



Orchard Manor School News

OMS Bulletin

School Updates and Communications

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"The nice thing about rain is that it stops. Eventually."

Eeyore

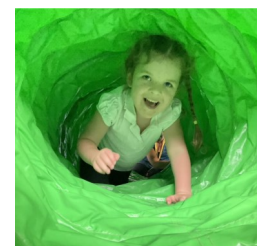
Hello everyone!

Only 2 more weeks to go and hopefully we will have a change of weather to bring on the summer holidays!

We have had a lovely time welcoming all our new students and helping our old ones move up to their new classes. I am so proud of how everyone has behaved—you have all taken this Transition in your stride, and judging by the happy faces I see around the school, I think you will all love your new classes.



We had a fun week absolutely full of Sports – starting on the Monday with our youngest members having a wonderful time at the OMS FABBS Day— Fun, Agile, Bendy, Balanced and Strong! It was lovely seeing parents and carers getting involved with the activities. This was followed by a cuppa and a stroll around the Horticultural Area. Tuesday was a Beach Festival for our Year 7s 8s and Nurture Classes. They went to Goodrington Sands and played beach games like Frisbee, Quick Cricket and also sandcastle



building. Upper Campus had their Sports day on Wednesday for years 8 to 11. Lots of games, competitions and of course fun. On Thursday Red and Yellow classes had a Tri-Golf festival with other schools where they had a go at lots of different golf games with adapted equipment. And today, because of the pouring rain, most of the lower school classes had their sports day in the Sports Hall rather than being watched from the balcony as planned. But we never let a bit of rain stop us here at OMS. Everything went off without a hitch, starting with an opening ceremony with flags just like the Olympics, and made by each class. Lots of happy parents and children. Watch out for pictures on Social Media of the Sports Week. I am told there are some lovely photos.



You may have heard already, but we had a visit from Ofsted to have a look at our residential provision. I am extremely delighted and very proud to say that they were very happy with what they saw. It was an incredibly rigorous inspection, with all information being triangulated across policy, practice, and staff and pupil feedback. As always, the team really stepped up and excelled themselves in promoting the brilliant practice that we know that we see every day. One inspector commented that the way we know our pupils and care for them is an outstanding feature of the school and as a result they make very good progress. They also commented on how skilled and experienced the team are. Obviously we have to wait for the official grading, which we will share as soon as we have it, but I am pleased with the comments we had on the day.

We also had another important set of visitors recently too. The heads of all the other schools in the Special Partnership Trust visited our school for a Peer to Peer Review. It was a chance for our school and teachers to really shine as we shared all our best practices. It's a great way to learn from others and be able to show how we run our school and sharing ideas means that sometimes we don't have to rebuild the wheel as there already is one.

Thank you all for supporting us and buying tickets for our "virtual" Grand Prize Draw. Bryan Webster and I pulled out the winning numbers from a bag, whilst we were being filmed and streamed to our online audience (of about 3!) However, it was really fun and the Admin team made enough noise cheering us on so we felt like we were in front of you all. We had some fabulous prizes which should be winging their way home through school bags or via the school taxis. Thank you again for supporting us - don't forget to put the 8th of December in your diaries as we will be having an extra special Christmas Cracker event to make up for having to cancel our summer one.

That's all for now—have a good weekend everyone—stay dry!

Nicola Jones, Headteacher