

College Newsletter



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Communication skills

Kate's Corner

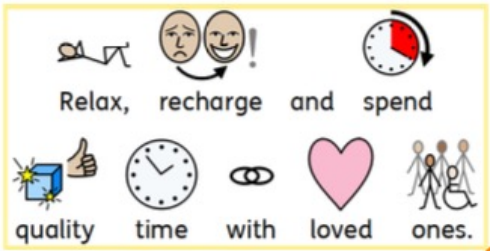


Hello everyone,

This week there has been a hub of excitement as classes prepare for our Halloween party! There has been decoration making, snack planning and plans for pumpkin carving. I am looking forward to being part of the event our young people have designed.

On Tuesday this week we celebrated 'Mental Health day' (with two staff embracing the yellow theme dressed as a banana and a chick!), so this seems like a good time to remind all, that as we head into the weekend to relax, recharge and spend some quality time with your loved ones.

Kate



Skills Builder Challenge

CREATIVITY

Create a cookbook of your favourite meals and food.

Think of your favourite meals and foods. Create a cookbook to show others how they can make these meals.

How could you explain the recipes to others? Could you use words, pictures or videos?

Extension: imagine a brand new meal that you would like to eat and add the recipe to your cookbook.

Diary Dates

18th October
Parents Evening
 Please book a slot with your student's class tutor if you haven't already done so.

Preparing for adulthood
Information Day

Support and advice for families and carers about the transition into adulthood for young people with a learning disability and/or autism.

- Presentations by advisors
- Tours of New Forest Day Opportunities
- Signposting and advice
- Refreshments available

Thurs 19 Oct
1pm-4pm
 Minstead Lodge,
 SO43 7FT

Book your free tickets
www.minsteadtrust.org.uk/InfoDay

M16 have been busy this week starting our Halloween decorations for the party, we used good fine motor skills cutting the paper and showed massive achievement when we did it on our own. We also visited Fort Nelson museum where we learnt lots of fascinating facts and found it very amusing in the character cut outs making funny faces. As well as this we did some planting in the garden. We planted onions and garlic – we can't wait to watch them grow!



D16 made chocolate chip muffins this week. We are working on using a symbol recipe to find the right ingredients and follow instructions.



Student Section: Jailon

Jailon's Guide to creating my picture using Microsoft Publisher...

I loaded Publisher & I selected home on the left-hand side & selected A4 landscape. And then I chose bluebird background under page design. I used the shape format to create the half-moon. Under shape format, I clicked shape fill and chose the colour. To bring a shape forward, I clicked shape format, then clicked bring forward. The fireworks are created using the shape that looks like a dandelion. I used a shape that looks like an explosion and removed the outline and stretched it on page design.



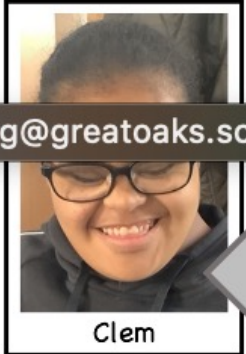
I have created a picture on Publisher with the moon, sun, Big Ben, Tower Bridge, London wheel, Gutter Hero wheels and fireworks. I have sent this to the newsletter.

A16 made Vegetable Korma on Wednesday. We practised our skills in chopping and peeling and followed a recipe to complete the task. Everyone enjoyed the end result.



F16 had a lovely visit to Avon Heath Country Park on Tuesday. We enjoyed going around the Sensory Trail and the Beautiful Butterfly Trail. We stopped and discussed what we could see and talked about the colours of the autumn leaves. We spent the afternoon enjoying ourselves in the park and exploring with each other.





Reminder: Halloween fancy dress party in the afternoon on Friday 20th October!

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Student Zone: Introducing the Leadership Team

introducing the leadership team



Hi, I'm Kate and my role is Assistant Head of College and I provide leadership across the South Site. I work across both our sites at Vermont Close and also Green Lane to provide communication between the sites for a smoother transition for our young people. I also lead on ensuring that Preparation for Adulthood past college is well planned for and adult services are involved to ensure support is in place. If you have any concerns, that you do not initially wish to talk to your young person's class teacher about, then please feel free to make contact with me. katehenty@greatoaks.school

assistant head of college

Hi, I'm Emily and my role is Pathway Manager of Curriculum. I work to ensure that the education our young people at the college receive, meets their needs. This includes all the skills to prepare them for adulthood alongside any qualifications to show their progress. If you have any questions around this or there is anything particular you feel your young person needs to further develop, please feel free to make contact with me. emily.williams@greatoaks.school



pathway manager of curriculum



Hi, I'm Sarah and my role is Pathway Manager of Behaviour. I support class teachers with our young people's pastoral needs and monitor attendance and behaviour. A large part of my job is liaising with parents / carers to ensure that as a college we can support our young people and their families in the most appropriate way. If you have any concerns or feel that you require support, please feel free to make contact with me. sarah.hogg@greatoaks.school

pathway manager of behaviour