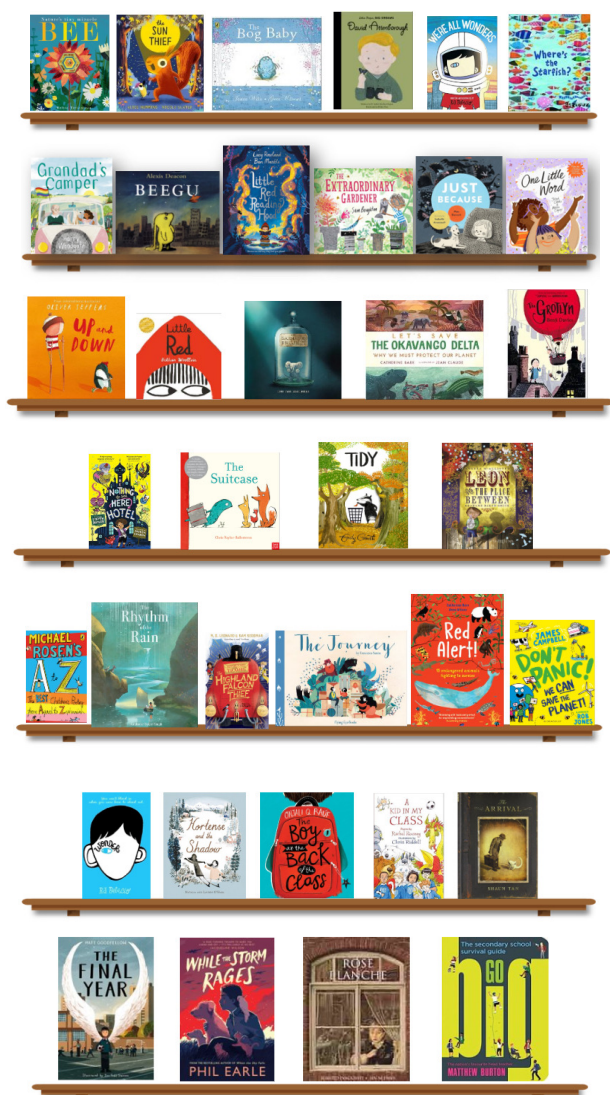


The Gorse Weekly

BOOKSHELVES AND CHARACTER TRAITS

Welcome back to the final term of the year. We are all very excited about everything the term has in store! All the children, as always, are kicking off the term with new Bookshelves. For those of you less familiar with these, they are a selection of books hand-picked by your child's Class Teachers to enthuse the children in their learning and to bring to life the character traits which are as follows: Kindness, Bravery, Gratitude, Citizenship, Curiosity and Integrity. Over the seven years the children are with us, these character traits are repeated and revisited through various points in the curriculum so that they build up a good evolving knowledge of them and how they can affect their personal development.

Please do take the time over the course of the term to ask your child about their current Bookshelf text as talking about stories is nearly as important (but not quite!) as reading them!



EID CELEBRATIONS

This week, our school community has united to celebrate Eid with our Muslim families. The children were treated to an assembly led by one of our grandparents, who is the Imam at Eccles mosque. He spoke in detail about his role within the mosque and answered lots of interesting questions from the children.

We also had a fabulous day today celebrating Islamic arts and crafts and learning about Eid. Our families that celebrated Eid were given the opportunity to wear their traditional attire, they looked fabulous! We'd like to express our gratitude for the partnership and support extended by the parents who participated in the planning committee and in the delivery of the week. Their involvement alongside the children greatly contributed to the significance of this event for all children in school. The celebrations of such occasions hold paramount importance within our school, serving to foster interfaith understanding, inclusivity and ensuring that all children have a strong sense of belonging in school.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

25th April - Dress Down Day (Eid)

2nd May - Year 1 Assembly

5th May - May Bank Holiday (School closed)

7th May - Reception Man City Visit

7th May - Cross Country Event

9th May - Reception Assembly

12th-16 May - Y6 SATS Week

13th May - Reception Whitworth Art Gallery Visit

21st May - Y2 Blue Plant Aquarium Visit

23rd May - Sports Day

23rd May - Last day of term

2nd June - Start of term

16th June - Class Photos

17th June - Y6 pupils at Wilmslow High School

18th June - Sports Team Photos

19th June - Dress Down Day

20th June - INSET Day / Y6 pupils at WHS

24th June - Y1 Visit to St Bart's

NEW HOUSE REWARDS

After a lively debate in the Gorsey Commons last year, our House Captains have agreed on a new and exciting way to reward pupils for earning house points. Starting this term, the house with the most points at the end of each half term will be treated to a non-uniform day on the final day of that half term. We hope that this will be a fun incentive to encourage teamwork, effort and school spirit!

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

The school gates will be locked at 3.30pm each evening and we kindly ask parents to vacate the school grounds by this time.

We have recently had a number of parents lingering for far longer and sadly questioning the schools strategy on securing the grounds at 3.30pm. We have a huge number of children attending extra-curricular activities, (150+ on some evenings) and we need to ensure the safeguarding of all children in our care and we are therefore unable to compromise on these times.

SPORTS REMINDERS

Gorsey Bank is proud to be leading the annual Cross Country event for primary schools in and around Wilmslow. This exciting event will take place at *The Carrs* on Wednesday 7th May – more details will be shared soon. We're also looking forward to our Sports Day which will take place on Friday 23rd May (weather permitting!)

We'd love to see as many families as possible at both events – your support always means a lot to us!

Article 12

Every child has the right to share their thoughts freely as long as it doesn't hurt the feelings of others



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



THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

172



ALTUS



MAGNUS

216

196



CITIUS



FORTIUS

221

