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On Site News

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Welcome to our fourth edition in 2022, of the “on Site Newsletter @ Orchard Manor School”.

The site has progressed well since the last newsletter. With both buildings now up, we have begun the fit-out phase of the project. This means all the wiring and plumbing has gone in and the team have started plaster boarding.

Externally all the doors and windows are now in on both buildings with all of the external metal cladding underway. Our groundworkers have just returned following a period off site so the car park will start to take shape of the coming weeks. I’m sure you also noticed the large crane we had in this month, which is hopefully our last. They helped us lift the large windcatchers onto the sports hall roof.

Here is a summary of the works due this month:

Carpentry Team – we had a good carpentry contingent onsite throughout March. They prepared all the external walls on both buildings ready to receive the cladding. They have continued internally, building walls and covering the internal areas with an air-tight membrane. Their focus is preparing the internal walls for finishing.

Cladding Team – we have an expert team of roof/ wall cladders. Their role is bend and shape huge rolls of Zinc cladding into perfect roof and wall trays. You’ll notice that the cladding looks white at the moment. That’s just the protective coating, someone will have the satisfying job of removing that over the coming weeks to reveal a beautiful cladding underneath.

Electrical Team – our team have continued to wire the sports hall and changing rooms. They have completed all of the data, fire- alarm and projector screen wiring. You’ll see them move onto the workshop in the coming weeks. They have a busy time ahead as we are installing the new electrical supply’s during the April holidays.



Drylining Team – our dry-lining team install all of the plasterboard and various ceilings throughout the project. Their goal over the next few weeks is to prepare both buildings for plastering.

Mechanical Team – this team is in charge of all plumbing and ventilation requirements within the building. They have installed the huge roof mounted wind catchers to the sports hall and all of the clever internal air handling units.

Proposed Works for the next Month:

The works on site over the next month will consist of the following:

Our groundworks team will push on and get the car park ready for tarmacking.

The external envelope of the sports hall is slightly behind programme but this should be complete by the end of April. The workshop is coming along nicely.

The sports hall internals will continue to progress with plastering underway.

The workshop fit-out will be full steam ahead!

We will bring in all the services to the building which also means we are digging up the road!

We hope to see a few of you over the next few weeks and we wish you a very happy Easter holiday.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter.
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Orchard Manor School Neighbourhood Updates

April 2022

Dear Neighbours and Friends

What a super day we had with our tree planting last month as part of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations and the Green Canopy initiative. Thank you to everyone who came and joined us for the morning. We had splendid weather, so thankfully we didn't need wellingtons! A big thank you to Catherine too, our Horticultural Instructor, who organised the whole morning — where to plant, how to plant and what to use! Lots of the children, as well as our teachers and visitors, also got involved. It really was a lovely way to spend a few hours, especially as planting more trees and shrubs around the school will make it an even nicer place to be.

Our other news this month: We are extremely proud to say that one young man at school **cycled 100 miles in a day** to raise over £1,000 for our PSFA to have "Mindfulness Benches" installed around the school. Absolutely outstanding!



Talking about fundraising - our Easter "Egg-Stravaganza", held in the Langstone Cliff Hotel in Dawlish, was a great success with students, their families and lots of our own Orchard Manor "family" taking part in the Easter quiz and bingo. The outcome of all that fun was that we raised a FANTASTIC £149.80 to go into our PSFA account. This money will be used towards enhancing our pupils school and life experiences. There will be a similar event in the not too distant future, so keep your eyes open for details on social media. It will be lovely to see you and your families, as whatever we do, its always good fun.

Right, that's enough from us! Do follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates. In the meantime please turn the page for the newsletter from Toby, the Building Site Manager.

With very best wishes to you all.

— Orchard Manor School