

# The Gorseys Weekly

## THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT

*To nurture lifelong learners who are confident and ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the outside world.*



### WOW WHAT A DAY!

Yesterday we had the pleasure of welcoming Sean Perkins, a talented local author and illustrator, to our school. Every child took part in an engaging and imaginative workshop — from exploring silly sounds with “silly pie,” to creating songs and rhyming poems, designing their own “teacher creatures,” and learning how to develop characters. Children also enjoyed drawing their own stories, inspired by Sean’s wonderful illustrations, and everyone came together for a whole-school assembly where they listened to some of his books.

The children were, as always, absolutely brilliant. Sean was full of praise for their creativity, enthusiasm, and brilliant ideas throughout the day. We enjoyed the workshops so much that we’re already thinking about inviting him back again next year!

Please do chat to your children about the workshops — they might even be able to teach you a thing or two about becoming an author!



### DISCO DROP OFF AND COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

At our school, safeguarding remains our highest priority, and we continually review our procedures to ensure all children are safe while in our care. As part of these ongoing improvements, we are proposing a new system for drop-off and collection at school discos.

#### EYFS & KS1 – Collection (4:15pm Finish)

Children in EYFS and KS1 will continue to be collected as usual from the playground when the disco finishes at **4:15pm**.

#### KS2 Drop-Off and Collection

##### Drop-Off:

- KS2 children will now be dropped off in the playground. The **front gate will be open** to allow access to the playground.
- Please note: **the back gate will be locked**.
- A member of staff will register all children in their classrooms before accompanying them down to the hall.

##### Collection:

- At the end of the disco, KS2 children will be taken back to their classrooms. Parents and carers can then collect them safely from the playground.

#### New KS2 Disco Time (from Summer Term)

Beginning in the summer term, the KS2 disco will run at the slightly earlier time of 5-6pm.

These changes are designed to enhance the safety and smooth running of our discos, ensuring all children are accounted for at every stage. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

3rd February - Y4 Bikeability

4th & 5th February - Parents' Evening (2NRH & Y6)

5th February - SEND Parent Champions Meeting (5.30 - 6.30pm)

6th February - 4LvS Swimming (1.30 - 3pm)

9th February - Y3 Rob Biddulph visit

12th February - KS1 Disco (3.15 - 4.15pm)

12th February - KS2 Disco (6.30 - 7.30pm)

13th February - 4LvS Swimming (1.30 - 3pm)

13th February - Y4 Assembly (2.30 - 3pm)

13th February - HALF TERM

23rd February - Children return to school

26th/27th February - Bikeability

27th February - 4LvS Swimming (1.30 - 3pm)

5th March - World Book Day

6th March - Y2 Fire of London Workshop

## Y2 CLASS ASSEMBLY

A huge well done to our wonderful Year 2 children! Your class assembly was A-MAZ-ING — you truly blew us away with your confidence, enthusiasm, and love of learning. We were so impressed with how clearly and confidently you delivered your lines in front of a huge audience.



Well done, Year 2! We are all incredibly proud of you.

## ACADEMY COMMITTEE

We are currently reviewing membership of the school's Academy Committee to ensure the school continues to represent all parents / carers in our school community.

We would like to hear from parents who would like to know more about what a role on the committee entails. This is very much an informal expression of interest at this stage but one that we hope will give more insight into the role should a full parent member election process be held later this year.

If you would like to know more, please email us at [admin@gorseybark.org.uk](mailto:admin@gorseybark.org.uk). You can also find out more on the governance page of the school website [which can be accessed here](#).

## SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN A CHANGING DIGITAL WORLD

As you know, the digital world is constantly evolving—often faster than we realise. The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) has created a helpful resource for parents and carers on supporting children as they navigate their online lives.

This week, we are shining a spotlight on what [children wish their parents and carers understood about the online world](#). The guidance offers practical insights to help families feel more confident in promoting safe and positive digital experiences.

If you ever have any questions about digital wellbeing or online safety, please speak to your child's class teacher—we're always here to help.

## LAMDA TUITION

Nicola Preston has a few places still available for LAMDA tuition after half term.

Over six weeks, children prepare for an examination in Speaking of Verse and Prose, focusing on diction, expression, projection, and developing confidence in public speaking. Tuition takes place during the school day, after school, or during KidsGB.

For more information, please email Nicola at [nicolatpreston@gmail.com](mailto:nicolatpreston@gmail.com).

## THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

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MAGNUS

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CITIUS

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FORTIUS

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