



Orchard Manor School News

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*“Ne’er cast a clout till May be out” (see explanation below)*

*Old English Proverb*

Hello Everyone!

As the old English saying above goes, “don’t discard your warm winter clothing until May is finished,” or, if you are interested in horticulture —until the blossoms of the Hawthorne (or May Tree) have bloomed— and as we flip from bright warm sunshine, to mist, then rain, its probably sound advice!

I am hoping that the weather is favourable this weekend for our fantastic Ten Tors teams who are attempting the Jubilee Challenge this weekend, everyone is camping overnight ready to start the walk tomorrow. We have 4 teams of staff and students all of which are going to be walking distances of between 8 to 15 miles— and all of them have been through rigorous training over the last 6 months or so to be absolutely prepared.

Its going to be hard, exhausting, exhilarating and yet coming over the finish line will be just totally amazing— what an opportunity! Schools are coming from all over the united kingdom to take part. If you would like to cheer them on at the finish line please go to the Okehampton Army Camp or if you want to watch the team’s progress as it happens, you can see it online at [www.tentors.org.uk](http://www.tentors.org.uk). Our team code is 1193.



Here they all are—taken on one of their practice walks—love this photo!

Our GCSE Exams started today and we were very proud of our young people who seemed to take it in their stride. Good luck to all of you over the next few weeks! You will do your very best, I know.

Sea Kayak Devon - £49 voucher  
Langstone Cliff - Sunday lunch and swim x2  
Axminster Guild hall - 2 tickets to cheesy bingo Friday  
Toby Carvery - £10 voucher  
Finlay Browns - Cream tea for 2  
Miller and Carter £50 voucher  
Turtle Bay - £20  
Hayley Worth Makaton Tutor—£10 off a workshop  
Ticket for 2 to Wincanton Races  
LukeTom Web Design & Development - beautiful hamper  
Teignmouth Tesco Express—Tubs of celebrations

We have sent out emails to lots of local businesses to ask for donations to our Grand Prize Draw at our School Summer Fete and Craft Fair on the 12 July.

We have had a great response so far—thank you so much to all of you who have donated these fabulous prizes already! You are amazing. Thanks again for all your support!

Finally—Next week is **Mental Health Awareness Week (13th-19th)**, with the theme of 'moving more for your mental health'. There will be lots going on and **THURSDAY 16th is 'wear something green day'** for mental health (and moving this year), any donations ( suggested 50P) will go to [Young Minds](http://YoungMinds.org.uk) — a Children's Mental Health Charity.

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