

The Gorsey Weekly

INCLUSION AT GORSEY BANK

WHAT IS INCLUSION AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

At the heart of the concept of inclusion is the belief and determination that we hold very dear that all pupils, regardless of background, ability, physical impairment, neurodiversity, race, gender, religion or any other characteristic, will feel a strong sense of belonging in our school and that they will have both their pastoral and academic needs fully met.

Creating and nurturing an inclusive culture is not just for the benefit of specific groups of pupils. All our children develop better being able to interact with a diverse range of people, leaving them far better equipped to empathise with the needs and backgrounds of others. This is true now but will be particularly so as they go on to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the outside world.

ANTI RACISM

Today's Wear Red Day is part of a much broader approach to anti-racism both at Gorsey Bank and across Laurus Trust schools. It has been a core part of our School Development Plan for a number of years and this is backed up by Trust-wide anti-racism charters both for staff and pupils.

Staff training from the last few years will be further enhanced in our annual Inclusion Conference after half term with specialist input from The Black Curriculum. As indicated left, we consider getting this very sensitive area of pupils' education right to be an urgent priority for all our children, regardless of race.

One of our next steps in this area is to garner feedback from the school community on our current approach so please complete our Inclusion Survey with your child if you can (see below, left)



INCLUSION SURVEY – A REQUEST FOR HALF TERM!

Extensive efforts are made in school to ensure we are as inclusive a community as possible and this was heavily praised in last year's Ofsted inspection. However, we are very conscious that this is of little value without our pupils feeling a strong sense of belonging.

With this in mind we have designed a survey for all our families to complete with their children and would ask that you find a short amount of time to do this over half term. We feel it is more appropriate for this to be done at home instead of school due to the sensitive nature of the answers some pupils may want to give. Responses may be given anonymously should you choose.

[The link to the survey is here, we thank you in advance for taking the time to complete it.](#)

THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLIES – CAFT VISIT AND ALLERGY AWARENESS DAY

We had a visit from Hannah from the Children's Adventure Farm Trust this week who told us more about the specific needs of the children they host at their amazing site. She then had a meeting with our Treasury who lead on our charity work.

A big well done also to Elsie in Year 3 for talking so eloquently in Key Stage assemblies about how her and other children's lives are affected by living with serious allergies.

ABSENCE FINES

Any planned absence must be requested in writing for the attention of Mr Maguire. If the absence of 5 days or more is unauthorised and you choose to proceed, then the school has a duty to inform the Local Authority who may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. The fine is £60 per child, for each parent/carer if paid within 21 days and £120 per child for each parent/ carer if paid between 21 and 28 days.



PICK UP PROTOCOL

In the interests of the safety of pupils, we will be sending out a new pick up protocol for all after school provision after half term.

The document will explain full details but the key points are that from next term, all parents picking up from extra curricular clubs only must enter the school via the back gate accessed from the pathway leading from Gorsey Road. Those collecting from our Kids Club must enter through the gate at our Altrincham Road entrance.

ADMISSIONS

Applications for September 2024 Reception places are now being taken through Cheshire East and [can be accessed here](#).

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be of starting school age next September, we are currently running weekly school tours and also have Open Mornings planned for this term. Both can be booked via our school website.

Article 30

If you come from a minority group, because of your race, religion or language, you have the right to enjoy your own culture, practice your own religion and speak your own language.



STAFF BOOKSHELF

This year we have asked the team to create their own Bookshelves of favourite children's books. This week we're sharing our Reading Lead, Miss Brown's selection picks....



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE & TRIP DATES

6th Dec - Reception Nativity (9.30am)

7th Dec - EY/KS1 Rex Cinema Visit

8th Dec - KS2 Rex Cinema Visit

13-14th Dec - Year 1-2 Nativity (9.30am)*

20th Dec - KS2 Carol Service (2pm and 7pm)

*ticketed due to capacity - further info next term

DATES FOR THE DIARY

30th Oct - INSET Day

31st Oct - Start of term

31st Oct - Aspirations Week

6th Nov - UK Parliament Week

7th Nov - Parent Council

8th Nov - Y5/6 Adam Kay author visit

9th Nov - Jess Butterworth Author Visit

1st Dec - PTA Christmas Fair

7-8th Dec - Rex Cinema visits

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.