# **Great Oaks Weekly** Friday 22nd March 2024





### **Recycling week**

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Monday was Global Recycling Day and to mark it we have been looking at waste this week including identifying ways that we can better reuse and recycle products in school.

In Assembly on Monday each class had a challenge to make something new out of newspaper. The creations were many and varied including a few Easter bonnets and other items of clothing, as well as paper bricks for burning, flowers and even turning the paper back into trees.

Throughout the week other classes have been using recycled materials for Junk modelling and mini germination greenhouses.



### **School Dinners**

We have heard from City Caterers that they are raising their prices from 1<sup>st</sup> April we will therefore have to increase the price of school dinners to £2.95 from after Easter



#### **Easter break**

Just a reminder that we break up for Easter holidays at the end of next Thursday (29<sup>th</sup> March) and return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April



#### **Festival of Colours & Spring**

On our RE Day this week pupils in Pathway 2 were learning about the Hindu Festival of Colours – Holi. What better way to learn than experiencing it, which they did in our playground in a very colourful way.



### **Great Oaks Anthem**

Year 11 Pathway 3 classes travelled over to the South site on Wednesday to perform some songs that they had been learning to pupils in Pathway 2. The songs included a Great Oaks Anthem written by staff and modified by Year 11 pupils that all the Year 11s are going to perform in their Leavers Assembly (below).



### **Year 11 Leaving events**

Lots for Year 11s to celebrate as they move on from school but please note Year 11 Prom is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June and Moving on Assembly for all Year 11 families on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. This will be the last day in school for all Year 11 pupils not staying on to Great Oaks College. More details after Easter

## Strengthening Families

#### A <u>FREE</u> course for families Online via ZOOM

Mums, dads and carers participate together with <u>one</u> of their children who must be <u>aged 10–14 years</u>

Get some helpful tips to strengthen your relationship with your child!

Setting loving limits
Making house rules

Building bridges

Using consequences

Communicating when you don't agree

Explore subjects together such as:

· Encouraging positive behaviour

#### Course materials and snacks will be sent to your home!

An 8 week course starting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Wednesdays 6.30 – 8.30pm on Zoom

24<sup>th</sup> April; 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May and 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Book a place on the course by emailing us on info@sftrust.org.uk

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We offer small ad-hoc holiday groups during Easter and the summer holidays for people 16 years old and above. These groups are for individuals who would like to practise communication in sessions such as: drama, games. Makaton sing and sign, music, art, Talkabout social communication groups, friendship groups, community groups, and many more. These will be at our base in Romsey and will be run by communication facilitators and speech and language therapists.



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#### Holiday Service at Speaking Space 2nd to 5th April 2024

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#### Where are we?



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Southampton. We are 5 minutes from the M3 and M27 and there is a long stay car park on Alma Road.

We are opposite Romsey train station and a short taxi ride from Southampton airoort.

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