

# Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017



## Great Oaks Rocked the Guildhall



Well done to all at Great Oaks involved in Monday night's Rock Challenge event. Over 60 of our pupils competed against eight other schools at the O2 Guildhall in Southampton with an 8 minute piece of dance and drama.

Our theme revolved around two teams of scientists competing to build a rocket to the moon, who realized, that by working together and having a 'Yes I can' attitude they could succeed.



Although we didn't come in the top three, Great Oaks was by far the best received set by the Audience and was definitely the most positive and uplifting performance!

We did receive nine awards for Costuming, Character, Lighting, Soundtrack, Video performance, Entertainment, Stage crew, Set design and function, Cultural and Educational achievement and Health and fitness.

We also received a special award for 10 years of participation in Rock Challenge. The pupils were a real credit to the school, over a very long day. A special thanks to all the staff involved in the event both backstage, with set, the costumes and the performance. A special thanks to Mrs Sanger for co-ordinating it all.



## SMOOTHIE BIKE



The Smoothie Bike arrived back in school this week. Pupils chose fruit to put into a mixer which attached to the front of a specially adapted exercise bike. They then had to peddle furiously in order to power the mixer and turn the fruit into smoothies, which was enjoyed as their reward.

## RECYCLING AWARD

Great Oaks have won an award for our efforts in Recycling. Each term the recycling team at Southampton City Council present a certificate and £300 worth of IKEA vouchers to the school that makes the most effort to recycle.

This term the award has gone to Great Oaks, Becky and Lorretta from the Council team visited on Wednesday to present the award in Assembly. We are going to put the money towards equipment for our Library.



## INTECH VISIT

Year 7s visited the INTECH centre in Winchester last Thursday where they spent a very interesting hour in the Planetarium learning about the night sky as part of their science work.



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Well done to the newly formed Great Oaks Wayahead football team that meets on a Sunday morning. The team supported by the Saints Foundation played a tournament last Sunday against other teams from Portsmouth and Southampton.

Their next game is on 5<sup>th</sup> March at Toynbee School in Eastleigh and I'm sure that they would welcome any support.

## THE BLOODTHIRSTY CUPCAKES!



The Bloodthirsty cupcakes is the new name for the Great Oaks Rock Band. They performed a couple of songs in assembly on Wednesday including Motorhead's 'Ace of Spades' – they were excellent – and very loud!

## MOBILE PHONES IMPORTANT MESSAGE

From after half-term we are asking pupils **NOT TO BRING MOBILE PHONES INTO SCHOOL**. The vast majority of pupils have no need for mobiles during the school day and we are finding that they are at times causing a distraction.

We have lots of technology that pupils can access during free time and they are still welcome to bring in personal music or game devices (at their own risk) that are not 3 or 4G enabled.

Should, for Emergencies or other reasons, pupils need to bring in a mobile please can parents obtain permission from a senior member of staff. The phones will then need to be handed in to Dawn in Welfare for safe keeping to be returned at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support with this