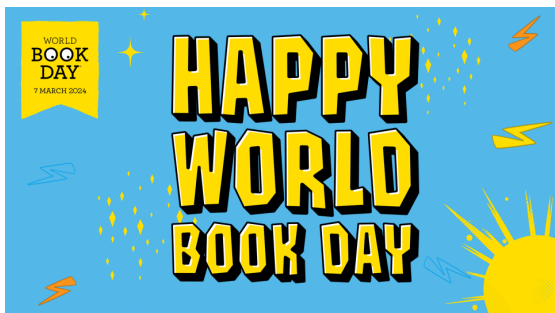


The Gorseley Weekly

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 6TH MARCH

Next Thursday we celebrate one of the best days of the year - World Book Day! As always the children will be spending the day celebrating the love of reading and sharing their own favourite books and reading experiences with each other.



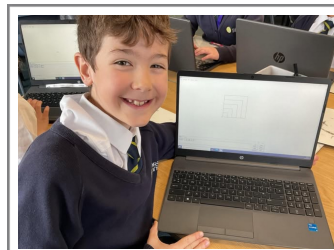
We will of course be inviting the children to come into school in book themed fancy dress if they would like to (feel free to take the path of least resistance on this though!) but will also this year be giving them the option to instead be in pyjamas if they prefer (and if it's cheaper / easier).

This is of course an excellent time to remind you all of the importance of establishing really positive reading habits at home. It's hard to overstate the significance of a regular nightly slot reading with your child; both on an educational but also a relational and personal development level, it's absolutely pivotal to their progression as successful and happy readers. Modelling good reading (including doing the voices!) is also really important so please don't stop reading aloud to your children just because they are able to do it themselves. Remember - you are reading role models yourselves so you will also be helping just by showing your own love of it.

RAMADAN

Many of our families will begin marking the holy month of Ramadan at the end of this week. The observance of Ramadan is considered one of the Five Pillars of Islam and lasts 29-30 days from the sighting of one crescent moon to the next. The end of Ramadan is marked by the celebration of Eid Al-Fitr.

We appreciate families will approach the fasting element of Ramadan differently with their children. If you have any specific requests regarding this, please contact our Admin team so they can pass these on to the relevant members of the team.



Four ways to establish the (daily) reading habit at home

Don't worry how long you read for

As adults we all have different reading habits and children are exactly the same – every minute reading makes a bigger difference than you realise!

Don't worry about what your children are reading

As adults we wouldn't want to be told what to read – whatever it is they enjoy reading, let them, and always keep books and other reading material close by!

Reading to children of all ages is helpful

If your little one isn't reading by themselves, read with them. If they are, read with them anyway! Being a reader is also about just enjoying and sharing stories.

Create the time and space – for you and them!

Book out a time of the day and a space in the house where you bring out the hot chocolate and settle down to read as a family, sharing books or not.

PTA 'QUIZ & FIZZ' NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

The PTA 'Quiz & Fizz' Night will take place on Friday 21st March at 7pm! Tickets are £22 each and usually sell out quickly!

Drinks are BYO and food will be provided Barbakan Deli.

Get your team together in advance and look out for details on how to book your table which will be communicated next week.

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.

THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS

154



ALTIVS



MAGNUS

212

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

6th Mar - World Book Day

12th-14th March - Y4 Residential

28th March - Y1 Runway Visitor Park Visit

28th March - Pop Up Uniform Shop

1st-3rd April - Spring Sing

3rd-4th April - Y3 Residential

4th April - Last day of term

22nd April - INSET Day

23rd April - Start of term

2nd May - Year 1 Assembly

5th May - May Bank Holiday (School closed)

9th May - Reception Assembly

12th-16 May - Y6 SATS Week

23rd May - Last day of term

2nd June - Start of term

20th June - INSET Day