

Mr O'Donnell and I have been popping into classrooms this week to observe the children taking part in activities focused on one of our 'golden threads': **Learning2Learn or Talk4Learning**. These are aspects of learning which we consider to be fundamentally important in developing confident learners and can be found across our curriculum. We've had a great week watching children developing their remembering, questioning, reasoning, oracy and many more skills in a variety of lessons.

Thank you for your support with the Book Fair last week: we raised just over £1000 in commission from sales which enables Mrs Aujla to update our bookshelves and buy new class readers.

Our boys' football team travelled to play Belper St. John's this week, completing two fixtures. Mr Chapman was incredibly proud of the efforts of the squad, who won the first game 3-1 and were defeated by the same score line in the second game. Well done to you all, and thank you to Mr Chapman, Mr Butler and Ms Hallam, as well as so many parents, for your support.

Mr Kettle took a mixed team of Year 6 children to a Tag Rugby tournament yesterday. This was a new sport for many of our children and they did brilliantly. The team, and Mr Kettle and Mrs Tomlinson, were thrilled to come third! Another well-deserved well done!

Staff have now completed 95% of parent/carer meetings. Please get in touch if you missed your slot to see them and they will try to arrange to see you before or after school if they are free.

And finally, the following children have been made prefects for this term—our huge congratulations to them all for standing out amongst their fantastic classmates!



Year 3—Aisha  
Year 4—Amelia A  
Year 5—Harpuneet  
Year 6—Jonathan RM



Stay safe ☺  
Mrs J Hill

## Ukraine Fundraising



We are ever mindful of the difficulties facing millions of Ukrainian families at the moment and the staff have been approached by a number of children wanting to do something to raise money to support other children suffering the effects of the war in the Ukraine. I'm pleased that they have recognised that the rights of children in the Ukraine are being affected—Gayton children learn about children's rights as part of our PHSE curriculum in all year groups so this is a chance to help children who need it. **The School Council have suggested that children wear something blue and/or yellow to school along with their school uniform on Wednesday 23rd March and donating £1 to support UNICEF's Ukraine Emergency Fund, if they can.**

## Red Nose Day 2022

Remember that we are inviting the children to wear a **splash of red** (t-shirt, hairband, socks or Comic Relief merchandise) along with their school uniform tomorrow, **Friday 18th March**.



## Safeguarding



After stepping into the role as Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) during the transition period between headteachers prior to COVID, Mrs Trimbee will now return to her role as Deputy DSL. I would like to thank her for keeping this role during COVID whilst we all made adaptations to the ways in which we were working. I will now take the lead as DSL within our Safeguarding Team alongside Mrs Trimbee, Mrs Clarke, our Learning Mentor, Mrs Costema, our SENCO, and Mrs James, our Attendance Officer.

**Please remember you can contact us out of hours by emailing [safeguarding@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk) if you have urgent concerns about the safety of any child.**

## PE Days

Your child should be wearing PE kit to school on their PE days. This is black or blue tracksuit bottoms or leggings (shorts are fine in the summer) and a white t-shirt with their usual school sweatshirt.

Class 1—Wednesday & Thursday  
Class 2—Monday & Friday  
Class 3—Monday & Friday  
Class 4—Monday & Thursday  
Class 5—Tuesday & Thursday  
Class 6—Tuesday & Thursday



Class 7—Tuesday & Wednesday  
Class 8—Monday & Wednesday  
Class 9—Monday & Tuesday  
Class 10—Monday & Tuesday  
Class 11—Thursday & Friday  
Class 12—Wednesday & Friday

## Mobile Phones

Please remember that if your child is walking to or from school by themselves and you wish them to bring a mobile phone with them to school, they will need to bring a completed mobile phone consent form with them. To avoid phones being lost, broken or misused during the school day, phones must be handed in to class teachers each morning and collected at home time. Please ask the school office if you need a form.



