



Orchard Manor School News

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*The rain in Spain stays mainly on the plain ...
In Hartford, Hereford, and Hampshire, Hurricanes Hardly Happen ... My Fair Lady*

Hello Everyone!

With the weather in such turmoil recently it was no small surprise that a mini-Monsoon shower hit our School Fete however, thankfully, this did not seem to dampen spirits—the stalls were picked up and moved inside and the BBQ still fired up delicious burgers and hotdogs, the raffle winners were called out and everyone was still smiling at the end. We would all like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated our fantastic raffle prizes and to all of you who came to the Fete and made such a lovely atmosphere - in both rain and shine. Thank you! The total amount raised was a fantastic £1,380.25 which will all go towards play equipment for the children.

We have had lots going on these last few weeks. At the end of June we said goodbye to our year 11s who have started their new journey in either college or our Post 16 provision. We wish them every success in the future and of course would love to see them if they are passing! The Year 11 Prom was a super evening to celebrate the end of their time here. There were lots of photos taken and made into a booklet as a keepsake of the night.

We have had a number of sports days which have all been extremely successful from the youngest to the oldest in the school. We had very enthusiastic participation and everyone had a great time with lots of certificates being handed out. It was good to see the parents of our younger classes getting involved too.

Our Whole School Picnic was enjoyed by everyone—staff and students alike. We all had a super afternoon lunch on the grass, perched on blankets, and sitting in sunshine. It was lovely!

As you probably are aware, we have just finished our Transition, which is when our students move up a class for the few weeks before the end of term to get a feel for what will happen in September. We do know that this period of time can be difficult for some, which is why we introduce the new classes to their teacher and their classrooms well before the new term. The feeling of familiarity helps to settle in our students much faster in September. To help this along, all students will have received a little postcard telling you about your child's new teacher. These past couple of weeks we have welcomed in new students from other schools, moved our new year 7s from Lower to Upper Campus and moved all current classes to their new rooms. Dare I say it? It seems to have gone very well, and for that I must give my total appreciation to our staff team who go out of their way to look after the children.



One last bit of news, yesterday we were very proud to present one of our students Alfie with the Joanna Besley Cup for “Outstanding Progress”. Caroline and her mother came to present the award which was made in memory of Caroline's sister who was a student here from the age of 4 to 17. It was a lovely morning and we are very proud of Alfie. It was very fitting that he had been awarded the cup as he has indeed made outstanding progress this year.

So, we come to the end of another school year at OMS. All that's left to say is have a fantastic Summer and we will see you all back at 9:10 on Friday 6 September 2024.

Nicola Jones, Headteacher