



Orchard Manor School News

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“Every one of us needs to show how much we care for each other and, in the process, care for ourselves.” — Princess Diana

Hello Everyone!

All of a sudden we are at the end of September and the first few weeks of this school year have flown by in a flash.

Today is National Teaching Assistant Day! I would like to thank all of the Teaching Assistants and Higher Level Teaching Assistants for all their hard work and dedication to our school and our students. TAs are vital parts of any school as they support teachers and students to thrive. For many of our team, being a TA is more than a job, it is a vocation, and our TAs have shown huge commitment to making a real difference in our children’s lives. We are extremely lucky to have such a great team with so many wonderful TAs working here at OMS—Thank you for doing such a great job every day!



You may already know that we take our team’s Mental Health very seriously here at OMS. The Orchard Manor Men’s Mental Health Group, started just over a year ago, meet every Thursday during the term to have a coffee and a chat. This Thursday Steve Dinnie organised a Macmillan Coffee Morning in our Café in Bramley House. It was great to see so many staff taking advantage of Harley’s barista skills and a chance to sit down and enjoy coffee, cake and conversation. The OMSMMH raised £77.82 on the morning, and with a further £42 collected on line, the **total comes to : £119.82** which will all go towards Macmillan Cancer Support and the amazing work they do. If you would like to make a donation to them online, please scan the QR code or [CLICK HERE](#).



We will be running training sessions for parents on Understanding Gestalt Language Processing (GLP) to support you in helping your children with their learning. Gestalt Language Processing (GLP), is a natural way some children, including many autistic children, develop communication skills. Whether you’re just starting to explore GLP or looking for new strategies, this session will give you valuable insights and support. In the session, you will learn what GLP is and why it matters, discover how to support your child’s communication journey, and you will gain practical tools you can use at home. The sessions will be taking place on

**Friday 3rd October at 9:45am - 10:45am in OMS or
Wednesday 8th October at 1:45pm - 2:45pm Online.**

We welcome families not involved with OMS to the online session only.

If you would like to book a spot, please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/m6rmTiN71h>

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

GESTALT LANGUAGE PROCESSING

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER
9.45-10.45AM (In Person Session)

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER
1.45-2.45PM (via Teams)

Attend via Teams or in person

Please sign up using the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/m6rmTiN71h>

Alternatively use the QR Code below



Have a lovely weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine. See you on Monday for another great week!

Nicola Jones, Headteacher