

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 19th May 2017



COMMUNICATION AND MESSAGES

Our whole school theme this week has been on communication and different forms of messages. We have been thinking about different ways that we communicate in the 21st Century including text, email and social media. We have also been looking at alternative forms of communication such as PECs and Signing that many of our pupils use. For more information on Signing see page 2.

Finally, we have been investigating some more unusual forms of sending messages. In Assembly on Wednesday 7^O demonstrated a range of different communication methods including morse code, smoke signals and semaphore (signalling with flags)

Pupils have also been writing messages to put in bottles. On Wednesday 7^O took a trip to New Milton where they put a bottle with a message from Great Oaks into the sea. We are going to wait to see if we get a response.



REMEMBERING STUART

In a Special Assembly on Tuesday we remembered Stuart Heather one of our Support Assistants who so sadly died last week.

Stuart had worked with us since 2014 mainly with our College students at the Lodge and also those on personalised programmes

Stuart was an amazing guy. He was kind, empathetic and genuine. He had real love for his job and care and concern for all those he worked with. He will be greatly missed by all those at school.

Our thoughts are with his family at this time.



Dates and Coming up

Wednesday 24th May
5.30 - 7.30 Post 16
Photographic Exhibition - Harbour Light Cinema

29th May - 2nd June
Half Term

Monday 5th June
INSET Day

5th - 16th June
Year 11 Work Experience

Friday 30th June Year 11
Leavers Assembly for all pupils and parents in Year 11

Thursday 6th July
Parents Evening And family BBQ

17th - 21st July
Arts Week

Monday 24th July
Sports Day

Tuesday 25th July
End of Term

COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Students at Great Oaks College and Rosewood Hub have been taking photographs on the theme of water for a photography exhibition happening next Wednesday evening at the Harbour Lights Cinema. The exhibition is free and they would love to see you there.

Great Oaks and Rosewood Photography Exhibition

Wednesday 24th May
Harbour Lights Cinema,
Southampton

STARRY NIGHT

Kamran in 11B has completed a beautiful mural for his silver arts award. He made all of the decisions about his project independently and led a team of student painters to paint a scaled version of Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'



SIGNALONG AT GREAT OAKS



Signalong is the signing system that we use at Great Oaks School. Many of our non-verbal pupils use it to help them communicate. It is based on British Sign Language and is very similar to Makaton but has a much more extensive library of signs suitable for pupils in secondary schools and adults. For more information contact Ilda Ourique.

FRIDAY ART CLUB



Ella has completed this lovely mandala pattern during her Friday afternoon art club, it has taken several weeks to complete but she has done an amazing job. Some of the other amazing designs are presented behind her.

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SCHOOLS**
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Saturday 27 May, 10.30am

**Assemble at The Bargate,
Southampton**

**Bring your children, friends, family,
banners, placards, whistles!**