

A Learning School  
A Community School  
An Inclusive School



A Growth Mindset School  
A Reflective School  
A Healthy School

## Gorse Hill Primary School

Newsletter week ending 6<sup>th</sup> January



### Happy New Year!

We would like to wish all of our Gorse Hill families a Happy New Year and all the best for 2023.

It has been lovely seeing the children back in school this week and ready for the new year!

### Year 4

It might only be the first week back in school, but pupils in Y4 have been working very hard in science as part of their unit, 'States of Matter'. Pupils planned and carried out an investigation to see if all types of chocolate has the same melting point. Pupils made predictions and carried out experiments making sure it was a fair test. We all got to enjoy tasting chocolate too!



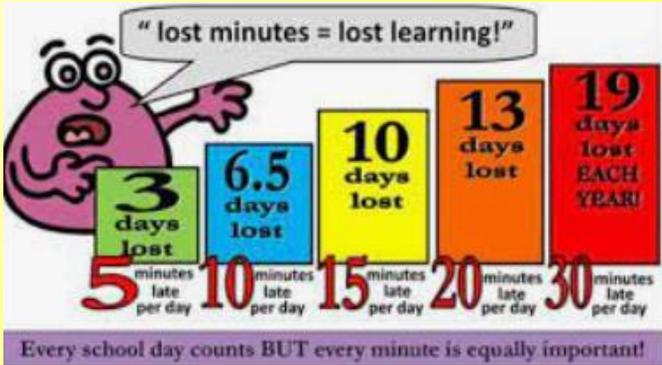
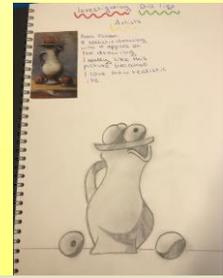
Year 6 enjoyed their first Lacrosse session this week. This is a fantastic and fun opportunity for the children to develop their many skills, including teamwork and co-ordination, whilst also learning the rules & strategies of Lacrosse.



Year 1 have started their new T4W story - The Gingerbread man. We have started by labelling the Gingerbread man and using adjectives and connectives to make our writing more interesting.



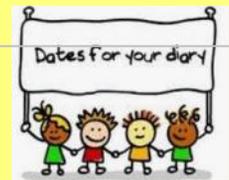
In year 5, we have enjoyed looking at lots of different still life artwork. Here is some of the children having a go at recreating a still life by Picasso.



## Punctuality

We have noticed that an increasing number of pupils are arriving late for school. This is a polite reminder that the school doors open at 8.50am and children should be in class for registration at 9am. Children who are persistently late for school are missing crucial learning such as their phonics teaching. Additionally, some children get distressed and anxious when entering class midway through a session. The teaching is also disrupted. We understand that on the odd occasion, something can happen that means being late is unavoidable but for some of our children, it is happening on a daily/weekly basis. We urge you to ensure that your child arrives on time every day and thank you for your support with this.

Children in **Nursery**, have enjoyed making spaceships with boxes and seeing how many children can fit into a box.



## Dates for your Diary!

### January

- 12<sup>th</sup> Jan- Flu Vaccine mop up
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jan- deadline for applying for reception place 2023
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan- Last swimming for class 11

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Feb- Young Voices
- 7<sup>th</sup> Feb- School Disco
- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb- School closes for Half term
- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb- School reopens 8:50am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb- M&M Production- Literary Heritage- Scrooge

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mar- Horace Bike Repair

