

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 19th January 2024



Going for Gold in Sport and Leisure



This week we have been celebrating all the amazing achievements of our pupils in sports and leisure.

Some of our key aims in physical education are for pupils to learn to accept winning and losing, to help and support others, be part of a team and to get fit and have fun!

With this in mind we have over 40 different sports and leisure activities for pupils to learn and experience in our PE lessons and on a Friday afternoon.

Our older students also get to visit sports facilities in the community – everything from gyms to outdoor activity centres.



Remembering Caroline

Caroline Robins one of our Pathway 1 Teachers sadly died this week. Caroline was passionate about sport leisure and widening opportunities for young people with special needs to participate in physical activities.

Caroline was instrumental in the introduction of Trampolining and Sherborne movement at Great Oaks and organised training for many of our Pathway 1 Teachers in leading physical activities. She will be greatly missed by us all.



Winter Olympics

As part of our Going for Gold theme we will be having our own Winter Olympics next week. Pathway 3 classes have already been practicing in their PE lessons, throughout next week we will have some whole school challenges, an Olympian to talk to pupils and even some real snow! Reports next week.



Parent / Carer Coffee Morning



Wednesday 24th January

on South (Green Lane) site 10.15am

Rosie and Leigh from the Jigsaw Team will be joining us. It doesn't matter which site your child attends you are welcome to join us.

Arts picture of the week!



3PP being awesome on the tone chimes!

Working together



It was great to see year 10 and 11 Pathway 3 pupils working with Year 7 Pathway 1 pupils this week. They both learnt lots from the experience including turn taking, patience and having fun together.

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

Speaking Space Training 2024



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What is the topic of this parent forum?

Led by a member of our team that has a first hand experience of living with autism, this parent forum will provide an open space for parents to share their experiences on the subject. The forum will begin with a brief introduction from Clive, one of our Speech Therapists. We will then take questions in a 'Q&A' style format and discuss strategies, advice, support, and differences in perspective that can make seemingly simple situations complex.

"Always very friendly, professional, funny, interesting and helpful. Thank you, I like the positivity and real examples." D Hall (2020)

Who is it aimed at?

Any parent/carer of a child or young person who may want advice or strategies for living with autism in school, at home, or in the community.

25th January 2024 (7pm-9pm)

Cost: £5 per person or couple on the door



Parent Forum: Autism and my lived experience Q & A session

Speaking Space Training

About the trainers



Clive Braime is a Speech and Language Therapist with two and half years experience working in independent practice. He has worked in a wide range of educational settings developing speech, language and social communication skills.



Rhian Bond is a SLT with over 12 years' experience. She worked in London, specializing in SEMH within the Youth Justice System, but moved to Hampshire to work with Alex & Naomi 3 years ago. She is now the therapy manager for Speaking Space Ltd.

Where are we?



Speaking Space is in Romsey – a small town near 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 airport.

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