robin 1 box
 Starling 1 box	 Chaffinch 1 box
 Woodpigeon 1 box	 Magpie 1 box

Orchard Vale have signed up to the RSPB Wild Challenge Award scheme. This weekend children have been taking part in the Big Schools' Bird Count and recording this on Orchard Vale Weekend Club Teams

Here are some photos of Mr Boul't's and Mrs Lavictoire's class during their forest school session, spotting different birds - a task everyone at home completed really well as well.



Here are some lovely pieces of artwork the children have been working on with Miss Squire and Mrs Tollafield



Miss Gulliford's class took part in den building this week for Forest School, both indoors and out. Those children at home created dens for a fairy/pixie on their daily walk or a den at home.



Lara and her brother Owen during their daily walk



Mahi is reading to his little sister in their den



Kaleb



Charlotte

OV Weekend Club

Well done to those of you who have already taken part in the OV Weekend Club. We are keeping a record of the completed activities.

Why not join us? Everyone is invited to be part of this new Team, which you will find when you log into your Teams page.

You will find lots of activities that you will be able to take part in, from simple things as colouring to bigger projects like making a life sized paper Peregrine!

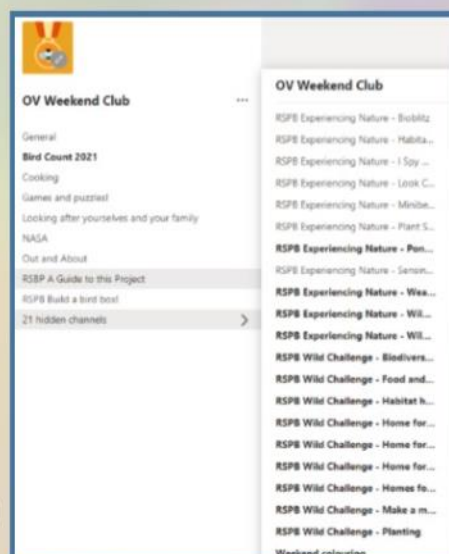
Simply upload a photograph or sample of the activity to the page that you have participated in! Why not see how many activities you can complete.

To win a special OV Badge you need to engage in 5 different activities over the coming weekends. Once you have completed an activity post it back onto teams where we will keep a note of your individual achievements.

Please remember all activities undertaken should be done within Covid regulations. If you need to be outside this should be a part of your daily exercise.

New links will be added as the weeks go on – watch this space!

Alongside the activities we are posting is the 'RSPB Wild Challenge Award Scheme'.



What makes up your Wild Challenge is up to you.

There are a range of fun activities to choose from and bronze, silver and gold awards to achieve depending on how many you complete.

The activities are divided into two sections:

Help Nature - making our gardens brilliant homes for nature and our outdoor spaces wonderfully wildlife -friendly!

Experience Nature - getting up close and personal with wildlife and exploring the world of amazing nature right under our noses!

You must complete three activities from each section to earn each level of the award. Feel free to repeat an activity as many times as you like, as you're sure to discover something new each time. But please note that repeat activities will not count towards your Challenge total, even if you do it differently.



Bronze award: you need to complete six activities, three from Help Nature and three from Experience Nature.



Silver award: you need to complete six further activities, another three from Help Nature and another three from Experience Nature (making a total of 12 activities completed).



Gold award: you need to complete another six activities, again three more from Help Nature and three more from Experience Nature (making a total of 18 activities completed).

In order to complete each activity and move a step closer to getting your award, you need to submit some confirmation to show that you've done it. This could be a photo, a drawing, a video, even a piece of writing, showing or describing your adventure.

Once you've completed each award level, you will receive an exclusive Wild Challenge award certificate and sticker sheet as a little thank you from nature!

That's it. Your challenge awaits!

2021 Schools' Big Bird Count



Congratulations to the following children.

Well done and thank you for taking part in the bird count.

Our winners will be receiving a bird box handmade by Miss Felgate.

Lily-Mae	Mr Quilter's Class
Ryder	Miss Gulliford's Class
Martha	Miss Johnson's Class
Ruby & George	Miss Gulliford's Class and Nursery
Isla	Mrs Lavictoire's Class
Lauren	Mr Whapham's Class
Florence	Mrs Lavictoire's Class
Jorja & Freddie	Mr Whapham and Mrs Johnson's Classes

The bird count will count towards your RSPB award.

