



# College Newsletter

## 29.9.2023



### Communication skills

### Kate's Corner



Hello everyone,

It has been a great week at college with lots of activity. F16 had a successful visit to Flourish shop, A16 made some delicious smelling burgers and D16 had their first visit to the farm. M16 have been carrying out some group research and planning into how we can develop the outdoor environments on site to make them more fun for break time. I am very excited to see their plans and it is great to see our young people being involved in the planning process and able to advocate for the future of the site.



### Skills Builder Challenge



Explain



an activity



you



enjoy



to a friend.

Think of an activity that you enjoy doing. This might be something you do at home or at school.

Imagine that you are a teacher and you need to teach your friend how to complete this activity in a series of steps.

Plan how you would explain the activity clearly and put the steps in a logical order.

How might you use your hand gestures and body language to teach this activity more effectively?

It's great to see our young people being able to plan and advocate for the future of the site's outside areas.

time: 10-2  
 hosts: M16  
 Tuesday 3rd October  
 Wednesday 4th October

Have a great weekend, Kate

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**Diary Date**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
 5.30-7.30pm  
 Totton College Open Evening

***This is Del, he is a very friendly yellow Labrador who will be joining us a day or two a week at South Oaks as our therapy dog. His favourite things are scratches under his chin or tummy, sardines and long walks. Del will be based in the Lodge in Kate's office and there will be a sign on the Lodge if he is on site that day. He has previously been a therapy dog in an elderly care home and is now looking forward to meeting lots of our young people and enjoying the attention! If you have any concerns around this, please get in contact with Kate (katehenty@greatoaks.school)***



We're getting a therapy dog.  
 He is a yellow labrador called Del.

Del likes gentle strokes on his chin and tummy, sardines and long walks.



M16 have been doing some life skills and exploring/taking care of the garden. We made pizzas and carefully weighed out ingredients and chose our toppings. In the garden we have been using gross motor skills to dig new planters ready for some lovely flowers to be planted. We worked well as a team by helping each other when difficulties arose.



F16 have had a VERY busy week. We enjoyed being able to go sell some lovely items at Flourish, enjoyed shopping for ingredients in Asda and then cooking/ eating our stir fry. We have enjoyed our range of activities, but everyone is looking forward to a rest at the weekend!



A16 went for a walk at Blackwater Arboretum in the New Forest today. We met lots of very friendly dogs and their owners and had our packed lunch in the picnic area. Wednesday afternoon we enjoyed playing with the interactive magic carpet. Ben especially liked the football game and Vinnie enjoyed the space programme.



D16 have enjoyed and engaged well with a group music session. We all sat together and enjoyed exploring a variety of materials before making a collage of letters for our skills builder display.



## Student Section: Introducing Jailon

Hi, my name is Jailon, and I chose Newsletter option. I chose it because I enjoy working on computers. On the computer, I like to create pictures on PowerPoint and Publisher. In the group, I have been typing up the interviews. I chose the apple picture for World Teacher Day.

My favourite colour is blue. My favourite place is London because the big wheel makes it look like a theme park. The London wheel is close to the clock tower. I typed this section about me.



## Student Zone: Student Editors Interview with new College Teacher Alex Fearn

Welcome to our College Alex!

**Why did you want to work at Great Oaks?**  
I liked all the independent life skills offered to prepare young people for the future

**What are you looking forward to this year?**  
Getting to know students and staff

**What is your favourite lesson to teach?**  
Cooking because I like taste testing

**Who is your favourite musician?**  
Palaye Royale

**What is your favourite farm animal?**  
Cows because I think they are cute

**What is your favourite country?**  
Japan because I like the food and culture

**Do you have any pets?**  
Two cats called Tony and Loki

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