

Ormston School Newsletter – Issue 23

Dear Parents, Students, and Guardians,

As we wrap up April and head into the final stretch of the school year, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on recent highlights and share what's ahead.

Highlights

This month Snowy Owl Class had a fantastic lesson in Orienteering when taking part in the owl trial in Leeds city centre. We found 14 of them and some were quite tricky to find!

Burrowing Owl enjoyed sketching outlines of our school buildings in the sun during our Art lesson 😊

Some seasonal cooking from Barn Owl Class this April, they have been perfecting their cutting skills in Food Technology.

Progress

We are very pleased to announce we now have approval from NCFE meaning we can now start delivering functional skills qualifications! We have also been approved for AQA unit award, this further opening the courses we can offer our young people. Our plans going forward are to get the KS4 art award and to introduce GCSE exams and qualifications.

Lockdown Drill

With residual anxieties from the commotion over the past weekend, this week we have had a lockdown drill. These drills are carried out at regular intervals ensuring safety measures are met and followed correctly.

New Staff

After this half term we have welcomed three new staff members. Miss Harper, who has joined Barn Owl Class, Miss Stainton-Roy who has joined Little Owl Class and Miss Carruthers who has started as our new School Admin. The team at Ormston is continuously growing, we look forward to the positive impact we know our new staff will have on our student's day to day growth and development.

Key Dates and information for this half term

We are now a completely NUT & ORANGE FREE school. Please do not send any orange or nuts into school, this also includes any item where nuts are an ingredient.

Ormston School will now continue to operate the 1-way system for the car park entry and exit. Please drive around the back of the building and exit onto the road.

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6th May – School INSET Day (First Aid & PRICE Training for staff)

Friday 23rd May – Break up for the school Holidays and return on Monday 2nd June.

Who do I need to contact?

All initial enquiries should go through the school office by emailing schooloffice@ormstonschool.co.uk or calling **01134 655210**. Should you wish to inform us of an absence please speak with the school office, should the school office not be available please leave a voicemail which will be picked up.