Mrs Manley or Miss Felgate will be in contact to make arrangements.

Walk to the Moon Challenge

Edukid and Orchard Vale school's partnership

To re-energise our daily mile efforts and to encourage the children to become global citizens we have started a partnership with the local charity Edukid. It will help us focus on health and well-being, exercise and boosting morale, whilst raising money for children living in poverty. Teachers will be putting the information onto their class Teams channels in the next week or so. We will aim for the children to run/walk:

Reception—2 laps per day of the playground (1½ mile per week) or 4 laps per day would mean a mile a week.

Key Stage 1 —½ a mile per day (2½ miles per week) OR 1 mile per day (5 miles per week)

Ayaa Lakica Elizabeth



We asked the students a number of questions and their answers were lovely!

"Hello my name is Elizabeth, I go to Koch Goma Primary school and I am in class Primary 1. My favourite subject is social studies.
When I am older I would like to be a doctor so I can treat sick people.
I love to play dodge ball with my best friends Daphine and Mercy.
My favourite thing to happen this year is that I had a wonderful birthday with my Mum!
I want to say to my supporters, thank you so much for supporting me in school, may God bless you!"

Key Stage 2— 1 mile per day (5 miles per week)

(For children at home it would be great if you could find an equivalent route to run/walk)

We will be sponsoring

Elizabeth and Daniel in Uganda.

Our annual fundraising target is £720.

Without our fundraising, they would not be able to continue going to school.

If you would like to help with our fundraising you can pay online directly to OV's WALK TO THE MOON Just Giving page,

Olara Daniel



We asked the students a number of questions and their answers were lovely!

"Hello my name is Daniel, I go to Koch Goma Primary school and I am in class Primary 4. My favourite subject is mathematics.
When I am older I would like to be a pilot so I could travel the world.
I love to play football with my friend Geoffrey.
My favourite thing to happen this year is that I was able to stay in school and learn!
I want to say to my supporters, thank you so much for your help, I am very grateful!"

About Edukid

Edukid is a UK registered charity that helps to remove the barriers to education faced by children living in chronic poverty. Edukid believes all children have the right to attend school and that education is a long-term solution to enabling communities to break out of their cycle of poverty.

Since 2003 Edukid has been a platform for hope, equal rights, opportunity and inclusive education. We currently support over 3000 children living in poverty in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and South America. Edukid avoids imposing 'western ideals' by partnering with local people and organisations, who live and work closely with the communities we support. This helps us to develop projects born out of their deeper cultural understanding of what is needed and likely to be effective.

Edukid have three main goals:

- To provide education to children who live in chronic poverty. We support students from primary school all the way up to university and vocational training.
- To break down the barriers to education that these children face. This is done by working with local communities to find sustainable models of addressing the issues children face.
- To educate and empower UK students to explore their roles as Global Citizens.

Edukid and Orchard Vale school's Partnership

Education is Edukid's core focus as a charity and so their mission in the UK is to educate, empower and inspire students by opening up their learning on a global scale. Edukid run a Global Citizenship Programme in schools all over the UK designed to do just this, opening up conversations about poverty, culture, community, global issues and the importance of compassion and citizenship.

We partner with schools who are passionate about promoting, exploring and exercising their roles as global citizens, broadening their pupils understanding of the world, and providing staff and students with the opportunities to make a difference.

Orchard Vale and Edukid have just formed a partnership meaning that when safe to do so, Edukid staff members will be visiting Orchard Vale school in order to deliver assemblies, lessons and workshops. Teachers at Orchard Vale can also access a library of educational resources written by Edukid that relates a series of topics and global issues to real life stories and case studies from our international projects.

In order for students to be able to respond to the issues they learn about, Orchard Vale school is supporting the education of Elizabeth and Daniel in Uganda. Details about them will follow.

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WALK TO THE MOON **EDUKID**
Education for a brighter future

1 Mile a day for a term....
Edukid invites all of our partner schools across the UK to take part in our **biggest challenge yet**.

We are proposing the seemingly impossible task of walking **238,900** miles; the distance from the earth to the moon. All proceeds from our school will go to the children you support through Edukid.

