

# Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025



On Friday morning, live in assembly four Easter Bunnies surprised deserving staff and pupils with Easter gifts of Chocolate eggs and flowers.

Following the Assembly all pupils in the school were given a pack of chocolate eggs and other Easter treats – many thanks to the Big Difference for providing these gifts.

Have a good holiday – see you on 22<sup>nd</sup> April

## Sports Day

A date for your diary

We are doing sports day earlier and in a new location this year

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – AM (9.30am) for all pupils in Pathway 2 and 3 (including 4HC from South Oaks)

**Sports Centre athletics track behind Great Oaks**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – 1:30-2:30pm for all pupils in Pathway 1 including 4KW and other Year 10 / 11s that are able to come over from South Oaks

**Great Oaks School playground (west site)**

Parents and carers are very welcome to attend either event

## Volunteering in the community

Each class in school have been organising and taking part in a volunteering project in the Local Community. We will be featuring some of them over the next few weeks – this week 3EA.

“Over the past few weeks we have made some cat toys. This week we visited blue cross rehoming centre today to drop off the cat toys, Blue Cross and the cats were very happy with them”.



## College News



On Thursday A16 went to Lepe Beach to join the New Forest National Park Rangers for a Beach School session.

They looked at clams, top shells, sea spiders and shore crabs and learnt a lot about their habitat and how to preserve it.

And... students from the Skills Hub raised £108.17 for Comic relief by holding a cake sale and doing a sponsored car clean at South Site. Thank You to all who donated.

## Student Council ideas

The Key Stage 3 Pathway 3 Student Council representatives have been meeting to discuss playground equipment recently. They presented ideas of things they would like to see in the playground, collected from the views of their classmates, to the Leadership Team this week.

They were given a small budget to buy some of the items on their list with others to be followed up next term



## School Dinners

We have been notified by City Catering that the price of school dinners is rising.

From after the Easter holidays Dinners will cost £3.20 per day.

## Great Oaks Feature in National BeWell Research programme

Some of the innovative work that our school is doing has been featured this month as part of a national project led by Manchester University looking at pupil welfare.

See link below to read the article

[Great Oaks School: expanding opportunities to build relationships and boost school belonging - #BeeWell](#)

## Learning about Homelessness

In PSHE this term in Year 10 some of the lessons have been about British Values and Tolerance. We have learnt about homelessness and the difficulties for people living on the streets and the charities that help.

Here are some photos of 4PL building their own homeless shelters.



## Easter in 3CA

3CA had a fun Easter themed day linking to their Science and Humanities topics this half term. In Science they looked at solids and liquids and made cloud dough, ice cream in a bag and chocolate nests. Then in Humanities they used compass and directions skills to go on an Easter egg hunt around the playground!

