



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Since our first newsletter we have had a very busy few weeks. It was great to see so many parents visit "see the classroom" to see where children spend their time learning. We have received lots of positive comments about these and our children were very enthusiastic when showing their adults around.

We have also had our first Celebration Assembly and whilst we are only having pupils in these assemblies at the moment, we are hoping to invite parents after half term. During our assembly our "Bell of Awesomeness" is rang and we draw our "Be Your Best Self" raffle.

It is great to see our new bike shed being used so much. If your child cycles to school please ensure they wear bright clothes and a helmet so they can be seen and safe!

Kind Regards

Miss E Jackson
Headteacher

Safeguarding at Gorsewood

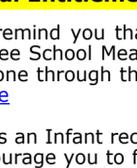
At Gorsewood safeguarding all of our pupils is a priority. If you have a concern or need some support or advise please speak to us.

Introducing our Safeguarding and Pastoral Team:

Designated Safeguarding Lead:	Miss E Jackson
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:	Mrs C Warner
SENCO:	Mrs C Westwood
Family Support Worker:	Miss J Rostance
ELSA/Nuture:	Mrs K Williams
ELSA/Nuture:	Mrs S Marsh
School Counsellor:	Mrs V Kay
Drop & Go:	Mrs S Newby

School Photo Day

Posh Prints will be in school on **Tuesday 19th October.**



If you require a photograph with younger siblings please contact the office to book.

Year 2 Foxhowl Visit

A letter has now been sent home with details of the Year 2 residential visit to Foxhowl taking place in February.

The deposit to secure a place for your child is due by **Friday 15th October.**

Please make the payment online via the School Gateway.

Bikeability

Year 4 Level 1 – Friday 15th October

Consent forms to be returned to school by Friday 8th October

Year 5 & Year 6 Level 2 - 11th to 14th October

Consent forms to be returned to school by Thursday 7th October

Free School Meal Entitlement

We would like to remind you that parents now have the ability to apply online for Free School Meals for any child attending a Halton School. This is done through the Halton Website using the following link: [Apply Here](#)

Even if your child is an Infant receiving a universal free school meal we would still encourage you to follow this link and apply for an eligibility check.

If your child is eligible then registering for free meals could raise an extra £1,300 for school. We could use this money to provide additional staff and resources to support your child to make progress.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following: Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

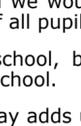
Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 8th October



Coffee morning will take place this week in the school hall on Friday 8th October 9.15am to 10.15am. Cost is £1.50 per adult which includes refreshments. Money raised is in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Please note this event is for adults only and the children will not be able to come out of class to join you.

Marvellous Me

Please make sure you have signed up to Marvellous Me so you can be kept updated with what your child is doing in school each day.



Virtual Parent Interviews—Wednesday 20th October

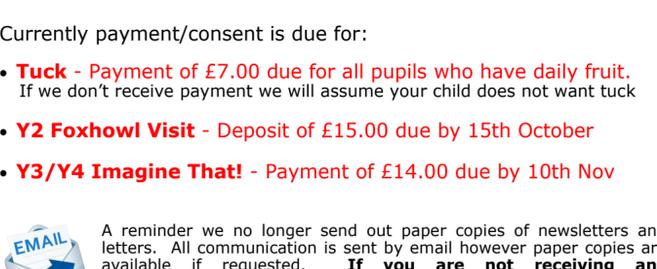
Please book appointments online via SchoolCloud. Please also note you will not receive a phone call; you will need to login to SchoolCloud or use the link in your confirmation email to join.

Useful Links [School Term Dates](#) [School Website](#)

Free Gardening Equipment For School with Morrisons

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you can now get Grow Tokens which will help school receive free gardening resources.

Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose Gorsewood as the school you would like to donate them to. We can then exchange our Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment!!



Attendance & Absence Reporting

Attendance has always been a priority at Gorsewood and we would like to remind you that excellent attendance is expected of all pupils.

We know there are times children are unable attend school, but please ensure if your child is well enough they come into school.

Punctuality is also important. Just 5 minutes late every day adds up to 2 hours learning lost in one month. Please support your child to be on time. If you need help with morning routines our pastoral team are happy to help.

