



Gorton Primary School – Newsletter 5 - 2021

Attendance

Attendance has been much improved this year with our highest attendance rate at 94% but it has dropped significantly over the last few weeks to our lowest this year at 88%. However, there is a vomiting bug affecting many children. It is important therefore that you do keep your child off school for 24 hours if they have been vomiting. This will limit the spread of the virus and our attendance will hopefully improve.

Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance
Nursery M	84.8%
Reception J	82.6%
Reception P	89%
Year 1A	94%
Year 1B	90.4%
Year 2M	86.7%
Year 2K	90.6%
Year 3H	87.9%

Important Dates

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas dinner and jumper day.

Wednesday 22nd December

2pm finish for Christmas holidays.

Ozzy Awards:

Value – Thinker

Well done to all our winners this week for our Ozzy awards:

R – Hallie-Rae

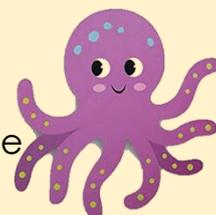
Yr1A – Abu -Bakar

Yr1B – Aima

Yr2K - Toby

Yr2M – Ava- Rose

Yr3H - Alex



Christmas Show

Years 1 and 2 are busy rehearsing for the Christmas show to be held on 14th December. Unfortunately, given the changing Covid situation, the Trustees have decided to not allow audiences in school to watch the show. However, we will record the performance for you so that you can watch it at home with your children.

Parents Survey Winner

As Promised, we have done a prize draw for all families who completed the survey. The lucky winner will receive their Prize today!



Parent Survey

Thank you so much for all your feedback on the recent survey.

We are delighted with the response and comments included:

- I would highly recommend this school; it is a safe and happy environment for children to learn and grow.
- I think this school is great compared to my daughters last one. She is really happy here and learns a lot every day.
- Friendly staff and lovely environment. Recommend to other parents.
- I am very happy that every single person of the school look after the kids and they learn every day a new activity. My child really enjoys her school.
- I think it is fantastic that parents are sent photographs and information about what the children have been doing and learning each day. Thank you. It is generally appreciated.
- Amazing school with amazing teachers that help us a lot.

Areas to improve:

- Learning – Some of you said you would like to find out more about what your child is learning. Our school website has detailed plans for each subject and shows what is being taught in each term. However, from January we will send home half termly letters for each parent that include information for you.
- Homework – some families are asking for homework/more homework. The homework we currently send is different in each class and can include home weekly spellings, timetables, phonics, reading books and the learning logs for each new IPC topic. We will though, review that homework and signpost you to areas you could access on the internet to support wider learning at home.
- School gate – one parent was concerned that the main gate is open all day and that the school is not secure. I wanted to reassure you that there is no access directly into class areas or play areas from that gate. All visitors do have to report to reception and cannot get through to the main areas of the school.
- After school Clubs – some parents have asked for more after school clubs. We currently fund a sports club for each year group after school and every child will be offered at least one or two of these to attend over the year. In addition, clubs that teachers are running this year include:
 1. Cookery
 2. Lego
 3. Recorders
 4. Coding/Robotics
 5. Fun Fitness
 6. Mindful Art
 7. Gardening
 8. Wellbeing
 9. Science
 10. Story Telling



Million Minute Reading Challenge!



We are starting a new weekly reading challenge at school, and we want to see which class reads the most at home!

Every time you read your book at home; it is worth 10 reading minutes!

We will add up each week which class has the most reading minutes.

The class with the most reading minutes will win the trophy for the week and 10 dojos each!



Let your class teacher know when you have read your book at home by sending videos, photos or comments on Class Dojo or by completing your reading record.