

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 13th September 2024



Our theme for this year is taken from the Old African saying that it takes a village to raise a child. As a school we want to develop closer links with families and the local community to benefit our pupils. We have lots of activities planned throughout the year including volunteering projects and community visits. More details throughout the year

To start us off this week each class made a model house or building representing their class. These were put together to create a model village. A few of the models are below.



Coming up

Every week in the Newsletter we include a section with key dates. Please check this as we will update it with all the most up-to-date information throughout the year.

4th October – Parent / Carer Coffee morning on West (Vermont) site but all welcome

11th October – Parent / Carer Coffee morning on South (Green Lane) site but all welcome

16th October – Parents Evening

Thursday 24th, Friday 25th October – INSET Days

28th October – 1st November Half-term

Monday 4th November – INSET Day

12th November – Futures Fayre for pupils / students and Parents in Year 10 and above. More details to follow

20th December – End of Autumn Term

Teambuilding through food

To start the new school year with a bit of class teambuilding each class were set a different food challenge. There were lots great activities from blind tasting to food pictures and even a three course meal cooked by one class.



Governor Vacancy

Our Trustees and Governors play a very important part in the life of Great Oaks School providing support and challenge to the school, visiting the school and discussing policy and practice

We are looking for a new Parent Governor . If you are interested or would just like to find out a bit more about what this involves please contact the office to have an informal / no obligation chat with Andy Evans or Sue Williams our Chair of Governors.

Community events and activities

The Barber Shop in Maybush offers special appointments and sessions for young people with SEN.

We are always happy to publicise any organisations or events that our families have found helpful please send them to info@greatoaks.school for inclusion.

Travel Consultation

Southampton City Council are currently consulting on their School Travel Policy for next year (including Post 16 travel). If you would like to contribute to this please see survey link below:

[Consultations and surveys \(southampton.gov.uk\)](https://www.southampton.gov.uk)

There are also a number of information sessions across the City details on the survey site

Thank you and all the very best to to Julie Yorke a Support Assistant who leaves us today and to Matt Diaper who has been with us for an amazing 13 years having worked all across the school. We will miss you

THE BARBER SHOP
HAIRCUTS & SHAVES

SEN APPOINTMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

WE UNDERSTAND THAT EVERYONE HAS UNIQUE NEEDS WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING A HAIRCUT. THAT'S WHY WE'RE EXCITED TO OFFER SEN APPOINTMENTS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO MIGHT FIND REGULAR VISITS CHALLENGING OR NEED A LITTLE EXTRA TIME.

OUR TRAINED BARBER RIA IS ON HAND TO PROVIDE A CALM, SENSORY-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT WITH FLEXIBLE TIME SLOTS TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE. WE TAKE THE TIME TO LISTEN, OFFERING A PATIENT AND RELAXED SERVICE TAILORED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL.

****WHAT TO EXPECT:****

- ONE-ON-ONE APPOINTMENTS IN A QUIETER SPACE
- SENSORY-FRIENDLY ADJUSTMENTS & REDUCED NOISE
- PATIENCE, CARE, AND UNDERSTANDING FROM EXPERIENCED BARBERS

IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD WOULD BENEFIT FROM A TAILORED BARBERING EXPERIENCE, GET IN TOUCH! BOOK YOUR SEN APPOINTMENT TODAY! WE'RE HERE TO MAKE HAIRCUTS COMFORTABLE FOR EVERYONE. ✂