



# OLVESTON NEWS



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## WOODWELL MEADOWS-THE WOW FACTOR!



Each child was given a nature journal which the eco council helped to design. The journal is packed with facts and photographs of a year in the life of the meadows



We plan to take the classes back to explore the meadows through the seasons.

*"I had the chance to video part of the day. It was good to walk around and see everyone having fun."*  
Harriet Y4.

Mrs Vizard and a working party, including a representative from Aust Parish Council, met on several



occasions to ensure the day was a top class learning experience for children and adults alike!

Activities included; net sweeping, pendant making, den building, clay modeling, rope trail, scavenger hunt, video making, god's eyes, cd mosaics and mummy birds.

*'I enjoyed making the dens with Mr Bonney. We came second - we made an extension but it fell down!'* Jenna Y5

A special thank you to everyone who helped.

On Monday 13th June the whole school went to Wood Well Meadows for a science based day of outdoor learning.

This wonderful day built on the successes of our outdoor learning day at Woodhouse Down last year.

The children were organised into countries and along with their adult leader, followed a timetable of activities which ensured they had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- W/C 4th July—Whole School Apprentice Week
- Mon 4th July, 5.30pm—Youth Speaks Final in village hall
- Tues 5th July, 9-10am—Travel Plan Meeting (Parents Welcome)
- Wed 6th July—Castle School Induction Day for Yr 6 children
- Thurs 7th July, pm—Marlwood cluster KS2 sports event
- Fri 8th July, 10.10am—Wood Well Meadows celebration assembly
- Fri 8th July, 2.30pm—Parent Helpers/FOOS/SMSAs Strawberry Tea
- Fri 8th July, 6-7.30pm—FOOS Summer Disco
- Mon 11th July, 2—3.30pm—Open Afternoon
- Tues 12th July, 10.10am—Summer Reading Challenge assembly (Thornbury Library visiting)
- Tues 12th July, 2.45pm—New Reception class story time (Group A)
- Thurs 14th July, 2.45pm—New Reception class story time (Group B)
- Fri 15th July, 10.10am Celebration Service - Apprentice week
- Fri 15th July, 12.30—1.30pm—Year 5 and 6 parents lunch
- Mon 18th July, 9—10am—Class move up (Meet your new teacher and classroom)
- Mon 18th July, 4pm—Drama performance
- Tues 19th July, 6.30pm—Drama Performance
- Wed 20th July, 10.10am—Moving on Church Service (St. Mary's, Olveston)
- Wed 20th July, 6-8pm—Year 6 Leavers Party
- Thurs 21st July, 10.10am—Olveston Awards assembly (in The Wike Hall)
- Fri 22nd July—Inset Day—SCHOOL CLOSED

## TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC



On a rather cold and overcast lunchtime, KS1 and their parents extended a warm welcome to the children joining us in September. Teddy bears of all shapes and sizes came along to the picnic! The SMSA's and cooks wore special Care Bear badges and introduced themselves to the new children and their parents.



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**Olveston School Chess Club**



Wednesday saw the last weekly chess club for this school year. Mr Titterton, who only started the club in May 2010, has been thrilled by the commitment and talent of his young chess players. This week Rosie Wittcomb is handing back the trophy for 'most improved player 2010'. Mr Titterton now has the difficult decision of who to award the trophy to this year!

The Chess club has participated in a number of tournaments and are currently South Glos Primary schools Chess Association Division 1 Champions.

Due to popular demand, Mr Titterton is looking to take on new players in September.

A BIG THANK YOU TO MRS CURTIS FOR HER HELP ON CHESS CLUB NIGHTS.



**YEAR 1 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

On Saturday we went to a football tournament. The first match we played St Marys. The score was 0-0. After we played Bowlands Green, we won 1-0. Thorne scored the goal. Then we had a break and a team talk! Next we played St Michaels, we won 3-1. George scored 2 goals, Sky scored 1 goal. The last match we won 2-1. George and Thorne scored. We were the overall winners. We got a trophy and a medal. Alexander was a great goalkeeper. Thank you Mrs Vigrass we had fun. By Y1 Football Team

**SPORTS DAY - A RUNAWAY SUCCESS!**

Finally the weather was kind to us and Sports Day got under way! The children, dressed in their house colours, supported each other in true Olveston style.



Parents, family members and staff looked on as the children happily participated in a variety of sporting events some competitive (the races) and some just fun to take part in (target games).



When the points were totaled it was a very close finish, but Maple just got ahead and won the cup for the second year running. Will they make it a hat trick? We will have to wait until next year—the year of the Olympics! Mrs Vigrass has already started planning a special Sports Day to celebrate this international event.



My Tennis Report  
By  
Isaac Y3

On Thursdays after school I go to Tennis with some year 3s and 4s. We had the opportunity to attend a tennis skills day. On the day of the school fayre I went along. I learned a lot of skills including bouncing the ball on the racket and throwing the ball into the air and catching it. We played some rallies and to finish off we played a game of pirates. We finished up in the club house and we were awarded a certificate.



**YEAR 3 TRI - GOLF**

On 18th June, 9 people from year 3 took part in the tri-golf tournament. We played to see which school could get the most points. When we got there we had to put on a green T-shirt so people would know we were Olveston. Then when we had listened to a few speeches, we started to parade, we went round the whole running track. When we had done that, we got called out - Then the man said

to us that we had to go to our golf so Mrs Vizard said, 'Follow the rainbow umbrella'. In the first game we had to get the golf ball in the hoop. There were different coloured cones, some were harder than others. Half way through we had a short break and our photo taken.

Then we had the awards ceremony. Georgia went up to collect our badges.

We did not win but we tried our hardest and that's all that matters. Plus, Mrs Vizard gave us all a water bottle and an energy band.

