

The Gorseley Weekly

PUPIL PARLIAMENT 2023-24

One of the things we are most proud of at Gorseley is our Pupil Parliament programme which gives our children a voice in the running of a variety of different areas of school life. The groups (see below) are named after real government departments and our elected members meet weekly to discuss and act on ways in which they can improve their respective areas for all other pupils in the school.

The parliament was the recipient of particular praise in our recent Ofsted inspection with the team commenting that,

'Pupils embrace their various leadership responsibilities. For example, they enjoy acting as members of different parliamentary groups. Pupils make a highly tangible contribution to the life of the school through these roles'

In this week's assembly our Pupil Parliament Lead, Miss Ashworth launched this year's Parliament, shared our previous successes and talked to the children about how they can get involved. Yesterday, all the children got the chance to write a letter of application for their chosen group from the following:

- The Home Office
- The Treasury
- The Department for Education
- The Department for Digital Culture
- The Department for Sport
- The Department for Health and Care
- The Department for the environment
- The Ministry of Justice
- The Arts Council

All the groups are led by a different member of school staff and we look forward to sharing with you the members of each group and the work they will be doing over the coming weeks.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School

As existing parents know, we are a UNICEF Rights Respecting Gold school. Our curriculum and daily life strives to embody the Right of the Child and we teach our pupils to know their own rights and also to be 'duty bearers' in helping to fulfil the rights of others.

Every week in this newsletter we will continue to have a focus article from the Rights of the Child but if you would like to learn more about the full list please visit: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

'Staff and children reported that relationships across the school are positive and founded on dignity and a mutual respect for rights.'

'Children spoken with felt confident that they had a voice in school, and that their views are taken seriously.'

UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools - Gold Award Report

**WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD
RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**

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



SEPTEMBER 2024 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

We may still be welcoming our new Reception pupils into the Gorseley family for this year but applications are already open for our 2024 cohort!

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be of Reception age next academic year they can apply for a place with us through the [Cheshire East admissions website](#) which can be accessed [here](#).

For anyone new to the school community, we run weekly school tour which take place on a Monday at 9.30 led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and we also have our first Open Morning of the year taking place on Friday 6th October. Both of these can be booked via our website or by calling the school office in 01625 468040.



HOUSES AND HOUSE POINTS

We've a whole new year group full of new House members and our new House Captains (AKA The Home Office) have been elected today (to be announced next week!) and our first House Point totals after the first two weeks are as follows....

Altius - 98
Citius - 113
Fortius - 122
Magnus - 102

PTA START OF YEAR EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the PTA launch event at Hickory's earlier this week. It was great to see so many there and were excited to get started with planning the first few events of the year.

Our PTA AGM will be taking place on Thursday 28th September at 6.30pm in school. Everyone is welcome to join us for this, if you are able to come, please email gorsey.pta@googlemail.com

CHILDREN WALKING HOME

If your child is currently in Year 5 or Year 6, they are now able to walk home on their own with written permission from parents. Please email our admin team if you would like to give consent for this.

Please note that children are not permitted to take younger siblings home who must still be accompanied by an adult.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

20th Sept - PTA AGM
 26th Sept (6pm) - New Reception Curriculum Evening
 6th October - Open Morning for prospective parents
 4th-5th Oct - Parents' Evenings
 20th Oct - Last day of term
 30th Oct - INSET Day
 31st Oct - Start of term
 31st Oct - Aspirations Week
 6th Nov - UK Parliament Week
 1st Dec - PTA Christmas Fair
 22nd Dec - End of term

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NUTS, OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS, BE BROUGHT ON TO SCHOOL PREMISES.