

Worthing Live — Movin' on up!

On Tuesday 20th October nine year 7 students took part in Movin' on Up! a concert celebrating the transition from primary to secondary school. Performing with other year 7 and 8 students from Worthing they represented our school brilliantly: behaving impeccably and singing their hearts out, having remembered all the words to the songs. We are extremely proud of their hard work and commitment. Well done.



Class JR trip to London



At the end of the Summer Term, class JR celebrated the end of the school year by visiting London and some of the places that they had studied as part of their course work. After arriving by train, we walked across London Bridge to the Tower of London, passing the Monument on the way. We then boarded the Thames Clipper for a trip on the Thames and saw the Globe Theatre and Tate Modern. Following this we went to the Embankment for lunch and talked about Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. It was then time for a trip on the London Eye and the students were brilliant and able to point out places such as Buckingham Palace. Then it was back on the Thames Clipper to London Bridge to get our

train home. It was a fabulous day; the students coped extremely well with the crowds and their behaviour and manners were impeccable. We were extremely proud of them.

New golden path in woodland area

The new path has just been completed in the woodland area. The new surface will enable better access in the garden, especially for wheelchairs. This has been one of the outdoor priorities for the students' autumn programme outdoors and we have had help from both the international students and community volunteers.



County Cricket Selection

Students from Oak Grove College have been selected to train and play for the Sussex County Disability Cricket Team. They spent a morning showing their skills last term and have been waiting eagerly to find out if they had made the grade. Well Done, Charlie Marshall, Alex Brown, Danny Fairburn, Kyle Hobson, Shane Lockhart and John Hillman.

National Skiing Championships

Charlie Marshall has been selected to represent the South East Special Olympics Team in the National Skiing Championship in France next March. As part of his preparation he went to Birmingham at the weekend to compete and returned with a silver medal in the Giant Slalom and his team ski jacket.

Parent Coffee Mornings

From November we will be holding a drop-in coffee morning 11am-12pm on the first Wednesday of every month in The Rosie Centre, accessed via the Littlehampton Road entrance of the school.



Sometimes it can be difficult if you have a child with special educational needs and, although all children's needs are different, it can be good to meet a supportive group of people, share ideas along with a coffee or tea and maybe even some cake made and served by our Sixth Form students.

By meeting at this coffee morning you can share your experiences with other parents and discuss any issues you may have. Appropriate staff will be available to offer advice and support with a different focus every month in response to any concerns raised.

Dogs

Many of our students are anxious around dogs. I would ask that parents who bring their dogs to school at morning drop off and afternoon collection time, including after school clubs, to please leave them in their cars. Thank you for your continued cooperation.



Bad Weather Procedures

As the winter brings the colder weather please ensure that you listen to the local radio (Heart FM, Splash FM & Spirit FM) where news of school closures due to snowfall will be broadcasted.

Should you have concerns about whether school will be open please check the school's website www.oakgrovecollege.org.uk which will be updated by 7:00am on each morning of possible closure. **We will also send a text to parents - please make sure we have your most up to date mobile number.**

If county transport is not running do not bring your child into school unless you are prepared to collect them too.

School Nurse

We have a new school nurse, Sally Worsfold-Gwynn, who has joined us to work with Polly Knell. Sally has a wealth of experience working with children with special needs.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal Cake Sale!

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale, by either making or buying cakes. We are thrilled to have raised a whopping £85!! The money will go towards administration and shipping fees and items to go inside the boxes. Any further donations of toiletries, toys, sweets etc still gratefully received by 4 November. See www.linktohope.co.uk for further details. Class CA will be delivering the boxes to the depot in early November.

Forthcoming dates for your diary:

- 23 October—INSET Day
- 26 to 30 October—Half Term
- 2 November—return to school
- 3 November—OGC 10 year anniversary celebration
- 6 November—non-uniform day for FOGC
- 10 November—school photographer
- 20 November—non-uniform day for FOGC
- 26 November—Performing Arts Variety Show
- 1 December—Maths Day
- 5 December—Christmas Fayre
- 15 December—Carol Concert
- 16 December—Carols by Candlelight
- 21 December to 1 January—Christmas holidays
- 4 January—return to school