## Blagreaves Library

Blagreaves Community Managed Library is looking for volunteers from the local community to help within the library. This role is not only rewarding to the community but a vital service for all. Community Managed Libraries rely on volunteers to deliver core library services. They are currently open Wednesdays and Thursdays 11am – 3pm and Fridays 11am – 1pm however, with more volunteers, could increase their opening hours. For more information please contact Lisa Seckington on 07486 381155 or [lisa.seckington@dhadvice.org](mailto:lisa.seckington@dhadvice.org)



## What Have You Done at School Today?

Have you seen our weekly round-up posts on our Facebook page yet?

I know many of you will be familiar with the “nothing” or “I can’t remember” responses (the latter is my son’s particular favourite) when asking your children what they have done at school! This is one of the reasons why we first created our weekly Learning Logs: so that we could let you know exactly what the children had been learning each week.

From the parent questionnaire sent out before half term, 9% of parents were not aware of what their children were learning so, from today, I will be doing a short post on our Facebook page this week as a round up of our week in school, to compliment what is on the Learning Log each week. Please like our Facebook page if you haven’t already to catch up with these weekly round ups!



<https://m.facebook.com/gaytonjuniorschool/>

### KEY DATES 2021-22

Friday 18th March	All Day	Wear Something Red for Comic Relief
Monday 21st March	All week	Year 6 Mock SATs week
Wednesday 23rd March	All Day	Wear Blue & Yellow for UNICEF
Thursday 24th or Friday 25th March	All Day	Year 3 Roman Day
Wednesday 6th April	TBC	Easter Discos
Thursday 7th April	3:30pm	Break Up for Easter
Friday 8th April	All Day	INSET Day 5
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>		
Monday 25th April	8:55am	Back to School
Monday 2nd May	All Day	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Monday 9th — Friday 13th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 13th— Sunday 15th May	Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Friday 27th May	3:30pm	Break Up for Half Term
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
Monday 6th June	8:55am	Back to School
Thursday 9th June	AM	Class and Leavers’ Photos
Tuesday 21st June	TBC	Year 4 Ukulele concert (Date TBC)
Friday 1st July	All day	Sponsored Event (Date TBC)
Monday 11th July	3:30pm	Annual Reports Home to Parents
Thursday 14th July	Morning	Lower School Sports Day
Friday 15th July	Morning	Upper School Sports Day
Friday 22nd July	3:30pm	Break Up for Summer



# MIDLAND SOCCER COACHING EASTER FUN DAYS 2022



**DERBY MOOR ACADEMY  
MOORWAY LANE, LITTLEOVER, DE23 2FS**

**TUESDAY 19th - FRIDAY 22 APRIL 2022**

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that following the outstanding success of weekly coaching sessions, we are organising **Easter Soccer Fun Days** to be held week commencing 19 April 2022.

Children on the course will be coached by **DBS** checked and **FA QUALIFIED COACHES** who will develop self-confidence and esteem whilst having fun throughout the week.

The course is held over **4 days** (10am-3pm) outdoors with drop-offs from 9.30am. Children should bring a packed lunch along with plenty of non-fizzy drinks.

Parents are welcome to stay and spectate if they wish to. However, we do encourage parents to attend the presentation on **Friday at 2pm** to watch the children receive their trophies.

The cost of the course is **£60** (£40 for siblings), which covers all coaching, referees, trophies, certificates and many other awards. Daily rates start from **£20.00** per day. Please note that we have a **48 hour cancellation policy**.

To reserve your child's place please complete and return the form below.

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Name(s) .....Age(s).....

Any Medical Condition(s).....

Address: .....

Postcode: ..... Tel.No .....

I enclose a cheque (payable to Midland Soccer Coaching)/cash for £..... I give my permission for my child(ren) to attend Littleover Soccer Fun Week and understand the organiser/coaches cannot be held responsible for loss, damage or personal injury.

Signed: ..... Parent/Guardian

**Return To: Midland Soccer Coaching, 63 Bakers Lane, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2AX.**

**Dave Loughran (Course Co-ordinator) - 07749 164 777**

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