

The Gorsey Weekly

THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY - PUPIL PARLIAMENT UPDATES

As you know, last week we hosted our first Gorsey Commons of the year during which the whole Pupil Parliament debated and voted on bills designed to improve our school by further developing the House system.

In this week's assembly we had an update from each pupil group to ensure that any children not in one of the groups is aware of how they are being represented and also how they can put forward their own suggestions.

Our Pupil Parliament groups meet weekly with their lead adult to plan improvements to school life within their given remit and, assemblies such as the one we had this week, are designed to hold them accountable for the impact they are having. During the weekly meetings, those children not in any of the groups take part in discussions and debates about current affairs in what we call 'Hot Topic' sessions. These are designed both to engage the children in what is happening in the outside world and also to further develop their Oracy skills.

Update from the Pupil Parliament groups in assembly are summarised below...

The Home Office - led the first Gorsey Commons and now planning to implement the decision! Organising various Christmas events and supporting behaviour at playtimes and lunchtimes

The Treasury - organised CAFT assembly, planning CAFT stall for Christmas Market. Currently planning Spring CAFT Fest!

Department for the Environment - removed old plants from garden, checked recycling bins around school and started making 'eco bricks'

Department for Health and Care - planned activities for Kindness Day and created cards to reward children around school

Ministry of Justice - organised supporting fellow pupils in the hall at lunchtimes

Arts Council - started the Key Stage 1 choir and designed illustrations for Christmas events

Department for Sport - organised sports shed monitors and are currently looking at ways of introducing more regular daily exercise opportunities

Department for Digital Culture - created a parent questionnaire about supporting children at home, currently planning sessions for classes

Department for Education - organised the Jess Butterworth author visit, current planning stall for Christmas Market and a new Reading Challenge

We'd like to say thank you and well done to all the groups who have achieved so much already this year and also to the members who were brave enough to stand up in front of the whole school in Wednesday to give us their updates!

CHRISTMAS MARKET UPDATE

This year's PTA Christmas Market is now just a week away! The updated flyer for the event is attached to this week's GW with a reminder of how you can contribute - **please remember all of these are optional**, the best way for you to chip in is to turn up for the event and enjoy it!



As usual the day itself will be a Christmas themed dress down day with a contribution of £2 per child which will act as

the entrance fee to the event.

A quick further note on the new/as new children's book stall which our Department for Education will be running - please send in any children's books with your child on Thursday 30th December, in a bag clearly marked 'Christmas Market'. These will be collected by Class Teachers and passed on to the DfE. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

Rehearsals are well underway for the legendary Gorsey Nativities! Our Reception performance will be at 9.30am on Wednesday 6th December - no ticket is required for this event but entrance is strictly limited to two adults per child due to capacity in the hall.

The Key Stage 1 performance are split across 13-14th December and are ticketed to ensure equal numbers for each performance. You should have received notification of applying for tickets earlier this week. If you have not, please contact the school office.

KEY STAGE 2 CAROL SERVICE - 20TH DEC

We will be returning to the Wilmslow URC for our KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Service on Wednesday 20th December. There will be performances at 2pm and 7pm. Both performances are ticketless but limited to two attendees per family. We would advise attendance at the afternoon performance if possible as the evening one is always very busy!

SPRING PERFORMANCES

As a school we commit to every child in the school having the chance to take part in at least three audience-facing performances each year. One of these is their Year Group Assembly which will take place on the following dates (all at 2.30pm):

Year 3 - Friday 19th January

Year 4 - Friday 26th January

Year 2 - Friday 9th February

Year 5 - Friday 16th February

Year 1 - Friday 26th April

Reception - Friday 10th May

Article 31

Every child has the right to play and relax by doing things like sports, music and drama

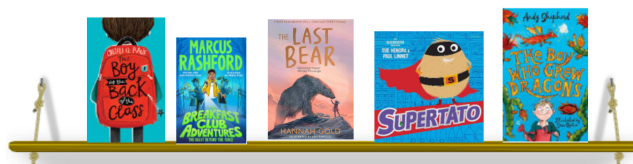


ASSESSMENT WEEK

Next week is our termly assessment week - Class Teachers do everything they can to ensure the children do not worry about doing their assessments but please feel free to speak to them if you do have concerns about how your child will approach them.

STAFF BOOKSHELF

This year we have asked the team to create their own Bookshelves of favourite children's books. This week we're sharing Mr Allaby's picks....



THIS YEAR'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

256			301
	ALTIVS	MAGNUS	
294			278
	CITIUS	FORTIUS	

DATES FOR THE DIARY

27th Nov - Assessment Week

1st Dec - PTA Christmas Fair

6th Dec - Reception Nativity (9.30am)

7th Dec - EY/KS1 Rex Cinema Visit

8th Dec - KS2 Rex Cinema Visit

13-14th Dec - Year 1-2 Nativity (9.30am)*

20th Dec - KS2 Carol Service (2pm and 7pm)

22nd Dec - End of term

8th Jan - INSET Day

9th Jan - Children return

*ticketed due to capacity