

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 1st March 2024



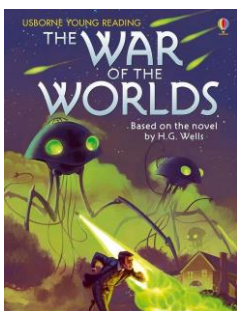
What's landed at Great Oaks?



Some strange goings on at Great Oaks this week as some stones mysteriously appeared in the playground over the weekend. These were collected up and given to each class to explore in Assembly on Monday.

Further exploration (including breaking them up with hammers) revealed them to be Geodes – rocks formed in Volcanos which contain crystals. So despite speculation ahead of our English space week these came not from outer space but from our planet! However they are still fascinating and look great in our classrooms.

Coming up in English week



Our English week takes a space theme next week based on the 2 books above. Our sensory room will be turned into a Planetarium, we will have a space themed photo booth, make moon sand in art, there will be daily literacy challenges and a masked reader competition with staff as hidden readers. Each pupil will be getting a book token for world book day as well. Photos and reports next week.

Space non-uniform day

Next Thursday dress in your out of this world costumes



Peter and the Wolf

On Wednesday pupils in Pathway 1 on West site showcased some of the fantastic work they had been doing in music this term, re-enacting the musical story of Peter and the Wolf to families. A big thank you to Paula Barnes and the team in music for putting it all together.



We need your input into the newsletter!

We know how hard it can be sometimes accessing services and activities when you have a child with SEN and how great it is when you find an organisation or individual that gets it.

We have over 340 Great Oaks families and 220 staff spread across Southampton and Hampshire and would really like to use the newsletter to publicise some of those services to other families. Like our own version of trip advisor!

So for example have you found

....A barber who is great with young people with autism

....A Scout troop who are really inclusive

....A shopping centre with accessible changing areas

....A Nightclub that puts on events for adolescents with learning difficulties

....A café that has a symbolised menu

Or anything else at all that you think would be of interest to our school community.

If so email info@greatoaks.school or Dojo any of the welfare team or myself and we will pop it in the newsletter - giving the organisations a free advert and giving parents a place where they know they will be supported.

Thank you



Parent / Carer Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 20th March – South site

Friday 22nd March – West site

10.00 – 11.00am

All welcome to either or both.

