



# OLVESTON NEWS



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## MARVELLOUS MOSAICS



In the last few weeks of term we were excited to have the opportunity to work with a mosaic artist, David Bowers.

We wanted to create a focal point in our hall for collective worship and also a welcoming display for visitors entering the playground.

Every child in the school had the opportunity to

work with David to place some mosaic tiles. We were also pleased to have some parents come along to help in the creation of these works of art.



The children worked with the class teachers to create some designs and David tried to incorporate as many ideas as possible into the final design.

Each tile had to be cut carefully and was then cemented into place by the children.



We are very pleased with the finished result!

We would like to say thank you to the Parish Church Council for offering a kind donation towards the cost of these murals.



## MOVING ON...

It is a new school year and Year 6 are heading off to their new schools. It's a whole new experience for them and it can be quite scary if they don't know many other kids at their new school.



On our day trips we got a little taster of what it is going to be like there. One of the things we did was food technology. In this class we got to make sandwiches. I made a salad sandwich... It was delicious!

In another lesson we made putty with a chemical called borax. As soon as

you added it all of the mixture sort of imploded and by the end you couldn't mix it. We had to wear safety goggles and gloves so our hands didn't shrivel up!

By Troy and Alex (now Year 7!)

Good luck to our old Year 6 class. We are sure you will make us proud in your new secondary school!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Friday 10th Sept, 10.10am—Library Reading Challenge celebration assembly
- Monday 13th Sept, 12noon—3pm—Year 6 Life Skills Centre Visit
- Wed 15th/Thurs 16th Sept—Life Education Bus visits school
- Wednesday 22nd Sept, 11am House meetings in school to elect new House Captains
- Wednesday 22nd Sept—Year Ahead meetings (letter to follow)
- Thursday 30th Sept, 2.30pm—Parents in Partnership (PIP) meeting in the Mezzanine
- Friday 1st October, 10am—Harvest Festival service in church
- Sunday 3rd October, 10am—Community Harvest Festival in church (Choir to sing)
- Thursday 14th October—Year 2 and Year 6 Maths Rally (Info to follow)
- Friday 22nd October—Last day of term 1
- Monday 1st Nov—First day of term 2
- Monday 8th Nov—Individual pupil photographs
- Monday 15th Nov—Inset Day—School closed

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**Teacher's Email Addresses...**

Please be advised that Mrs French, Mrs Vizard and Mrs Vigrass (Miss Plews!) now have new email address—Please see the back page for an updated list.



Welcome to all children in the new Reception class! We look forward to you being a part of our special school.

**MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING**

Olveston School is going to be taking part in Meningitis Research Foundation's mobile phone recycling scheme.

**For every 20 phones the school collects we will receive £45.00 to spend on equipment for the school!**

We are asking parents and carers to have a look around the house for any old, unwanted or even broken mobile phones that can be recycled and to send them into school with your child. Not only will Olveston School gain from this scheme but we will also be raising funds to support the work of the Meningitis Research Foundation.

Meningitis Research Foundation is a national charity based in Thornbury and funds research into the prevention, detection and treatment of meningitis and septicaemia.



Meningitis Research Foundation currently funds 26 research projects. Since it was founded in 1989, the charity has awarded 133 research grants, leading to many advances in the prevention, detection and treatment of meningitis and septicaemia.

By taking part in the scheme Olveston School will be helping the Foundation work towards its vision of a world free from meningitis and septicaemia.

Meningitis Research Foundation will be coming into school for assembly time at the end of September to launch the mobile phone recycling scheme.



**A WELCOME TO NEW STAFF**

We would like to welcome two new members of staff to our team this September.

Mrs Katy Peacock has joined the admin team in the school office and is looking forward to working with Mrs Hemming. Mrs Peacock will also help to supervise the children at lunchtimes.

Mrs Karen Geddes joins our team of Teaching As-

sistants and will be working in the Reception class.

Miss Bertham will be the SENCO from September and is available to meet with any parents/carers who have concerns about their child's learning difficulties or Special Educational Needs. She will be working in partnership with Mrs Curtis who works closely with many children who face learn-

ing challenges.

