

STEM NOBEL PRIZES

The school celebrated its first STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) event this half term, also linking to Black History Month. As the Nobel prizes were awarded in October, learners had to research a previous winner and produce some information about them in a format of their choice. Judging was carried out by the school's maths and science leads, and they were very impressed with the amount of research and facts learners had produced.

Congratulations to everyone who entered!



MISSION CHAOS

Mission Chaos was a national writing competition aimed at promoting a love of creative writing and poetry. The entrants were asked to write a 100-word story about something chaotic. This could be an apocalyptic event or about something going wrong. Amazingly 15 of our learners have been selected to have their stories published in a book. They have all received a certificate and bookmark.



HELLO YELLOW - WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

This term the Orchard school staff and learners came together in yellow on World Mental Health Day to raise vital funds for Young Minds and show children and young people that they're not alone with their mental health. The day was great fun, raised awareness of mental health and raised £50 for a great cause too!



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



With the amazing support of Deli-licious and Gallagher's Café, class 5 baked and sold cakes to raise money for Macmillan. We are very proud of all involved, they managed to raise a huge £270 for such a deserving charity.

MUSEUM VISITS!

Over the last few weeks, our learners have had the opportunity to consolidate their learning in History by visiting a number of museums in Hull. KS3 learners visited the Hull & East Riding Museum of Archaeology to enhance their knowledge of the Vikings, and KS4 learners visited the Wilberforce Museum to embed their knowledge of slavery in the UK. Learners enjoyed the visits and welcomed the chance to learn more about this term's topic of Early Civilisations.



CAREERS UPDATE - AUTUMN 1

This term our year 11s visited Linkage College to have a look around and see the courses they offer. From this visit some of our year 11 learners have decided that this is where they would like to study for their post-16 destination. We have planned visits on November 5th for our year 11s to look around Grimsby Institute and November 20th for a visit to Franklin College. Hopefully, from these visits the learners will decide which college and course they would like to study at. Two of our year 11s will be traveling to Hull to look at courses at Motorvation, where they will study a qualification in Automotive Maintenance.

KS3 have been identifying what skills they are good at and what they enjoy. They have also been investigating careers for post-16 which would suit their skills and displaying this information on their class mood boards. Next term KS3 are examining the Health and Social Care sector and the jobs within this industry. All KS3 learners will be visiting local care homes and looking at the different job roles on offer in this sector.



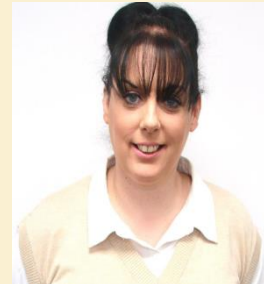
OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM & SAFEUARDING INFORMATION



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Stuart Dainty
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If you need help or support over the half term and are unsure who or where to turn to, our Safeguarding Lead number is 07738600651.

Claire or Steve will check the phone at 4pm each day.

Other services to help over the break are: -

- Integrated front Door (Children's Services) Members of the public and professionals can call the IFD on 01472 326292 (option 2, option 2) (Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm).
- Report a concern to Children's Services - [SaferNEL | Report a concern - SaferNEL](#)
- The local offer for children and young people with disabilities - [NELC SEND Local Offer | North East Lincolnshire Special Educational Needs & Disability \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Food Banks -

- [The Rock Foundation UK Ltd | Supporting people in Grimsby](#) - Open Mon, Weds, Fri 1pm - 3:30pm
- [Food banks | The Salvation Army](#) - Open Mon - Fri 1pm - 3pm
- [Contact Us | CARE - Christian Action & Resource Enterprise \(carenelincs.co.uk\)](#) Open Mon-Fri 10am - 1pm

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

If any of our or other young people are struggling over the Half term and need mental health support, then the following agencies are there and available to help at any time.

- Young minds- support online for all children across all walks of life - [Self-care support in the summer holidays | Resources | Young Minds](#)
- Kooth - offer free, anonymous and safe support for children and young people aged between 11-18 in Lincolnshire - [Home - Kooth](#)

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW - AUTUMN 2

The below table details the areas that our learners will be working on throughout the Autumn 2 term.

	Foundation	KS3	KS4
English	Pirate Theme - Newspaper Writing	Pirate Theme - Sentence Construction	Greek Mythology - The Golden Fleece
Mathematics	Number Operations - Addition & Subtraction	Fractions, Decimals & Percentages	Fractions, Decimals, Percentages & Ratios
ICT	Exploring the Internet		Internet & Online Services
Science	Chemistry - States of Matter		Chemistry - Physical & Chemical Changes
PSHE/RSE	Health & Wellbeing	Health & Wellbeing (Y9 RSE)	Health & Wellbeing
Human & Social	Geography - Location Knowledge (Continents & Oceans)		Geography - Location Knowledge (Antarctica)
People and the Community	Believing - Saints and Heroes		Believing - Hopes and Visions
Aesthetic & Creative Arts	Painting - Jackson Pollock		Painting - Keith Haring
Talkabout	Social Skills Programme - Body Language		

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Autumn half-term break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a positive and productive first term here at Orchard Education.

It has been wonderful to see our learners settling back into their routines and embracing the opportunities for growth and development. Seeing how well our new year 7's have settled in and have added their amazing personalities to the school, as well as seeing learners' commitment to charity and making an impact in our local community has been an early highlight.

This term, we have seen great progress across the school, both academically and socially. Our dedicated staff have worked closely with learners, tailoring individual emotional support plans to ensure that every learner's unique needs are met. Our key stage 4 offer has continued to grow with the introduction of GCSE Art for the year 10's and BTEC level 2 Cooking, after the success of level 1 last academic year.

We were also delighted with the success of our extracurricular activities such as football, performing arts and Lego and have listened to our learner council for suggested future activities. These all provide vital opportunities for our learners to develop confidence and interpersonal skills, while also allowing them to explore new interests in a supportive environment, we look forward to implementing the Duke of Edinburgh award to add to our extra-curricular offer as well as learner qualifications

Your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education make a huge difference. As a principal I am extremely grateful for the collaborative approach you all take to help us improve the school and experience for our learners. Your feedback is invaluable as we work together to ensure that every learner is reaching their full potential. We are continuously striving to enhance our communication with you, and we encourage you to reach out if you have any concerns or suggestions. We know most of you use the class phones to speak to teachers and centre managers and have also created an email as an additional method of communication parentcarer@orchardhumber.co.uk.

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing support. We are proud of the progress your children are making and are excited about the upcoming term. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Yours sincerely

Steve Broderick

DATES AND EVENTS

November

Monday 4th - Teacher training day

Tuesday 5th - Children return to school

Friday 15th - Children in Need (children are invited to wear something spotty or their pyjamas).

12th & 13th - KS4 visit to Grimsby Mosque

Monday 25th - Laceby Road coffee Morning 9am - 11am (Sargon event will be arranged in Spring Term).

26th & 27th - KS3 visit to Grimsby Mosque

December

Christmas Panto Visit - TBC

Thursday 12th - Parents' evening & Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th - Laceby Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th - Sargon Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th - Staff & Learner Christmas Show

Friday 20th - Children break up for Christmas

Monday 6th January 2025 - Children return to school.