

The Gorseley Weekly

THE GORSELEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT

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



REWARDS

GREEN TICKETS

Green tickets are awarded to children that show exemplary behaviour and manners during lunchtime. These tickets are then put into a box and at the end of each term, 8 names are randomly selected and these children are taken to Hickory's for a breakfast treat!

BLUE TICKETS

Blue tickets are awarded to children that have their reading record book signed 5 days in a row, showing that they have read either independently or with an adult. Children in KS2 are able to sign their own reading records if needed. These tickets are put into a box and at the end of each term, 8 names are randomly selected and these children are treated to a reading afternoon with hot chocolate and treats!

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Each week, one child from every class is presented with an Achievement Award during our whole-school assembly on a Tuesday. These awards are linked directly to our character traits, and we take time to celebrate the reasons each child has been chosen. On occasions when the assembly is cancelled, certificates may be awarded in the classroom instead. Our aim is for every child to receive an Achievement Award by the end of the school year.

DIAMOND STICKERS

Diamond stickers are awarded to children whose work is truly exceptional. These special stickers recognise not only high academic achievement but also moments when a child has shown outstanding effort or perseverance. Diamond stickers may be given by the class teacher or by Mrs Bell. As they are awarded sparingly, receiving one is a great source of pride for our children. A diamond sticker can be earned in any subject across the curriculum.

SCIENCE WEEK AT GORSELEY BANK!

This week at Gorseley Bank, we have been delighted to celebrate Science Week with a wide range of exciting activities and learning opportunities. Each day has been filled with hands-on experiments, inspiring guest speakers and engaging workshops designed to spark curiosity and deepen scientific thinking.

Pupils have enjoyed exploring programming with Beebots, investigating floating and sinking through practical experiments, and taking part in an exciting Jet2 workshop where they learned about different roles within the company, including what it takes to become a pilot.

We were also fortunate to welcome guest speakers, including Bob Mellor and Rebecca Duke, who shared their expertise and passion for science. To finish the week on a high, the children took part in a fun (and very messy) slime workshop—always a firm favourite!

A huge thank you to all our visitors and staff who helped make this a memorable and inspiring week for our children.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

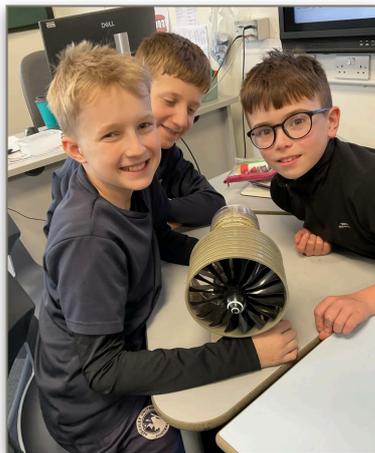
- 16th-18th March - Y4 Residential
- 20th March - Reception class assembly (2.30pm)
- 20th March - 4LvS Swimming (1.30pm - 3pm)
- 23rd March - Y1 Trip to Runway Visitor Park
- 24th March - Y5 Maya History Workshop
- 25th March - Y6 Crucial Crew Workshop
- 26th March - CAFT Dress Down Day
- 27th March - 4LvS Swimming (1.30pm - 3pm)
- 27th March - Last Day of term

KIDS CLUB BEHAVIOUR POLICY UPDATE

We would like to let families know that Kids Club is now aligning with the school's behaviour policy, with some adaptations to ensure it is appropriate for our setting.

Any behaviour incidents that occur during Kids Club will be managed separately from the school day. However, if a situation arises where a behaviour meeting would be helpful, we may look at the child's needs across both the school day and Kids Club to ensure we are offering the most consistent and supportive approach.

Thank you for your continued support.



THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

314



ALTIVS



MAGNUS

292

253



CITIVS



FORTIVS

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OUR POET IN THE MAKING!

One of our talented Year 5 students has been chosen as a runner-up in Young Writers' I Have A Dream poetry competition, winning a £20 Smyths voucher and a trophy!

Out of 31,000 entries from across the UK, his entry was chosen as one of 10 winners, an incredible achievement! The competition challenged students to write a poem in any style about a dream, either real or imaginary.

The competition judge, poet and author Mark Grist praised the entry for its imagination and creativity. Here is the poem itself:

*In my perfect world,
There are rivers of candyfloss everywhere.
Animals scamper about without a care.
Sunlight glimmers off a lake,
Nearby people eat their birthday cakes.*

*There's no poverty, harm, or war,
Children play by the seashore.
Delicious fruits hang on the trees,
Constantly pollinated by the bees.*

*This world is infinite waves.
There's no death, you'll never have to rest.
Fairies fly in lands full of glitter,
Manticores roam along with other critters.*

*Whales blow fountains of cola in streams,
Multicoloured leaves dance in the breeze.
Elves play peacefully among the oaks,
There are swordfish teeming in the moats.*

*A phoenix flies above the clouds,
The sugary rainbow cannons attract the crowds.
Everything's happy as can be,
I wish we were here, you and me.*



HAPPY NEWS!

We are very excited to share the news that Mrs Van den Brande is expecting her first baby in August this year. I am sure you will all join us in congratulating her on this fantastic news!

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