



Orchard Manor School News

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"March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers."

— English Proverb

Hello Everyone!

Today, as you may have heard, is Red Nose Day - and today we are all celebrating 40 years of Comic Relief. I am just about old enough to remember the very first one that BBC put together all those years ago. Today OMS is taking part too, and I have seen so many of our staff and students wearing Red, our kitchens have made fantastic Red Nose biscuits and lots of Red Noses have been bought. A huge Thank you to everyone for your donations and for your efforts today. We will let you know how much we raise before we send it off to Comic Relief.

The last couple of weeks have been full of activities and learning as usual. A couple of Fridays ago we had The Biggest Ever Football Event here at school which was enjoyed by everyone who took part. The PE Team were thrilled at the enthusiasm shown - and they managed to get over half the school site taking part, including lots of our girls which was great. OMS also took part in a another football tournament this week which was also a great success—details will follow soon!

The photos from World Book Day have been made into a lovely film by Flo, our Creative Arts teacher—if you want to have a look [Click Here](#). Flo also took the OMS Dance Club students to the Lets Dance 25 Festival in South Dartmoor Community College where they danced the finale dance from Wind in the Willows—The Musical. She will tell you all about it next week with photos!

Woodland Learning have been taking advantage of having a less soggy Forest Floor and lots of classes have been making bug hotels, painting with natural paints and getting involved with getting the area looking smart again after the Winter. Charley has also put out a great photo competition to Celebrate Spring—we are all looking forward to seeing the entries. Students, staff and family can take part for a chance to win a prize—and of course have your work shared on our social media pages.



School Notices and Dates for the Diary

Parents Evening This will be taking place on the **1 April between 4:30 and 6:30pm**. You will all be sent an invitation closer to the time which will enable you to book slots directly to speak to the teachers.

Coffee Morning with Paige, our Family Liaison Officer— **3 April at 10am** which is open to anyone who wants to drop in and have a chat and a drink. It's a great way to meet other parents and staff in an informal way so do consider it if you have time.

School Uniform— Please would you ensure your child comes to school dressed in the correct school uniform. Click here for the [School Uniform Policy](#) and the [School Uniform List](#) and where you can buy it.

Pre-Loved Uniform — Please email kbickham@orchard-manor.org stating what you need and the sizes.

Mother's Day — Sunday 30 March

End of Term Easter Holiday — Friday 4 April @1pm

Back to School —Tuesday 22 April @9:10am

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