

The Gorsey Weekly

A WARNING

In the last five years within the school community we have had an incident of online grooming. The child in question was persuaded to share 'indecent' images of themselves and despite the initial police response at the time, the image has been found on a number of websites since.

The family have kindly allowed us to share this with you to make the very cogent point that the very worst horrors of the online world can reach inside the homes of any family, anywhere.

Thankfully this is very rare and clearly sits at one end of the spectrum of online harm, but on that spectrum also sit all the more hidden aspects including harm to self-image, relationships, attention span and physical development to name but a few.

Thank you to all of you who have now engaged in our short Digital Wellbeing video and home agreement. For those of you yet to do so, they can be accessed by scanning the QR codes below.

VISON WORKSHOP

To further support parents in supporting their children's Digital Wellbeing, we have arranged for the mental health charity Visyon to join us in school on the evening of Tuesday 6th February at 6pm.

This workshop looks at how to support your child with peer pressure and online bullying, discusses how to build their self-esteem and break through the negativity of the 24-hour online world. It also looks at how to support a child with a healthy relationship with the online world and get over the FOMO (Fear of Missing Out).

A small number of spaces are still available for this session and can be booked by clicking on this [link](#).



Scan here to watch our 6 minute video on how to support the digital wellbeing of your child



Scan here to access the Digital Wellbeing Home Agreement with advice on supporting your child



Scan here to access loads of Digital Wellbeing resources on the dedicated page of our website



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our new House Captains (AKA The Home Office) who were voted in by the children across the school this week. The children were asked to deliver presentations to their 'housemates'

who then voted for who they thought would do the best job. We would like to say a massive well done to everyone who ran for this term's posts - we're very proud of you all!



THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY - TOM PERCIVAL

In this week's assembly we continued our build up to the visit of the fabulous Tom Percival and read the book 'Dream Big, Little Mole'. This is a story about a little creature trying to achieve great things but never quite getting it right!

As part of the assembly we discussed the need for resilience when pursuing achievements and revisited a very regular theme of how our actions affect the people around us and how the quality of that impact proves who we are as people.

Tom will be with us for the full day on Monday 5th February and it goes without saying that we're all very excited!



READING FLUENCY - TIPS FOR PARENTS

Fluency is a significant indicator of Reading success in our pupils in every year group. More than just 'being able to read', it is often described as three main elements of Accuracy (working out how to read or sound out words correctly), Automaticity (recognising words automatically) and Prosody (reading with appropriate expression). Taken as a whole, Reading fluently is a really key component of understanding what we are reading. Here are a couple of tips on ways you can support this at home...

1. **Repeated reading:** ensure on the first reading of a sentence or paragraph that your child can actually read all the words; until they can do this they will not be able to read the section fluently. Once this is secure they will be far better equipped to read the same section again with expression and flow (prosody)
2. **Model reading** - children learn to achieve fluency in reading partly by hearing it done well. Be aware of the importance of this therefore when you are reading to them (yes, do the voices!) and please please do not stop reading to your child just because they 'can read' themselves. No child in our school is too old for this!!

WEBSITE FOCUS - PASTORAL SUPPORT

A reminder of the pages which we have recently added to the school website which we hope will support families and their children:

Personal Development: this page contains lots of information about how we nurture the personal and emotional development of your children both within the core curriculum and in additional approaches.

Family Support and Guidance - this page offers some really valuable resources and advice for parents experiencing difficulties at home which maybe affecting and potentially impacting their own, or their child's, life.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 5th Feb - Tom Percival author visit
- 6th Feb - Visyon Digital Wellbeing Parent Session (6pm)
- 9th Feb - Year 2 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 16th Feb - Charity Dress Down Day
- 16th Feb - Year 5 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 16th Feb - end of term
- 26th Feb - start of term
- 26th Feb - Empathy Week
- 7th Mar - World Book Day / Family Book Evening
- 8th Mar - PTA Fish and Chip Quiz Night
- 28th Mar - end of term
- 15th Apr - INSET Day
- 16th Apr - start of term
- 26th Apr - Year 1 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 10th May - Reception Assembly (2.30pm)

Article 18

Every child has the right to an identity



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