Our Senior Leadership Team will be: Miss Bertham (Head Teacher), Mrs Luke (Deputy Head), Mrs King (Senior Teacher), Mrs Curtis (Higher Level Teaching Assistant).



OUR NEXT PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP (PIP) MEETING WILL BE ON THURS 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2.30PM IN THE MEZZANINE. NEW PARENTS WELCOME

**NOTICES**

**Community Governor Vacancy**

Olveston School's Governing Body is looking for one **Community Governor** to join them to represent community interests. They can be people who live or work in the community served by the school, although this is not essential. Potential applicants should have a keen interest in the achievement and success of the school and a real desire to make a difference to children's lives. Experience as a Governor is not essential either, as training and support are available. To apply, go to;

<http://www.olvestonschool.co.uk/vacancies.html>

Or come to the school office. Closing date for applications is Friday 24th September 2010.

**100 Club Winners**

**July**

- 1st: S. Stone—No. 8
- 2nd: N. Nunn—No. 4
- 3rd: T. Farrell—No. 40

**August**

- 1st: C. Evans—No. 29
- 2nd: R. Bain—No. 24
- 3rd: C & R Taylor—No. 46

**September**

- 1st: L Shrimpton—No. 47
- 2nd: B. Williams—No. 16
- 3rd: Mr & Mrs Glew—No. 2

If you would like to be a part of FOOS 100 Club, please come to the school office and ask for a form. Each month a draw takes place and everyone is in with a chance of winning a cash prize! 100 Club raises valuable funds for school resources.

## SPORTS DAY FUN!

On 8th July 2010 it was raining, but it was Olveston Primary Schools' sports day and it was a non school uniform day as well.

Whilst Key Stage 1 were walking, running or skipping their races, Key Stage 2 were doing other activities like target throwing, weaving with the hockey sticks, space hopper races and obstacle course.

On the target throwing there were 3 hoops and each earned house points. You had to collect 3 beanbags from the box and try and aim for the hoops.

The weaving with the hockey stick was quite hard. There were three targets and you had to weave the ball in and out. It was fun, but hard!

The last activity was the obstacle course. This was my favourite. First you had to do 10 bounces with the basketball. Then we jumped over 3 hurdles and after that we went under the parachute, across the ladder and lastly we jumped 3 jumps of the hoppers.



I did the running and skipping races. I came 4th in skipping and 2nd in running. I was in front of Megan at the beginning and at the last minute she was faster than me. I had a great day. Thank you to all the teachers.

Dinner Money now  
£1.65 per day.



## CIRCUS SKILLS—SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENT

Fun was had by all at our summer holiday circus skills club. This was held on Tuesday 3rd August in The Wike Hall and was free for children to attend.

This event was funded by an extended schools grant, given to the school to support initiatives outside of the school day.

The idea of a circus skills holiday workshop was suggested by a parent in our Parents in Partnership group.



The children worked with Mr Hill and a specialist circus skills teacher to learn some new tricks! Juggling, plate spinning and acrobatics were all part of the session!

Thank you to Mrs Edmund

who helped to organise this event.

We are also looking forward to organising some scooting sessions on a Friday after school as part of our extended schools provision.



CONGRATULATIONS  
MISS PLEWS!

IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS MISS PLEWS GOT MARRIED AND WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS MRS VIGRASS. WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH HER AND HER HUSBAND MANY CONGRATUALIONS!



## ABSENCE GUIDANCE

**First day of absence** – telephone call by parents to school office by 9.05am. This will be entered onto SIMS. If no telephone call is received, a first day of absence call will be made to the child's home. No letter is required.

**Continued absence** – We ask that parents telephone the school office each morning to inform us that their child is still sick. No letter is required for the first 4 days of absence. If a call is not received, a telephone call will be made to the child's home

to confirm the absence.

**After the fifth school day of absence** – We request that parents send a letter to explain their child's absence. Letters are given to the teacher and kept in the register. Mrs Hemming will remove letters and keep them on file.

**After the tenth school day of absence** – We request that parents provide a doctor's note to explain the absence. Again this needs to be sent to the office in the register and will be kept on file.

### Tockington Harvest Fair

#### Saturday 18th Sept, 2pm

Come and join the fun on Tockington Green! Raising funds for church premises and community rooms.

