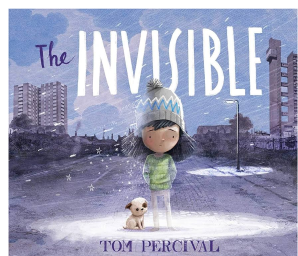
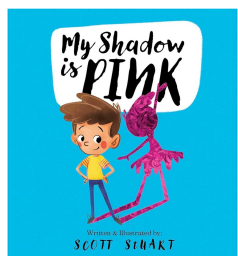


The Gorsey Weekly

THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY / TOM PERCIVAL AUTHOR VISIT

In an extended assembly this week we looked at two books linked to the theme of identity. The first was *My Shadow is Pink* by Scott Stuart which explores issues of gender stereotyping and the importance of staying true to your own beliefs and interests.

The second book was *The Invisible* by Tom Percival who will be visiting Gorsey Bank on Monday. This story follows a young girl from a disadvantaged background whose family has to move to a new area of a city in which she feels unnoticed and slowly over the first part of the book appears to herself to be becoming invisible. This changes as she notices other 'invisibles' and attempts to improve their lives.



Both are really great books for exploring the concept of empathy and the difficulties of this when it comes to trying to put ourselves in the shoes of people experiencing things we may never have.

Tom will be with us for the whole of Monday, starting with an extended whole school assembly and then doing some focus work with children in Reception and Key Stage 1.



VISON WORKSHOP

To further support parents in supporting their children's Digital Wellbeing, we have arranged for the mental health charity Visyon to join us in school on the evening of Tuesday 6th February at 6pm.

This workshop looks at how to support your child with peer pressure and online bullying, discusses how to build their self-esteem and break through the negativity of the 24-hour online world. It also looks at how to support a child with a healthy relationship with the online world and get over the FOMO (Fear of Missing Out).

A small number of spaces are still available for this session and can be booked by clicking on this [link](#).

PARENTS' EVENINGS THANKS

A big thank you to you all for joining us for Parents' Evenings last week. It was great as always to see such positive engagement from all our parents and we hope you found the conversations useful.

Please remember these are not your only chance to speak to us about your child's academics progress or personal development. If you ever have any concerns, please do speak to their Class Teacher at the beginning of or end of the day or email admin@gorseybank.org.uk



SPRING SING

Next month will see the return of the legendary Spring Sing which will take place over three days in March and involve all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These will take place on 25th, 26th and 27th March (starting at 9.20am); the performances will be ticketed due to hall capacity and we will share further details on how to book these in due course.

PTA DISCOS

Your child should have come home this week with the flyer and order form for the PTA Discos on Thursday 15th February.

Tickets will be on sale inside the Year 1 entrance from 8.50am on Wednesday 14th but can also be purchased by returning the form via the PTA postbox or in your child's book bag. My thanks to everyone who is helping to organise these events which the children absolutely love!!

WEBSITE FOCUS - CURRICULUM

Spring curriculum

There is lots of information about what your child is learning this year on the year group pages of our website - here you will be able to find an overview of the whole year and also a summary of this term's Bookshelf and the Rights of the Child that your child's year groups is currently focusing on. You will also find this term's 'Supporting Bookshelf' which contains recommendations from the team linked to the books the children are studying in school.

Subject overviews

Elsewhere on our website you can overviews for all subjects the children study in school. These map out the progression across the seven years the children are with us as well as the specific unit they learn about. All of the overviews have been carefully planned (often with support from subject experts across the Trust) and our Subject Leads monitor the implementation and impact of them each year to ensure the children are building up the key knowledge in each subject. The overviews can be found on the Academic Curriculum page of our website which can be accessed [here](#).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 5th Feb - Tom Percival author visit
- 6th Feb - Visyon Digital Wellbeing Parent Session (6pm)
- 9th Feb - Year 2 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 15th Feb - PTA Discos
- 16th Feb - Charity Dress Down Day
- 16th Feb - Year 5 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 16th Feb - end of term
- 26th Feb - start of term
- 26th Feb - Empathy Week
- 7th Mar - World Book Day / Family Book Evening
- 8th Mar - PTA Fish and Chip Quiz Night
- 25th-27th Mar - Spring Sing (Rec-Y2)
- 28th Mar - end of term
- 15th Apr - INSET Day
- 16th Apr - start of term
- 26th Apr - Year 1 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 10th May - Reception Assembly (2.30pm)

Article 24

Every child has the right to the best health possible and to medical care and to information that will help you to stay well.

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Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.

