



Orchard Manor School News

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“Never say never because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion.”

Michael Jordan— Former Professional Basketball Player

Hello Everyone!



What an amazing week! It was absolutely wonderful to see so many of our younger children’s family turn up to our Sports Days during National School Sports Week. And what an atmosphere in each one! I don’t think I have seen a happier bunch of students, staff and visitors. We have to say a huge thank you to Catherine - our PE Lead and the rest of the PE Team for creating not just one fantastic day—but a whole week of amazing, super fun and energetic activities that involved all of our students and most of our

staff. I was extremely impressed with our young Sports Leaders: watching them with our younger children, how they helped and encouraged each and every one of them was truly inspiring. They are well on the way to be amazing young adults, with compassion, empathy and warmth in abundance. We are really so proud, not just of them, but of everyone who took part in this fantastic week.

Members of The Youth Sport Trust came for a visit on Wednesday during National School Sports Week. They were very impressed with our PE Team and all our participants. This is what they said: “It was an absolute joy to witness the incredible Sports Week you’re delivering – with activity happening every single day and such a strong focus on showcasing the skills, talents and development of your pupils to their families and carers. The pride and commitment from everyone was so clear to see and truly inspiring to be part of.”

Our Year 11s, now free of the burdens of having to study and do exams, are really enjoying their last few days of school before they move on to their next steps. Two weeks of activities have been planned for them. Currently a group of them are trekking up Snowdonia on a three day trip. Next week they are off to Legoland, Thorpe Park and Plymouth amongst other places, before Prom on the 26th of June and the Celebration Leavers Cream Tea on the 27th. We will keep you updated of their activities!



As you will have seen via your emails, we are currently under consultation for a Proposed Adjustment to School Day Timing and are considering a proposal to shorten the pupil lunch break by 15 minutes, resulting in the end of the school day moving from 3:35 PM to 3:20 PM. We are interested in Parents’ opinion so we ask that you take a moment to let us know your thoughts via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/iPAy9bzfcu>

Finally, with this promised heatwave on the way — please ensure that you send your children in with hats, suncream and water if its going to be a hot day, and take care of yourselves too!

All that’s left to say is have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine! **Nicola Jones, Headteacher**