



College Newsletter



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Interpersonal skills

Kate's Corner



What a stellar week! The past week has been English week and there has been a focus on Space. I think I prefer my photo as an Alien what do you think?! It was great to have the lodge converted into a Space themed sensory space, and the classes seemed to really enjoy the experience. We hope to be able to do more of this once our sensory rooms are complete (not long!). In two weeks' time we are going to be having 'Recycling week', an opportunity to ask your young people to help you sort the bins this weekend?

Kate



    
I like the photo of me as an alien!



This week D16 enjoyed lots of space themed activities as a part of English week. We explored sensory space items in the lodge, painted planets, and read a sensory story.



Skills Builder Challenge Listening

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Show you're a good listener when being told a story.

Ask a family member or friend to read you an interesting news story or tell you about something interesting that has happened.

Your aim is to show you are listening by using eye contact but also be able to summarise the story after they have told you it.

Extension: Switch roles with the person, tell them a news story or something interesting that has happened.

M16 loved the Space themed sensory experience at College. We spent time looking at the lights, reading the space themed books and chatting about what a trip to space would be like!



WAY AHEAD EASTER FAIR
TESTLANDS HUB
GREEN LANE

21ST MARCH 2024
COFFEE MORNING 11AM TILL 2PM

HAPPY *Easter*

EASTER EGG RAFFLE
TEA/COFFEE/HOT CHOCOLATE
HOMEMADE CAKES

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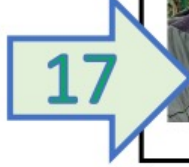
HAPPY Mother's Day

Maha Shivratri



YOUNG CARERS ACTION DAY

13 MARCH 2024





On Wednesday mornings A16 have been studying kitchen safety and hygiene rules. This week we looked at using the correct coloured chopping boards for the correct food item. We organised our sandwich ingredients on to the correct chopping boards before making our sandwiches during ILS.



F16 have really enjoyed our space themed week. We all enjoyed exploring the space sensory room at the beginning of the week. Freddie particularly enjoyed dressing up, and Alex enjoyed exploring the light up space ball! We have also enjoyed lots of space stories throughout the week. F16 also had the opportunity to start planting some seeds ready for the spring and the sunshine.



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.

Andy Evans