# **Great Oaks Weekly**

Friday 17th January 2025



# Communication at Great Oaks

Last week's whole school theme was Communication. We set Students a range of challenges including a symbol treasure hunt, signing as many words as we could remember and using our Great Oaks core board to make sentences.





Students also met with their buddy class for breakfast and listened to songs and stories. Here we have students meeting up and playing games using symbols to support their communication. Well done to all involved!

# **Healthy High 5**

As a school and college this year we are participating in the Southampton Healthy high 5 challenge, joining in with other schools to improve our health in 5 key areas. The programme runs all year but we have set ourselves a few challenges this week in the different areas including

#### **Physical activity**

Rowing challenges, morning fitness activities

#### **Drinking water:**

Learning about the importance of water for our health

#### **Healthy eating:**

Try new fruits or make fruit kebabs (see M16 below)

#### Mindfulness:

Chair yoga activities (see A16 below)

#### **Nurturing nature:**

Enjoying the outdoors – much more on this as the weather improves









Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 4.30-7pm

Save the date!!

More details to follow soon

# **Enterprise Food Pantry**



A brand new Food Pantry opens at our South Site (Green Lane) on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10am-12pm and is open every Tuesday morning, run by our College Enterprise Group

A selection of dry food goods including tins, packets and boxes to fill your cupboards

£2 per family per weekly visit. Great Oaks families only

There are other food pantry options available in the area:

Big Difference - Northam Community Hub Monday - Friday 10.30am-2pm Low cost luxury grocery items open to everyone

Highpoint Food Pantry, Thornhill Contact Jo Goodrich to arrange referral (SO18 & SO19 postcodes only)

Contact Jo Goodrich or Ellie Pereira Bastos for more information

# **Max's Attendance Challenge**

This week, attendance for the school was 90.2%. Attendance for the College was 87.86%.

Certificates were given out this week for the top 2 classes in Each Pathway:

Well done to

Pathway 1- 3EC (97.44%) and 3GO & 3GH (who both achieved 97.14%)

Pathway 2- 3CA (98%) and Phoenix (96.25%)

Pathway 3 KS3 - 3JJ (98.18%) and 3IG (90.91%)

Pathway 3 KS4- 4LB (100%) and 4PL (98.57%)

South Site- 4Js (98.57%) and T16 (97.78%).



Well done also to the 257 students who achieved 100% Attendance this week!

Next week- we will see which Pathway has the best attendance.

### **Online Safety**

Need help with setting up internet filters, parental controls or privacy settings, this website has a whole range of free step by step guides to support in implementing these:

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

### Friday club picture

Our very popular Friday afternoon Dungeons and Dragons Club which is jointly run by Mr Crowhurst and year 11 student Charlie

