



Orchard Manor School News

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"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

— Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*

Hello everyone!



I am very proud to say that our Ofsted Report was published on the 4th of March. [You can see it here](#). Again I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in making our school as wonderful as it is. We have worked together and we are all so proud to have been given the overall status of Good, and we have Outstanding for behaviour and attitudes.

This week we have had a fantastic response to our World Book Day—so many of our students and staff dressed up and got into the spirit of things! We were very pleased to be able to offer our younger students a choice of book to take home which they took great delight in selecting, and our older cohort on the Upper Campus each had a voucher to put towards a book of their choice. It was great day. If you keep your eyes on the [Facebook](#) page, you will see some fantastic photos.

Its coming up to the pre-summer flurry of revision across the whole country for all the young people taking important exams this year. Our young people are no different. [Our website now has the full timetable of exams online](#). Parents are also being sent home an information pack which includes a personalised GCSE timetable for each candidate.



We are very proud of a group of our youngsters who took part in a Dance Competition arranged by SSP alongside other schools in the area. Everyone had a fantastic time. Their dance routine was based on a poem based on Kathy Winters' "Misunderstood Child" which was very moving - there wasn't a dry eye in the house! Again photos are on Facebook.

Don't forget we are celebrating **Red Nose Day on the 15th of March**. We are asking for a £1 donation for wearing non-uniform and there will be a cake competition for adults (if you would like to partake then

please drop cakes into Reception by 10am on the Friday!). There will also be a making and decorating cookie competition for the students. Of course we will have fabulous prizes for winners and all the cakes and cookies will be sold to staff and children— the proceeds of the day will be sent to Comic Relief. We are also going to have various fun activities during the day and no doubt the PE team will think of something fantastic to do to keep us active after eating the cake and biscuits!



Our brave Ten Tors Team had a great few days training and staying in the Bracken Tor Youth Hostel for a couple of nights. For some of them it was their first time away, but everyone had a great time. The weather wasn't so good for them at times, but they all came home smiling! Well done all of you.

So... that's all for the moment— wrap up warm and stay dry! Have a great week everyone, and for all the Mums out there — Happy Mothers Day on Sunday!

Nicola Jones, Headteacher