



Orchard Manor School News

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It may be Friday 13th, but its still a Friday, and a reason to Dance!

On this Friday 13th remember, luck is just an illusion, especially if you step on Lego barefoot.

Just a warning for you— before you make any weekend plans at wood cabins by a lake...

Its Friday 13th!

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Hello everyone!

Why do we all have such a different opinion of Friday 13th? Depending on what part of the world you come from, or what religion you follow we all have seem to have a different view on what some see as the unluckiest day and what others say is the luckiest. Whatever day of the week it is, we always try to have a good day here!

As usual we have had lots going on. Today we had a visit with Guy Chappell, the Director of the Special Partnership Trust who came to see our fantastic Residential team, and yesterday Tracy Allen came for a meeting with a working group of colleagues across the board to discuss how we could make it even better to work here. We love to see visitors from the other schools within the Partnership as we see this as a chance to share our knowledge and expertise and learn from others at the same time. Its good to share!

We had a great response from everyone for [#HelloYellow](#) day and have a fantastic video collage of everyone who took part. The next things on our “special days” to look out for will be our Children In Need day on the 17th of November. More information to follow but I know that the PE department will be organising something special as well as having exciting things going on in our classrooms.

Talking of classrooms—I would just like to say how impressed I am with our whole school attendance this half term! Keep up the good work! Very nearly 90% - well above the national average - which is fantastic!

Our Residential Team have welcomed the new set of year 11 pupils this half term. The aim of this programme is to develop our young people's social and life skills through accredited ASDAN units. They have had a jam packed half term which has included social BBQs with Gala house, trips to the gym, meals out, gaming, cooking, cinema trips, arts and crafts, football, films, swimming trips and much more. The young people have formed great friendships and are learning different skills through the programme and just by being with each other. All the year 11s have been amazing, it isn't always easy staying away from home and all of them have stepped up to become more independent, and the humour, laughs and banter have been unforgettable. We look are looking forward to seeing even more success and achievements during the rest of the year.

Don't forget we have our Parents Evening on the Tuesday 17th, after a few technical glitches (which are all sorted now) I know many of you have already booked slots to have a chat to your child's teachers, but there is still room for more! Instructions have been sent out to parents already but if you need any help give Maranda a call on 01626 862363 x 255 and she will be happy to assist.



Half term is coming up next week—remember we break up next **Friday at 3:40pm** and we will see our students **back on Tuesday 31 October at 9:10am** (Halloween!) after an Inset Day for staff on the Monday.

Right, I think that's it! All that's left to say is have a great week everyone! **Nicola Jones, Headteacher**