



# College Newsletter

## 14.6.2024



### Self-management skills



Hi everyone,  
 What a busy week! We have welcomed new parents of students who will be transitioning from West site over to South site and introduced them to all the facilities that we have to offer. A group of mixed college students went to a club night at Orange rooms in their fancy outfits and boogied the afternoon away! Then lastly, today we have had a lovely leaving party for our fantastic Dihein, who leaves us to return to Sri Lanka, we will miss him and his cheeky personality dearly. We wish him all the best with his future!

### Kate's Corner



I now need a good rest this weekend as I'm sure lots of our young people and staff also do! Take care,

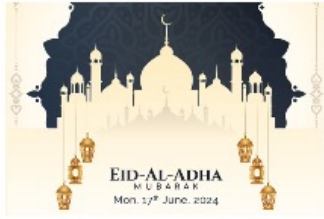
Kate



Goodbye to Dihein who is returning to Sri Lanka.



Daniel



Ben, Lee, Harry and Ping worked hard up at West Site clearing brambles and cutting back hedges. We are clearing this area in preparation for the GO Fest 2024 in July. All four students showed great teamwork skills.

### Skills Builder Challenge

Organise a fun activity with your household.

Organise a fun activity for your household to do over this weekend (or next!)

Encourage everyone to come up with different ideas for the activity and when it might take place. It could be anything you all enjoy, from a pizza night to a walk to your favourite park, but everyone needs to take part.

You might need to organise a vote to decide. Manage disagreements carefully and most importantly, have fun!

**Extension:** Consider what you might need to organise in advance of the activity.

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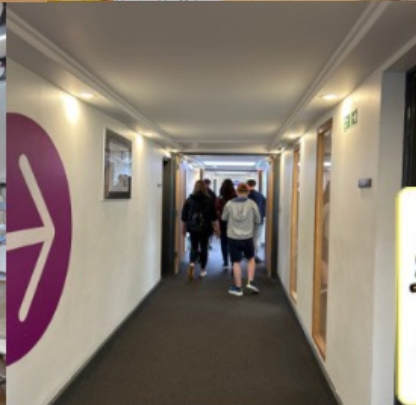
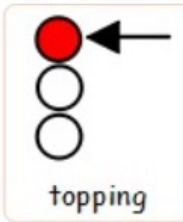
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**SOUTHAMPTON CITY FARM**

M16 cleaned out the chickens on the farm, we collected the fresh eggs and had some time to groom the guinea pigs.



D16 have enjoyed making nachos this week. This involved planning what we wanted on them and then adding our chosen toppings.



Vinnie, Ben, Harry and Lee had their first transition visit to Totton College this week. We had a tour of the college and had a look at the classrooms, refectory, transport area and therapy rooms. We will be returning

next week to continue getting to know the staff and to familiarise ourselves with the campus.



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# The Word from Woodwork.

Since our last newsletter the development of the workshop has continued we are very excited with our new tools including a bandsaw and a pillar drill, these will be commissioned shortly and we are already planning projects we can achieve with them.

Students have been working on projects for the college community and for themselves to take home over this term.

A team visited West Site to sell their products and did very well, total sales for the day were over £116 and we sold most of our stock.

M16 have been learning the planning and execution of a creative project through making photo cubes to take home.



Several classes participated creating our second (very loud) Sensory Board. They also made lids for sand boxes that enrich the outdoor area around the den, created a bench from recycled materials for the same area and made a transition stool for a learner in F16. The learning focus is on being part of and contributing to the wider community. Learners love seeing their work around the college site.



This term D16 have been developing engagement and attention through exploring new tools and techniques. They have created a new line of very popular bee hotels and lately, carved pictures that they will take home.



For the next half term the workshop is welcoming learners from Rosewood Free School to come for sensory woodwork sessions. This is an exciting new development that we look forward to building on.

A16 did some focused work on the business side of woodwork including pricing, marketing and selling their products. When the number work got too much they also made this fabulous two tiered bird table.





picnic

Each week

A16 chose a recipe from a different country and made the dish for the World Food Picnic, which was held on the Testlands field on Wednesday afternoon. Wayahead Day Services from across the city came to join us for our picnic with their delicious contributions. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and we all had a nice time catching up with ex-students and spending time together.



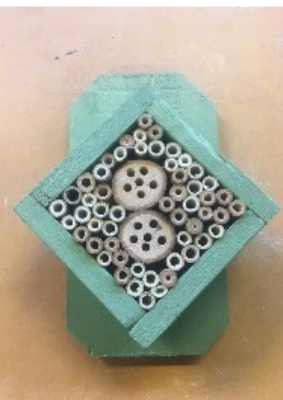
F16 had a great day celebrating Dihein's time at college and hosted a party for South Site.



Bird Boxes – made from untreated timber and painted with weatherproof paint on the outside only (birds prefer this).

£15 per box or two boxes for £26.

**Limited stock! Only two left!**



Wooden Planters – designed to take three 12cm pots and suitable for indoor or outdoor use.

With plants **£15 SOLD OUT**

Planter only **£10 Only two left!**



Bee Hotels – made from bamboo and pallets – very popular with customers and bees.

£15 each.

**SOLD OUT**



Two Tier Bird Table – One of a kind designed to hang or fix to a stand. **£20**

- Pen pots £3
- Planters/bat boxes/mini bird tables £6
- Boot pullers £4
- Branch cup holder £5



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Email: [tomneusinger@greatoaks.school](mailto:tomneusinger@greatoaks.school) to make an order – products can be sent home with students on receipt of payment. Cash only. All proceeds used to fund further woodworking projects. Everything is made by students but quality checked by staff.