

GREAT OAKS WEEKLY

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2016



POWER FOR GOOD

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



It's National Anti-bullying week this week and we have been looking at the issue of bullying in tutor groups and assemblies throughout the week.

We have been thinking about what to do if you feel you are being bullied and how we can all use our power to make a difference for good.

In technology pupils from across the school have been making a buddy bench – a place where people can sit if they are feeling bullied, lonely or sad and where others will come and befriend them. Pictures of the finished bench next week.

Lots of information on bullying including cyberbullying can be found on the anti-bullying alliance website - www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk. Some guidance from that site is printed overleaf.

Don't forget

look smart

Monday

School Photos



DATES AND COMING UP

Monday 21st November
School Photos

Friday 25th November
Non-uniform Day

Saturday 3rd December
Christmas Fayre
10.00 – 1.00pm

Thursday 8th December
Year 7 in the Christmas
Guildhall Concert

Tuesday 13th December
Key Stage 4 Post 16
Christmas Concert

Wednesday 14th
December
Key Stage 3
Christmas Concert
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF
CONCERT DATES

Friday 16th December
End of Term

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3rd December

We need your help....

- With Tombola and Raffle prizes
- Running stalls
- Delivering flyers
- And most importantly come along with family and friends

If you can help with any of these please contact Andy or Dawn.



Next Friday – Non-uniform Day

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Please bring in something for the Tombola and a £1 donation for our Student Council Charity of the Year – The World Wildlife Fund. Thanks

SPORTS AND MOVEMENT FESTIVAL



Well done to 8P for their excellent participation in the Sports and Movement Festival in Portsmouth on Tuesday. They had the opportunity to have a go at a whole range of sports during the day including trampolining and field and track events.

PARENT GOVERNORS

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor at Great Oaks. It is a period of great change for the school so we need a supportive and challenging parent who can guide us through this busy but exciting time. Please contact Andy Evans or Sue Williams (Chair of Governors) at school for more information and a no obligation chat.

POST 16 ENTERPRISE

Students in Post 16 have started up their very successful enterprise project again this term. Every Thursday they make soups which they sell to staff at lunch-time. Pictured is Alfie selling Mr Hardy his very excellent Broccoli and Stilton soup.



Top anti-bullying tips

Tips for parents and carers



If your child is being bullied or you think they might be, here are some tips on how to talk to them and prevent further bullying.

- If your child is being bullied, **don't panic**. Explain to your child that the bullying is not their fault and together you will sort this out.
- **Bullying is never acceptable**; and should always be taken seriously. It is never your child's fault if they've been bullied.
- Try and **establish the facts**. It can be helpful to keep a diary of events. If the bullying is online, save or copy images and text.
- **Find out what your child wants to happen**. Help to identify steps you can take; and the skills they have to help sort out the situation. Make sure you always keep them informed about any actions you decide to take.
- **You may be tempted to tell your child to retaliate but this can have unpredictable results**. Your child might get into trouble or get even more hurt. Rather – role play non-violent ways they can respond to children that are bullying them (e.g. "I don't like it when you say that to me / do that to me. Stop."); show them how to block or unfriend people if the bullying is online and help them identify other friends or adults that can support them.
- **Encourage your child to get involved in activities that build their confidence and esteem**, and help them to form friendships outside of school (or wherever the bullying is taking place)



Get some advice

There are many organisations that can give you some advice. Contact them if you are worried about bullying and want to talk to someone. <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/parents-carers/>



You can access our free anti-bullying online information tool at www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/parenttool

Southampton Parent Carer Forum Engagement Event



The Southampton Parent Carer Forum and the Southampton City Council SEND Service welcome parent/carers to our second Engagement Event.

📅 Wednesday 23rd November

🕒 6-8pm

📍 Southampton Mencap
187a Portwood Road
Southampton
SO17 2NF

- Starting at 6pm for coffee and meet and greet
- Presentation from the Southampton SEND Service and opportunity for you to feedback on services within Southampton's Local Offer
- Presentation from the parent/carers forum team

Refreshments will be provided

If you are a parent/carers of a child/young person with a disability or special educational need in Southampton and would like feedback/to get involved, please join us. **Booking essential.**

- Email clairepritchard@roseroad.org.uk or call 07410 411344