



Orchard Manor School News

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"In the summertime, when the weather is hot, you can reach right up, and touch the sky"
— Mungo Jerry

Hello Everyone!

As we head towards the final weeks of another successful school year, it is hard to believe just how much we have packed into such a busy and exciting term.

Firstly, a huge well done to all of our students, families and staff for surviving the recent spell of extremely hot weather. The children have coped brilliantly, and we would like to thank parents and carers for helping by ensuring students arrived with hats, sunscreen and appropriate clothing. We've made good use of shaded areas, regular water breaks and even a few fun water-based activities to help everyone stay cool while continuing to enjoy their learning.



Our OMS Family Fun Afternoon was a big hit with everyone this week - thank you to all of you who came and supported us, and a big thank you to the local businesses who provided some amazing raffle prizes. You all helped to raise **£1,240 for the PSFA!**

Last week our annual **Sports Week** was a fantastic success and one of the highlights of the year. Throughout the week, students took part in a wide range of exciting sporting and physical activities, giving everyone an opportunity to be active, challenge themselves and most importantly have fun.



From team games and outdoor adventures to friendly competition and personal achievements, the enthusiasm shown by our students was incredible. We were particularly proud of the teamwork, resilience and encouragement demonstrated throughout the week.



One of the highlights of Sports Week was our Buckingham Palace Fun Run Challenge. Students and staff worked together to cover the incredible distance from Orchard Manor School all the way to Buckingham Palace through a sponsored run and walk around the school grounds. We even told the palace about it and we were thrilled to receive a letter back, but you will see that on our social pages!

Thanks to the amazing support of our school community, the event raised an impressive £310. These funds will go directly towards purchasing additional equipment and resources to benefit students across the school. Thank you to everyone who sponsored, donated and cheered us on along the way.



A huge congratulations to **Purple Class** too, whose own sponsored walk in June raised an incredible £520. The PSFA generously agreed to add to their total and the money raised has been used to create a brand-new sensory area within Purple classroom, providing an exciting and engaging space that will support learning, regulation and wellbeing. We are incredibly proud of the students and grateful to everyone who supported their efforts.



Our **Year 10** students will come back today from a fantastic **three-day camping trip**, creating memories that will last for years to come. Staying at a local Scout campsite, the students packed their days full of activities including trips to the zoo, countryside walks and even grass sledding. The trip has provided plenty of opportunities to build independence, confidence and teamwork while having a great deal of fun.

By all accounts, it sounds like both students and staff had an absolutely

wonderful time, and it was fantastic to see everyone embracing the experience so enthusiastically, especially as for some of our students, it was their first time camping AND being away from home.



School Reports have now been sent out and we are looking ahead to September. If you have not received the report for your child, please contact the school and we can send it out again.

Transition activities begin next week, and by now, families will have been informed about the class their child will be moving into for the next academic year. A great deal of thought and planning goes into every transition to ensure that students are placed in an environment where they can continue to thrive and achieve their full potential. Staff work closely together to ensure a smooth and positive move for everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's transition, please do not hesitate to contact your child's current teacher, who will be happy to help.



Finally, from September, new national guidance regarding **mobile phones in schools** will come into effect. We currently operate a "phones away during the school day" approach which supports learning, wellbeing, positive relationships and online safety.

From next term, schools are expected to be mobile phone-free throughout the school day, including break and lunchtime. We will be reviewing our procedures and will share our updated policy with parents and carers before the start of the new academic year. Our aim is to support students' wellbeing, safety and learning, while ensuring any individual needs are appropriately considered.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, you will need to do so via the school office. Likewise, if your child needs to contact you, a member of staff will be happy to support them using a school telephone.

Finally, there is still plenty to look forward to before the end of term, but in the meantime, have a lovely weekend - don't forget sunscreen and hydration - its going to be another scorcher, and if the weather continues like this, please don't forget to send your child into school with sun cream, a water bottle and a hat!

Nicola Jones, Headteacher

Please **DON'T FORGET**
to send in
SUN CREAM and a **HAT**
for your children
in this **FANTASTIC WEATHER!**



Sunburn is not good for you!