

# The Gorseley Weekly

## PADRAIG KENNY

On Monday, we were lucky enough to invite Padraig Kenny to Gorseley Bank! During his assembly he shared his journey to becoming an author and told us his secrets of where he gets his inspiration from.

Padraig gave some helpful tips on how to become an author and expressed the importance of being creative and believing in your own ideas

Reading is, and will continue to be, central to everything we do and we hope that if any of our children want to become authors one day they have the confidence to believe in themselves and follow their dreams. Happy Reading!



## INVACUATION DRILL

We will regularly conduct evacuation drills to help children practice what to do in case of a fire at school. In addition to these, we also need to practice invacuation drills, which are important in the event of an intruder on school grounds. This week, we spoke to the children about these drills and explained their importance for safety. This morning, we held a trial invacuation drill, and the children were fantastic—remaining calm and following their teachers' instructions perfectly. We are extremely proud of them all!

## EID MUBARAK!

Wishing all those celebrating Eid a joyful and blessed celebration! May this special time bring peace, happiness, and prosperity to you and your loved ones. Eid Mubarak!



## PARENT COUNCIL UPDATES

A big thank you to all those parents who provided feedback for this weeks Parent Council and particularly to those who joined in person for the meeting.

As we shared in previous newsletters, parental engagement is key for us and the focus for our most recent meeting was around behaviour and how school is protecting children from, harm (both in and out of school) as well as anything you feel we could be doing more (or less) of.

We had a really productive discussion on Tuesday, covering points which included:

- Positive and negative points via MCaS in Y5 and Y6 are working well and discussions around ways this could be rolled out in Y3 and Y4
- Clarity over how children receive positive and negative points on MCaS
- Additional support from staff on teaching the children about road safety when they walk to and from school (particularly those children in Y5 and Y6)
- Online safety reminders in the Gorseley Weekly and year group specific information
- Phone safety and ways we can support children with being safe on their phones

We will be looking further at these (and other points raised in the meeting) in school and addressing a number of them in upcoming newsletters.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 6th Mar - World Book Day
- 12th-14th March - Y4 Residential
- 25th March - Parent Council Meeting
- 25th - 26th March - Mother's Day Stall
- 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

## 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.**

## FOOD WASTE - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

From 31 March 2025, recycling and collection measures for all types of recyclable waste are required to be in place in all schools. At Gorsey Bank we have been recycling waste for a long time, but from next Monday we will also be required to separate food waste. We will be talking to the children in lessons and assemblies, but we need the whole community to play a part in supporting school to achieve these recycling goals.

There are two particular things that we need your help with from Monday:

- Please do not use the general bins in the playground for food waste and snacks after school. Please use the green wheelie bin provided by the Y5/6 doors
- All children and staff included, will be encouraged to take home their food waste and wrappers in packed lunch boxes



## FIRST AID UPDATES

We are often asked by parents what first aid training staff have in school and would like to reassure you that across the school we have over 20 fully qualified First Aiders who are trained through Millie's Trust.

We cover all aspects of Paediatric First Aid which includes Catastrophic bleeding, Choking, Anaphylaxis, CPR and care of children who have Epilepsy, Diabetes and other common medical conditions and injuries.

All other staff in the school have a yearly refresher on anaphylaxis and the administration of a auto injector (Epipen) and how to use the defibrillator we have in school.

Millie's Trust headquarters is based in Handforth and have numerous courses on offer including family courses you can attend with your child, for more information please visit their website [www.milliestrust.com](http://www.milliestrust.com)



## THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS

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