100% 0 days absent	98% 4 days absent	95% 10 days absent	90% 19 days absent	80% 38 days absent	5 mins late each day is equal to 3 days absence
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Celebrating our Success

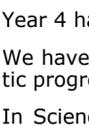
Congratulations to the children receiving these awards so far:

- Resilience Award** - Harriet, Kaia, Laila F
- Lunch Time Award** - Logan W, Noah, Nayef
- Kindness Award** - Orla, Jack H, Gracie, Gary, Grace W
- Headteacher Award** - Paige C, Arabella G, Declan, A-Jay, Logan K, Oliva, Millie M
- Be Your Best Self Raffle Winners** - Teegan, Freddie
- Bell of Awesomeness Ringers** - Noah, Declan

School Gateway Reminders

Currently payment/consent is due for:

- Tuck** - Payment of £7.00 due for all pupils who have daily fruit. If we don't receive payment we will assume your child does not want tuck
- Y2 Foxhowl Visit** - Deposit of £15.00 due by 15th October
- Y3/Y4 Imagine That!** - Payment of £14.00 due by 10th Nov



A reminder we no longer send out paper copies of newsletters and letters. All communication is sent by email however paper copies are available if requested. **If you are not receiving any communications please update the office with your email address [here](#).**

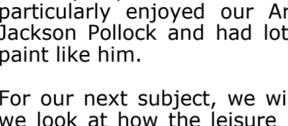
Class News

Reception Class

Reception have started teaching phonics with great success.

We are learning all about family and who lives in our house with us.

This week we are loving getting messy and creative as we paint like Jackson Pollock. Dripping, flicking, dropping, brushing, spraying with colours that reflect our emotions on the day!



Year 1

In year one we are now in the swing of our mastery maths lessons; using our 'magic' cubes to help us and starting to journal to show off what we know.

This week we have started out on an epic adventure with explorer Neil Armstrong and in the next few weeks we'll travel across the Atlantic with Charles A Lindburgh and circumnavigate the whole world with Sir Frances Drake.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy first few weeks. We have completed our materials unit in science... we had great fun!

We have begun to explore our history work on Titanic. This week we have compared Edvard Munch's 'Scream' and Wabyanko's 'Titanic Scream' interpretation.

We are in the process of creating our own piece of artwork in his style. We can't wait to get 'stuck in' to the rest of our history work we're very excited!

Year 3

This October, we will be learning a new autumnal song for Harvest Festival and getting creative with outdoor materials!

We have a whole-school Pop Art focus so we will be comparing works from Andy Warhol and Romero Britto.

Some of our other learning will include The Stone Age, addition and subtraction and a non-fiction focus of A-Zs. We will continue with invasion games for PE.

Year 4

Year 4 have been working extremely hard, and having lots of fun!

We have been enjoying our swimming lessons and making fantastic progress each week.

In Science, we have had lots of opportunities to investigate and explore solids, liquids and gases.

In Art/DT we have been exploring Jackson Pollock's work, making drip paintings.

As a class, we are focusing on 'emotions', making emotion dictionaries which we can use everyday to identify which emotion we are feeling.

We have been making sure we stay active each day, completing the daily mile, ready for our mini Gorsewood marathon!

Year 5

Year 5 are learning about the Anglo-Saxons in History. We have a special visitor coming in to tell us all about them and we are going to be making shields, helmets and Anglo-Saxon jewellery.

We are also looking at number patterns in Maths and moving on to addition and subtraction.

We are going to be writing our own myths this next coming week and we are very excited to share them with the class.

Year 6

Year 6 have been working really hard and we are very impressed with their handwriting. We particularly enjoyed our Art lessons around Jackson Pollock and had lots of fun trying to paint like him.

For our next subject, we will be historians as we look at how the leisure industry in Britain changed after WW2. We will be creating silent movies, dance routines from the swinging sixties and reporting on the 1966 World Cup Win.

Some of our children have been chosen to take part in a Football Tournament at Wade Deacon on Wednesday 6th October so remember to check Twitter for our updates.

Forest School

The children in Year 5 have been enjoying the outdoors in Forest Schools for the last few weeks. They have learned how to use different tools as well as whittling and lighting fires with a flint and steel. They have been able to carry out a risk assessment of the area and have been very good at learning the safety procedures.

It is the last session this week for Year 5 and we will welcome Year 2 to the Forest area for the week commencing 11th October. Watch out for your letter detailing what you need to bring.

