

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 10th March 2017



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT



Our whole school theme for this week and next has been exploring Fairtrade. In Assembly on Thursday 8B put on a quiz to show us where in the world different food comes from.

They discussed the water needed for some of these crops looking at how much water children in some countries had to carry. Pupils practised carrying containers full of water and decided that they wouldn't like to do that all day.

On Wednesday of next week the Student Council will be running a Fairtrade snack shop. Pupils can bring in £1 to buy a snack at breaktime.

Dates and Coming up

Saturday 18th March
Film Club
10.00 -12.00



Friday 24th March
Comic Relief
Wear your onesie to school day

Friday 7th April
INSET Day
School closed to pupils

10th - 21st April
Easter Holidays

Monday 5th June
INSET Day

PROPOSED CUTS TO SPECIAL SCHOOL BUDGETS

Following the letter that we sent out last half-term many of you will be aware that the Daily Echo have been covering the SEN funding cuts, and have featured 2 of the 7 Special schools already. They will be covering this again on Saturday, and are going to start a Twitter Campaign, using their account to give it a high volume of followers to start with. We need your help, and this issue deserves to get a huge amount of publicity.

Please look for **#makeaspecialnoise**

Follow, comment and share it with anyone that you know who will want to support this. If it has a large volume of comments and followers then there is every chance that this could become a national story, it is of huge importance to the future of SEN schools. We want to make sure that your children's education becomes a National Issue, and that the public are made aware of it.

We also have ideas to put in letters to local Councillors and MPs email (info@greatoaks.school) or phone school for a copy. It would be great to make them aware of this issue.

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OUT FOR THE SEASON? SAINTS WON'T RUSH VAN DIJK BACK

BREAKING POINT

CASH CRISIS IN CITY SPECIAL SCHOOLS SPARKS FEARS OF:

- »Children turned away
- »Teachers axed
- »Class sizes doubled

EXCLUSIVE
SOME of Hampshire's most vulnerable children could see their education severely disrupted if proposed education cuts go through.
Southampton's seven special schools have banded together to fight the Department of Education proposals to slash more than ten per cent from their combined budget.
Head teachers have warned class sizes will grow and teaching jobs will go if the £1.8 billion in funding is lost.
Full story: turn to pages 4 and 8

ROCK CHALLENGE VIDEO

We have had some problems over copyright so our Rock Challenge video has had to be taken down from our website. We are able to share the video with parents but it can't be put on any public platform due to the music it contains. If you would like a link to the video please email support@greatoaks.school and we will send it to you

ART PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Clay animals made by Ryan Knapp in Year 7



KIDS DAY OUT

Those of you who have children in Years 8 and above will be aware that every year the Rotary Club provide and fund a Kids Day Out for pupils in Key Stage 3, along with pupils from other special schools. This has traditionally been at Paultons Park, but more recently also at Marwell.

Staff were disappointed to learn that Paultons Park are no longer willing to host the Kids Day Out trip due to health and safety concerns about having so many students with disabilities in the park at the same time. Many staff feel this is unfair on our students who would all be supported by adults as necessary and would not be an extra burden on the park. If you would like to contact the park to express your feelings about the decision then the details are as follows: Telephone: 02380-814442 email: enquiries@paultons.co.uk

The letter from the park explaining their decision will be held at reception for viewing. Contact Ben Warner for more information.

YMCA Daycamps Southampton Easter School Holidays

Your local community charity. Happy, Healthy Lives.

Welcome to YMCA Southampton Daycamps, a place where children can have fun, make friends and create lasting memories. Whether you've been before or are new to us, take a look at our Easter programme then either visit our website or give our friendly sales team a call to find out more! Based at Oasis Academy Mayfield. Shouting, this wonderful facility has so much to offer for children aged 4-16 years.

EASTER PROGRAMME Monday 10th - Thursday 12th & Tuesday 16th - Friday 21st April 2013

	10am - 12pm			1pm - 3pm			3pm - 4.30pm		4.30pm - 5pm	
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	All children	All children		
Monday	Bingo Team Games	Play dough and Modelling Races	ALL SESSION	Quiz Ball Games	Charades Touch Rugby	ALL SESSION	Choice of physical games and activities	FREE PLAY		
Tuesday	Cooking Sports	Creating Your Own Village Muga Games	ALL SESSION	Guess Who Game Parachute Games	Den Building Capture the Flag	ALL SESSION	Choice of physical games and activities	FREE PLAY		
Wednesday	Egg Parachutes Egg Drop Challenge	Wii Tournament Ball Games	Off-site walk	Cooking Easter Cookies	Battleships Reading Games	Off-site walk				
Thursday	Mask Making Team Sports	Egg Design Egg Decorating	Off-site walk	Treasure Map Making Egg Hunt	Create your own Board Game Board Game Extravaganza	Off-site walk				
Friday	BANK HOLIDAY			BANK HOLIDAY						

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Tuesday	Cooking Chocolate Needs	Wax Crayon Pictures Parachute Games	ALL SESSION	Bingo Board Ball Games	Team Building Table Tennis	ALL SESSION	Choice of physical games and activities	FREE PLAY		
Wednesday	Chocolate Enavings Team Sports	Puppet Making Ball Games	ALL SESSION	Cooking Cup Games	Practice Takeit Mini Talent Show	ALL SESSION	Choice of physical games and activities	FREE PLAY		
Thursday	Battleships Tag Rugby	Play dough and Modelling Reading	Off-site walk	Large Art Tag	Quiz Ball Games	Off-site walk				
Friday	Scavenger Hunt Muga Games	Den Building Reading games	Off-site walk	Cinema	Cinema	Off-site walk				

DAYCAMP PRICES STANDARD DAY 9am-4pm: £21 per day | FULL DAY 8am-6pm: £26 per day
MEMBERSHIP BOOKING DISCOUNTS - Book BY 15th MARCH to save 20% | BY 27th MARCH to save 10% | AFTER 27th MARCH to save 10%
 *YMCA booking terms, conditions and restrictions apply. See website for more information.

Book online at www.ymca-fg.org or call us on 02380 441648

YMCA Southampton @YMCASouthampton

Daycamps operate from: Oasis Academy Mayfield, Ashley Crescent, Southampton SO19 9NA.

Film Club @ Great Oaks
Saturday 18th March
10.00 - 12.00

Friends and families all welcome - free popcorn and drinks



Watch out Red nose day is coming!

11L and 9P are planning all sorts of fun for Red Nose Day this year. Wear a onesie! You know it looks good. Staff that don't wear a onesie will be asked to have a go in the 'unlucky dip' and could have to do something worse or pay £2 to charity!

Friday 24th March