

# The Gorse Weekly

## EMPATHY WEEK

This week we joined schools across the country in marking Empathy Week. Empathy is a crucial but very difficult concept for young people, defined as follows by the organisers:

*Empathy is the skill to understand another and the ability to create space for someone to reveal their authentic self whilst reserving judgement.*

In assembly we discussed the times when empathy may be needed and the significance of listening and attempting to understand a person and situation before judging. We read the beautiful book *The Suitcase* by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros as an example of this.



## PARENT COUNCIL

Our next Parent Council meeting takes place next Tuesday and will focus on behaviour and safety in school.

We welcome feedback on anything you feel the school does that you really value both in terms of behaviour but also in terms of protecting children from harm (both in and out of school) as well as anything you feel we could be doing more (or less) of.

Feedback should be sent via your Class Rep or feel free to email anything in direct via email to [admin@gorseybank.org.uk](mailto:admin@gorseybank.org.uk).

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the Parent Councillors for giving up their time to support us in this really crucial aspect of parent engagement.

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

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The PTA will be running the annual Mother's Day stalls on Tuesday (KS1) and Wednesday (KS2) of next week in school. Children are invited to bring in some money for a gift should you want them to - there will be a selection of gifts to choose from all priced at £5.

### QUIZ NIGHT

A final shout for teams for next Friday's quiz night. Tickets are priced at £22 per person which includes your fish and chip dinner and a whole lot of fun! Please contact [gorseybankquiz@gmail.com](mailto:gorseybankquiz@gmail.com) if you would like to book a team on.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be announcing an exciting project which is being funded by the PTA so watch this space but in the meantime please give them and these events as much support as you can!!

## CAFT

A massive thank you to everyone for engaging in the charity dress down day prior to the break for which the children had to earn their donation. It's been lovely to hear so much positive feedback from you on this and the really amazing news is that the event has pushed out total fundraising for CAFT over the £2000 mark - something for us all to be very proud of!

Yesterday, The Treasury (our Pupil Parliament group in charge of our charity work) visited the Children's Adventure Farm to see first hand where our money goes and to understand a little more about the needs of the children and families who benefit from their work.



## UNICEF Rights Respecting School

### Article 8

Every child has the right to an identity

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

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



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

### CHARITY ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

On Saturday 19th March from 10-5pm, one of our parents will be hosting an art exhibition at the United Reform Church in Wilmslow.

The exhibition will include sales of greeting cards, prints and originals with 25% of all proceeds going to the Wilmslow Youth charity based at the URC which is a group that over many years now has done brilliant work supporting the transition of our pupils to secondary school and providing further help and assistance for them over subsequent years.

## KIDS CLUB MANAGER ROLE

After a number of really successful years with us, one of our Kids Club managers, Bev Shaw, will be moving on to another role later this month.

We would like to thank Bev for all her hard work in her role and of course wish her all the best for the future.

We are in the process of recruiting for the post - details of the role can be found here - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/kids-club-leader-wilmslow-2003479>

We also have another exciting opportunity for an Apprenticeship role.

No prior experience is necessary, as you will complete a Level 2 Play Worker qualification whilst gaining valuable on the job experience.

Details of the role and how to apply can be found here - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/apprentice-play-leader-cheshire-east-1996776>

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

7th Mar - World Book Day / Family Book Evening

8th Mar - PTA Fish and Chip Quiz Night

26th-28th Mar - Spring Sing (Rec-Y2)

28th Mar - Random Acts of Kindness Day

28th Mar - end of term

15th Apr - INSET Day

16th Apr - start of term

19th Apr - School Eid celebrations

26th Apr - Year 1 Assembly (2.30pm)

10th May - Reception Assembly (2.30pm)