Linking students all over the country, we plan to demonstrate **that the impossible can be possible - by working together.**

Just one class of 30 students walked 1 mile a school day for one term then that's over 100 miles. Imagine how many miles you did contribute if other year groups or on the entire school joined in!

How will it work?

- Each student in your bubble, class or even school walks a mile a day for a term
- Students find sponsors for their challenge and then all event proceeds will go towards the education of your school's supported children.
- At the end of the term each school submits the overall number of miles walked.

EDUKID
Education for a brighter future

This event will...

- Continue to educate and empower your students in Global Citizenship and help them develop as an individual, even in the midst of a pandemic
- Encourage a sense of community within your school
- Improve fitness, wellbeing and fight obesity
- Raise money for children living in poverty
- Be suitable within classrooms, bubbles and even at home!

Let's walk to the moon!

Edukid have sponsor forms, calendars, pedometers, wristbands and T-shirts available to students taking part in the fundraising event.



Rotary YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST COMPETITION

AGES 7-17



Calling all young eco-champions

Are you passionate about the planet? Do you have what it takes to create ingenious ways to tackle environmental issues? Then take part in the annual Rotary Young Environmentalist competition.

To enter please contact Andrea Rowe at rcriveron1175@gmail.com. You will be sent an entry form and information pack.

Rotary YOUNG FILMMAKER COMPETITION

AGES 7-17



Calling all young filmmakers

Write, edit and direct your very own short film to transport viewers and stir their emotions as part of the annual Rotary Young Filmmaker competition.
Lights, camera, action!

To nominate, contact: Andrea.Rowe.rcriveron1175@gmail.com

Rotary Club: Tiverton

Download the competition information pack at: rotarygb.org

Rotary
Great Britain & Ireland

Calling all young eco champions and young filmmakers

Are you passionate about the planet?
Can you find ingenious ways to tackle carbon reduction?

Then take part in our Rotary Young Environmentalist Competition and pit your skills against the best across Devon, Cornwall and Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Or perhaps you are a budding Film Director?
Can you write, edit and direct your own short film which transports viewers and stirs emotions?

Then take part in our Rotary Young Filmmaker Competition and pit your skills against the best across Devon, Cornwall and Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Entry is free. There are 3 age groups - 7-10, 11-13 and 14-17 and the closing date is March 26th 2021

Want to find out more?

Get an entry form and information pack by Email: rcriveron1175@gmail.com



COMPETITION TIME!

Win yourself a fantastic dryrobe® Advance by taking part in our 'Cleanse and Clean' action campaign

Here is how to enter:

1. Go out for a cleansing activity as part of your daily exercise. e.g. a walk, cycle, surf or just a run in the rain!
2. Follow up that activity by giving back to nature with a clean.
3. Send photographic evidence of your clean, the location, your name and the name of your school to: plasticfreenorthdevon@gmail.com to enter the draw.

Closing date is 22nd February 2021

EACH ACTION SENT IN = 1 ENTRY INTO THE DRAW!

If you have access to social media share you action with us by tagging [@plasticfreenorthdevon](#) and [@dryrobe](#) and use the [#cleanseandclean](#)



Devon Libraries Online Services

If you are unable to access our online resources and need to borrow physical books, Barnstaple Library is open for Choose & Collect. This service is currently strictly by appointment to make sure everyone stays safe. Again, we have boosted our collections of children's Beginner Reads to support those children learning to read, and we have also increased our non-fiction collections in some libraries to support some popular topics from the school curriculum.

We have lots of resources for families which will be helpful to support home schooling. We have an extensive selection of information books for children along with junior fiction. We have preselected goodie bags of board and picture books which can also be collected by appointment.

Library membership can be obtained online via this link [Devon Libraries](https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/) and this will enable you immediate access to the services we offer.

These services are all delivered following a COVID secure and contactless procedure.

We are encouraging customers to time their collections with other essential journeys, for example a food shop or collecting medication.



Reserve items online - <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/> and make an appointment made to collect.



If you would like to arrange to collect a bagful of books handpicked for you by our library staff, then please contact: Barnstaple Library on 01271 318780 or email barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk.



In the absence of real-life events in our libraries, we have put together a programme of digital events for children which are posted on our Facebook pages. These include a weekly Bounce & Rhyme session and events during the school holidays,

including the Barnstaple Library
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