

The Gorsey 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.



NO SCREENS FOR THE DAY!

This week, our children took part in a fantastic **Screen Free Day**, embracing the opportunity to learn, create and collaborate without the use of technology. Throughout the day, classrooms were filled with drama, storytelling, hands-on maths activities using manipulatives, art projects and many other engaging experiences.

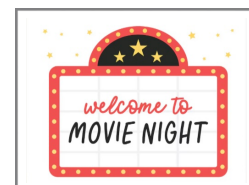
In a world where technology plays such an important role in our daily lives, it was wonderful to see how enthusiastically the children embraced the challenge. They demonstrated creativity, resilience and a genuine enjoyment of learning together away from screens. In fact, some teachers may even have received a friendly telling-off from the children for checking their emails now and then, although unfortunately some things still had to continue!

We encourage you to chat with your child about their Screen Free Day and what they enjoyed most. Perhaps it might even inspire a few more screen-free moments over the holidays, giving everyone the chance to enjoy some quality time together!

MOVIE NIGHT SUCCESS!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Movie Night. With around 330 children from KS1 and KS2 attending, the event was a fantastic success and one of our best-attended PTA events yet!

These events wouldn't go ahead if it wasn't for the generous support from our PTA, teachers and LSAs. We are incredibly grateful for everything you do!



KINDNESS WORKSHOP

This week, our pupils took part in an inspiring Kindness Workshop led by the charity [52 Lives](#) and their School of Kindness. Children explored what kindness really means, learning that it involves being friendly, generous and considerate, and discovering the positive impact kindness can have on both our physical and mental wellbeing.

Through discussions, videos and thoughtful activities, pupils developed their understanding of empathy and reflected on how small acts of kindness can make a big difference. They then put their learning into action by creating something special for someone they felt would appreciate a little extra kindness.

The workshop concluded with a powerful reminder that we all have a role to play in creating the kind of world we want to live in. We were incredibly proud of the thoughtfulness, creativity and compassion shown by our children throughout the day.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

23rd Oct - HALF TERM

2nd Nov - INSET Day

4th - 6th Nov - Y6 Residential

10th Nov - Parent Council

12th Nov - Tempest Individual and sibling photographs

13th Nov - Open Morning for 2027 Reception parents

16th Nov - School Tour

18th Nov - SFP Review Meetings

CO-OPTED GOVERNOR

We are seeking a dedicated individual from the local community to serve as a school governor on our local academy committee.

This voluntary governance role provides an opportunity to support school improvement and help ensure the best educational outcomes for our students. This vacancy is specifically for a co-opted governor so you do not need to be a parent/carer at the school. For more information about the role of our school governors please visit [here](#).

To express your interest please email enquiries@laurustrust.co.uk



THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

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MAGNUS

243

206



CITIUS



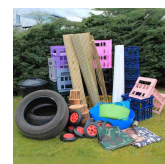
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EYFS OUTDOOR PROVISION DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are always looking for ways to enhance our outdoor learning environment and would greatly appreciate any donations of the following items:

- Loose parts (pipes, half pipes, wooden planks, crates)
- Old cooking utensils (whisks, sieves, ladles, spoons, bowls pots and pans. Please no plates or glass!)
- Buckets
- Pallets
- Paint Brushes
- Baskets



These resources provide endless opportunities for creativity, problem-solving and imaginative play. If you have any of these items that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donations. Thank you!

SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OVER THE HOLIDAYS

With school closed over the October half-term, it is important that families know where to turn if they are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child. Cheshire East Council advises that safeguarding concerns should be reported directly to its Together for Families service.

Safeguarding during the October half-term

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child or young person during the school holidays, please do not wait until school reopens.

- If a child is in **immediate** danger or at risk of significant harm, call **999** and ask for the police.
- For other concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, contact Cheshire East Together for Families on **0300 123 5012** (option 3).
- For an urgent child protection concern outside normal **working hours** that does not require an emergency police response, contact the Cheshire East Emergency Duty Team on **0300 123 5022**.
- Cheshire East Council advises that safeguarding concerns should **not be sent by post or email**.

Further information is available on the [Cheshire East Council: Report a concern about a child](#) page.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please speak up and seek advice.