

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 21st June 2024



Going for Gold in Maths



Throughout this year we have been celebrating successes in different areas of the curriculum and this week it was the turn of Maths.

In Assembly Mr Down shared some of the Maths projects that classes have been involved in this year including weather recording and measuring wildlife. He also talked about how Maths is used in so many everyday activities from football to cooking and eating cake.

At Great Oaks we use a Maths scheme called White Rose Maths and an online Maths programme know as Sum Dog. Mr Down can give you more information on both of these.

We have been running a paper aeroplane making and flying competition throughout the week, prizes for the most aerodynamic models were shown in assembly.



New Sensory room on South site



This is our new Sensory room on our South Site at Green Lane that opened last week. Students are enjoying exploring it. Many thanks to Amazon who helped to fund the equipment that we have installed.

Turner sims visit



The creative Arts Department trip to the Turner Sims was a great success - some amazing jazz performances which were very exciting. Superb behaviour and engagement from our Year 9 and 10 PW3 pupils!

Useful information

Maggie, one of our Parent Governors has been looking at some discount cards that may of interest to families. We will publicise a different one each week, this week The Access card:

The physical card acts as a photo ID that can be used to easily communicate your access requirements to events and venues, so that the venues can provide accessibility to the needs of their visitors.

It also works online with other platforms like ticketing systems, to unlock the access facilities you need. The card shows a photo ID and translates a persons disability or impairment into symbols, effectively highlighting the barriers they face and the reasonable adjustments they might need.

The Access Card app provides you with a personalised directory of venues, with first-class accessibility information to help you plan your trips. This is a great card which will enable family days out to run more smoothly, helping to avoid long queues and other frustrating situations our youngsters may meet.

It costs £15 for 3 years. Apply online <https://www.accesscard.online/>

Year 10 Camping night

Many thanks to all the staff who helped pupils in year 10 have a very successful camping trip on our school field on Tuesday night.

Pupils from all Pathways in Year 10s had a great evening, putting up tents, playing games enjoying the weather and having a delicious BBQ.

RE Day – Eid Celebrations



As part of our termly RE days pupils in Pathway 2 learnt about the Muslim festival of Eid this week. They enjoyed some delicious spicy food as part of their learning experience

Coming up this term

Events families are invited to highlighted.

24th – 28th June

Year 11 Leavers week including Thursday 27th June – Prom 6 – 8.00 at Southampton Golf Club. All year 11s invited

Friday 28th June am

Year 11 Moving on Assembly for families of all pupils in Year 11

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 14 Nightclub trip

Wednesday 3rd July from 5pm

Parents Evening and free family BBQ everyone welcome

Thursday 4th July – Great Oaks General Election (details to follow)

Wednesday 10th July times tbc – Musician's concerts for all those having music lessons

Parents Coffee Mornings – 3rd July (South), 5th July (West), 12th July (West)

Week beginning 15th July – Summer Olympics incl sports days

16th July 10.00am – Pathway 2

16th July 1.30pm – Pathway 1

17th July 10am – Pathway 3

Friday 19th July – GOFEST. A celebration of Great Oaks with live music all day and much more

Monday 22nd July – International Day

Tuesday 23rd July – Year 14 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July – Final day of the year!