

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 12th January 2024



New Year – still Going for Gold!

Happy new Year to all our families. We used the start of 2024 as an opportunity to remind pupils of our theme for the year – Going for Gold – aiming to do our very best in all that we do. Classes looked at their Going for Gold targets for the year and to help them focus were all given gold (biscuit) bars to eat. 4EC got creative with their Gold bars – playing Jenga with them before eating them!. We also gave out some Chocolate gold medals in assembly to celebrate some start of the year achievements.



Coming up this term

Lots of exciting activities for pupils to engage in this term.



As part of our Going for Gold theme we will be having our own **Winter Olympics** in a couple of weeks time (22nd – 25th January). Pathway 3 classes have already been practicing in their PE lessons, during the week we will have some whole school challenges, an Olympian to talk to pupils and even some real snow!



The week before half-term (5th – 9th February) is our **Student Council Charity week**. This year we are raising money for Save the Children Fund to support children all around the world who are caught up in wars and conflict.

There will be lots of fund raising activities going on throughout the week. More details to follow.

Sam is still running

As mentioned last term Sam Pinner one of our parents is training to run a Marathon on 7th April in aid of Great Oaks School. Having never run before he is building up to the 26 miles and is so far at 15K. If you would like to sponsor him and keep up with his progress – see link below

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sam-pinner-3?utm_term=RXGdpQMqg



We're raising £1,000 to Help Great Oaks school by running Southampton marathon 2024

Parent / Carer

Coffee Mornings



Today at 10.15am on West Site and

Wednesday 24th January on South (Green Lane) site

Rosie and Leigh from the Jigsaw Team will be at both events. It doesn't matter which site your child attends you are welcome to attend either Coffee Morning



Weather warnings

With us experiencing a bit of cold snap it's an opportunity to remind everyone of the process should we need to close the school for severe weather (or any other reason). We will Dojo parents as early as we can in the morning in the case of a closure. We will also aim to text and email parents and will put a notice on our website and the SCC School closure site.

In the very unlikely event that we have to close during the day we will speak to parents to ask them to collect their young person.

It is therefore vital that we have up-to-date phone numbers for all families. Thank you

Family Hub

Living with Teenagers

9-week course For parents and carers of young people aged 11 - 16 years

Bring up happy and self-confident young people. The course content includes exploring what it is like to be a teenager today, parental wellbeing, listening and communication, expressing and acknowledging feelings, and discipline.

Weston Secondary

Date: 18 Jan – 21 March

Time: 10 – 12pm

Tickleford Drive, Weston, Southampton SO19 9QP

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soton.cc/familyhub-parentingreferral

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Just a reminder that Great Oaks will be closed to pupils on Friday 26th January for Staff INSET Day.