

A Learning School  
A Community School  
An Inclusive School



A Growth Mindset School  
A Reflective School  
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## Gorse Hill Primary School

### Newsletter week ending 26<sup>th</sup> November

#### Goodbye Mrs MacDonald!

Mrs MacDonald is retiring from teaching at Christmas. Her last day in school will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs MacDonald has been employed at Gorse Hill since March 2007 and was at Barton Clough before this. She has enjoyed a long career passing on her knowledge and expertise to hundreds of families over the years. Even though, Mrs MacDonald currently teaches in Y4, sharing a class with Mrs Dickinson, her passion for Early years shines through, even today, when she spends half a day a week in the nursery. From January, Mrs Rodda will class share with Mrs Dickinson in Class 9 until the end of July 2022. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs MacDonald a long and happy retirement.



#### School Council News!



On Tuesday at 9am, Miss Smith and the school councillors, for the first time since Covid 19, met to deliberate the schools big plans. Thought the year the school will have many events organised but your very own-yes you've got it- School Council. The next big thing the Council have planned is Break the Rules Day. More information on this to follow soon. Thank you for reading.  
Written by Class 12 School Councillors.

#### Year 6 Art

Class 14 have been using their printing skills to create some excellent self-portraits.



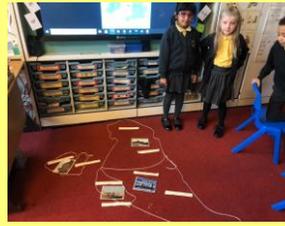
## No Pens Day!

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November it was No Pens Day! All pupils put down their pens and engaged in different styles of learning. Many activities focused on speaking and understanding skills. Pupils enjoyed the ranged of activities that took place during the day.

In class 8, pupils had great fun making models of Stonehenge.



Class 5 and worked in groups to make a map of the UK using sting. They worked in groups to identify countries, capital cities and surrounding seas.



Class 7, practiced their 3, 4 and 8 times tables by playing different games that use these facts. We played a division race game, a top trumps tables game and a snakes and ladder game.



## **Reception in the Forest School**

Reception pupils have been very busy this week using their mapping skills to create a map of the forest school. They made each area in the forest school and marked where they were.