By Emily—Year 3



## YEAR 5 LONDON TRIP

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, the year 5 class went on a trip to London from 7 till 7, it was about two and a half hours on the coach each way! When we were in London we went past James Bond's house, there were two cars parked with 'to be and not to be' as their number plate (words from a famous Shakespeare play - Hamlet). Our first stop was at the Imperial War Museum. We had a walk around and vis-

ited all the 'war' sets. Afterwards we all got together and a tour guide took us to a village that had been set up so that it looked like it had been bombed! We had to pretend that there was an air raid and get down on the floor. We then travelled to our next stop – The Globe Theatre. Luckily for us a play was being rehearsed so we got to watch that for free. We finished up at the shop which had a variety of

different things including wooden swords.

Mr Bonney bought two for drama club. Finally we got



back on the coach to go back to school – tired but happy!

By Jodie—Year 5

## NEWS FROM FOOS - SUMMER FAYRE

This was a great event, thanks from FOOS to all who helped make it a success. Our share of the fundraising was an impressive £1643. It brought the village together; the organising and the day itself strengthened the bond between church and school.

The Fayre was started with a speech by Roly Bain and the brass band played. There were all the usual favourite stalls (human fruit machine, roll a penny, toy and bottle tombola, hoopla, lucky dip, amongst others). There were

also new activities for the children - they enjoyed filling sand .

Sing Stars did a lovely performance in the school hall, which was suddenly packed with people watching. The Brownies did a very good dance outside. The church did their balloon release with the children.

We shared a lovely cream tea in the school yard, with scones from the bakers. Up at the church lots of people were chatting, drinking tea

designs for the Fayre program.

A fence panel was removed to allow free flow from the village through the vicarage. There were various stalls in the garden there, including books and bric a brac.

The BBQ was particularly welcome for those of us who had been setting up - so nice to get the kids fed before going home.

(full report on the web)

## AUTHOR STEVE VOAKES

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 professional story writer Steve Voake came to talk to us about writing. In assembly he shared and talked about some of the books he has written some of these include: the dream-walkers child (2005), Fightback (2010) and The Web Of Fire, which was included in the 'Schools Library association' top ten books for boys. Throughout the rest of the day Steve

Voake held Writing Workshops in KS2. Here is a piece of work from the year 5 workshop, which was written by Jodi Butcher.

### At Kai's

It was the dogs in the window,  
The footballs on the floor,  
The books on the shelf,  
The balloons on the wall,  
The paper scattered everywhere,

The smell of chocolate sauce,  
The pictures of the lollypops,  
And the messy bed,  
The juice marks on the carpet,  
The pirate den,  
But the thing I like most is that,

Kai is simply the best!

Article written by Josie Y6

## MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Tickets for this year's Drama Club Production will be on sale in the office from Tuesday 5th July  
£5.00 - adults  
£2.50 - Children (12 - 16 years)  
**Production Dates:**  
Monday 18th July at 4.00pm  
And  
Tuesday 19th July at 6.30pm

## Dinner Money

**From September, the cost of a school dinner will increase to £1.70 per meal.**

**Please send in dinner money on Mondays. Cheques payable to South Gloucestershire Council.**

## Spoons!

The kitchen politely requests the return of any spoons that have made their way home in lunch boxes! They appreciate that this is easily done but are now running low!





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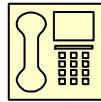
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### Contact the school office for:

- 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)**

**01454 613299**

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 make an appointment for the end of the day. For urgent enquiries, please see Mrs Hemming/Mrs Peacock in the school office, who will be very happy to help. Thank you.

### **Have you visited the school website recently? You can find...**

- Letters
- Dates for your diary
- Photo Gallery
- Eco Schools Info
- Class week at camp the Year 6 find themselves in their final week at cos Information



## Farewell Year 6

Returning from a fun-filled week at camp, the Year 6 find themselves in their final few weeks at Primary school. How time flies!

This is a time of mixed emotions - we are sad to see them go but proud to see them well prepared to move onto new challenges!

Good Luck Year 6

You have made us very proud.

Make sure you come back and visit us.



## BOLLYWOOD MEETS HOLLYWOOD

Year 4 have had a wonderful term with Miss Ahmed (PGCE student), who has been teaching them for the last few weeks. Their topic 'At the Movies' gave Miss Ahmed the chance to share her Bollywood knowledge with the class. They learned how to Bollywood dance, wrote Bollywood play scripts, and designed Bollywood costumes. On Miss Ahmed's final day, the children dressed as characters from movies and held an Oscar's ceremony. Miss Ahmed won 'Best New Teacher' Award! We wish her Good Luck for her teaching career.



Also a fond farewell to Kimberley who is moving to America! We are sure she will have a fabulous time in her new school. She has promised to keep in touch! Reach for the stars Kimberley!

## TAKE AWAY HOLIDAY CLUB (for 4 - 11 yr olds)

Come and join us for food, fun, crafts, bible stories, songs and games and even a visit from a clown!

10am—12 noon

At the Scout Hut

on the A38

Tuesday 30th August

Wednesday 31st August

Thursday 1st September  
and

Sunday 4th September

10.45am at St Mary's Church, Almondsbury, for a final celebration, prize-giving and BBQ.

Book now - Liz Tierney  
[Tierney.family@tiscalic.co.uk](mailto:Tierney.family@tiscalic.co.uk)

**Marlwood School Vacancy** - We are looking for a qualified nurse to share the school week with Mrs Norris, our School Nurse, during term-time only. Further details can be found on our website [www.marlwood.com](http://www.marlwood.com) If you are interested, or know of someone else who might be, please contact

Admission free,  
donations welcome