Fancy Dress Parade at 2pm  
Theme: The Sea. Come dressed as a diver, a fisherman, beach babe, mermaid or an octopus!!!

Decorate a cup cake or fairy cake.

Egg box creation - what can you make with an egg box? Turn it into a frog, caterpillar, jewellery box or a game!!

**PRIZES TO BE WON!**

### School Website

Our school website contains a host of information and is updated regularly. Newsletters and dates for your diary are posted on the site to ensure you are always kept up to date. So far we have had **18,519** visitors!





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## Keep in touch

### Contact the school office for:

- Notification of sickness
- To make an appointment with a class teacher
- General school enquiries: trips, uniform, dinner money, lost property, dates

[office@olveston-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:office@olveston-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk)

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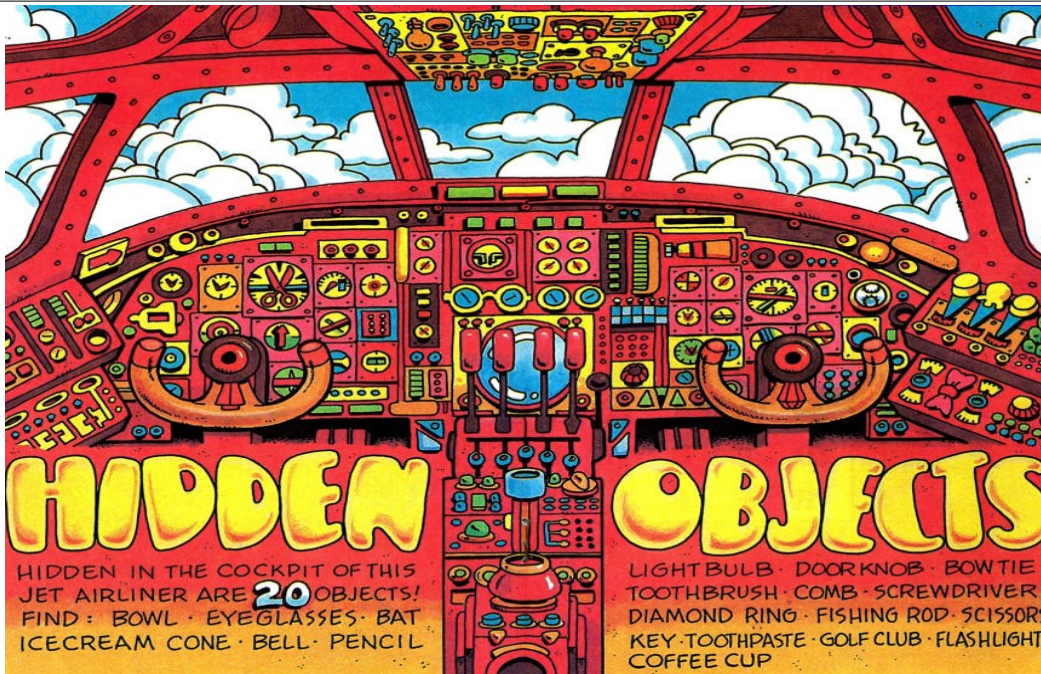
Please be aware that teachers are extremely busy in the mornings between 8.30 and 8.55am, preparing for lessons. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please send a note or email to make an appointment for the end of the day. For urgent enquiries, please see Mrs Hemming or Mrs Peacock in the school office, who will be very happy to help. Thank you.

### Teacher's email addresses—UPDATED!

A teacher's email can be used to arrange an appointment after school to discuss your child. Please send a letter (not via email for added security and confidentiality) to the class teacher detailing your concerns so they can be prepared for the meeting.

Teacher's email can also be used to enquire about general house keeping issues such as homework, dress up days, clubs etc.

Mrs Morris/Mrs Edwards	<a href="mailto:teacher1@olveston-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk">teacher1@olveston-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Vigrass	<a href="mailto:teacher2@olveston-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk">teacher2@olveston-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Moore	<a href="mailto:teacher3@olveston-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk">teacher3@olveston-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Vizard/Mrs French	<a href="mailto:teacher4@olveston-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk">teacher4@olveston-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk</a>
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## Quiz Corner!

Can you find the  
hidden objects?

