



Orchard Manor School News

OMS Bulletin

School Updates and Communications

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No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it" HE Luccock

Welcome to our latest bulletin.

The week has sped by, filled with sunshine and smiles. As you may have seen from our social media pages our students have been involved with a number of different activities, from painting and creating art with Laura Wall to going to representing the school (and doing extremely well!) at sports festivals and football matches. We are so proud of them all.

We have also been following Steve Dinnie's progress in South Africa at the World Masters Hockey championships in Cape Town. He represents Wales in an Over 55 team and is doing extremely well.

Sports Hall and Workshop



Continuing on the theme of sports, we are thrilled to say that we have been handed the keys to our brand new Sports Hall and Workshop.

We are currently setting up these areas for the students to use as soon as possible. We will be holding an official opening in November where we will invite local dignitaries, the local community and the press.



And, in addition, we are very pleased to say that our swimming pool is also open and back on the curriculum.

Interviews

We had a lovely informal recruitment coffee morning this week and have met a number of "new recruits" who have expressed interest in working in our lovely school. This week we have had interviews for Teaching Assistants and Higher Level Teaching Assistants, and we also have interviews planned for the Head of Care/ Designated Safeguarding Lead next week. We hope to have all the posts filled as soon as possible with the least amount of disruption to the children.

PSFA and Fundraising - Come and Join Us!

Our PSFA (Parents, Staff and Friends Association) is always looking for new members. We are currently a team made up of staff, past and present, which fundraises for the school to support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport. One of our main events is taking everyone on an annual trip to the pantomime. We also organise other events such as our Summer Fete and our Christmas Fayre. So if you would like to join us (and we hope you do!) please call Maranda on 01626 862363 x 255 and she will invite you to our next meeting. We look forward to welcoming you!

Parent Governor

We will shortly be sending information out to parents about becoming a school governor. We currently have a vacancy so will be asking for nominations, followed by an election. Although being a school governor does involve giving up precious free time to give back to your local school community, it also has many benefits for those looking to get involved and ensuring the smooth and effective running of the school. If you are interested in joining us, do keep an eye out for the nomination deadline.

Have a good weekend. *Nicola Jones, Headteacher*