



The Gorse Weekly

OUR GREEN FINGERED LITTLE GARDENERS!

We have recently initiated a vegetable growing and cookery programme alongside our school catering company Dolce through our pupil-led Department for Environment.

Dolce have kindly provided seeds, garden trowels and forks and aprons which children in the Department for Environment have used to begin planting with in our pupil cookery garden area.

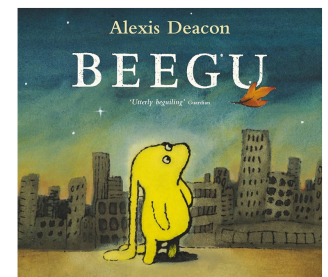
The first seeds have begun sprouting and the children are greatly looking forward to enjoying their harvest of foods such as onions, beetroot and carrots towards the end of the school year, which will be cooked in our school kitchen with the Dolce chefs!



THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly book was Beegu by Alexis Deacon, a story about an alien creature who arrives on Earth and how her differences are accepted by some but are a source of fear and resentment for others.

We talked with the children about our natural reactions when we meet people who are different to us and the importance of trying to overcome initial caution in order to ensure a sense of belonging for all people and to learn from people's differences.



ONJALI Q RAUF AUTHOR VISIT

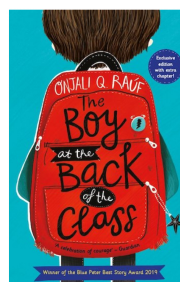
We are absolutely over the moon to be able to share the news that our Summer Term visiting author will be the amazing Onjali Q Rauf, author of a whole host of brilliant children's books including *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, *The Great Food Bank Heist* and *The Lion Above the Door*. Onjali will be with us on Wednesday 12th June.

Although being most famous for her books, Onjali spends a considerable amount of time working for charities who support refugees so we will also look forward to hearing of some of her experiences in this field. 50% of the proceeds of sales of *The Boy at the Back of the Class* go to frontline refugee support and you can find out more about her charity here: <https://www.osrefugeeaidteam.org>

Our termly author visits are a central pillar of our Reading for pleasure culture but we can only afford them with the support of parents. If you haven't already contributed the small £4 donation to support this annually, you can do so via MCAS. Thank you.

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Every child has the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee. A refugee is someone who has had to leave their country because it is not safe for them to live there.



PTA UPDATE

Plans are still on course for the art studio build (plans for which we shared in [Gorsey Weekly 26](#)) which is being funded by our amazing PTA and is due for construction over the summer.

Attached to this week's Weekly is the flyer for this year's now legendary Gorsey Golf Cup which will be taking place on Friday 12th July at Prestbury Golf Club. Booking is now open through www.gorseygolf.co.uk - thank you as always to Jonathan for organising!

Two other big dates to have in the diary...

Summer Discos - Thursday 23rd May

Summer Social - Friday 14th June

KIDS CLUB PLACES SEPTEMBER 2024

Next week you will receive a letter outlining the process for application for Kids Club places for next academic year. The application window will not open until next month but we would like to give as much notice of this as possible and then subsequently allocate the places well before the end of term to allow arrangements to be made for any sessions we are not able to grant any families.

We would also like to give advance warning that allocation of places will take account of any existing users of Kids Club whose debts are not paid up.

PARKING

We have had contact this week from one of our neighbours who has informed us of a number of parents who regularly park over her drive.

Whilst we appreciate there is limited parking in the areas, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times, we must ask once again that all parents park safely and with consideration of all local residents who we always strive to maintain positive relationships with. Thank you.



DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

A reminder that no dogs should be brought on to school grounds, even if they are being carried. Many pupils and parents feel uncomfortable around dogs and a very serious dog attack on the grounds of a primary school in Birmingham last year served as a warning to all schools.

Dogs may be securely tied to the fence at the rear of the grounds (well away from the entrance gate) otherwise we would request you leave them at home. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

6th May - Bank Holiday (School closed)

10th May - Reception Assembly (2.30pm)

13th May - Year 6 SATS Week

24th May - Sports Day (9.30am)

24th May - End of term

3rd June - INSET Day

4th June - Start of term

12th June - Onjali Q Rauf Author Visit

13th June - Y3-5 Play with the Hallé concert