



# Open Gates



The Autumn 2 School Value focus is Ambition

Team Two Gates knows no limits. We are determined to achieve our goals.



Dear Parents,

**The partnership between home and school** is an important factor in supporting children's outcomes and future success. Our recent **consultation meetings** were very well attended - with 83% of you taking up the opportunity to meet with your children's class teacher to discuss their learning, progress and wellbeing. We appreciate these opportunities to share your children's strengths and next steps with you. Together we are stronger!

**Online safety** is a consistent theme in our safeguarding education programme because we are committed to ensuring your pupils know how to keep themselves safe online. They can't hear these messages often enough!

We hope the parents who attended the years 5 and 6 **online safety workshop** found it informative and useful; this workshop is being repeated for parents of pupils in years 3 and 4 on **Friday, 6th December** at 2:00 p.m. - please join us if you can.

**To support pupils in making links between themes covered in our curriculum and real-life issues and events -past and present, additional learning activities and theme days/weeks have been planned into the curriculum recently...**



Following a **Remembrance Assembly**, Key Stage 2 pupils observed a two minutes' silence at 11:00 a.m. on 11th November. They were respectful and thoughtful - it was a very special moment. Thank you for supporting The **Poppy Appeal**; we will let you know how much we raised when we are notified.



The theme for **National Anti - Bullying Week** this year was **'Choose Respect'** with the aim of empowering children and young people to **not resort to bullying**, even when we disagree - and also to remind **adults to lead by example**, online and offline. This was the theme for assemblies and PSHE discussions last week. We will continue to ensure that bullying is **not tolerated anywhere in our community**. We wore odd socks to school to celebrate how wonderfully **unique we all are!**

For Children in Need Day, the student leaders facilitated hula-hooping and basketball challenges for pupils in each class during the morning. In the afternoon there was a whole-class art session, where each class produced a **collaborative piece of Pudsey artwork**.

They were challenged to be innovative and creative - and they didn't disappoint! We will be voting for our favourite winning pieces this week and will let you know. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the whole day. Well done to the student leaders! We raised **£183.78** for this incredible charity.



This week has been **UK Parliament Week**; classes have taken part in age-appropriate activities to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the British Value of **democracy** through having debates, discussing issues and holding votes.



On Tuesday, children took part in activities based around protecting our environment (one of our school values)



to celebrate and raise the profile of the launch of **COP29** (The United Nations Climate Change Conference). Early years pupils learnt about plastic in the ocean and recycling before making junk models using recyclable materials.



Pupils in years 1-6 took part in a zoom meeting where they learnt about the **greenhouse effect** and watched an experiment to show how this works. They also thought about **what they could do** to protect our environment.



Well - it doesn't happen often - so we just had to make the most of it...

Reception loved playing in the snow!



# Community Advocate- your school needs you!

We are still looking for a Community Advocate to join our Governance team. Please click the following link to see more about this role.

## [Advocate Recruitment](#)

*Advocates will be appointed for a term of 4 years and work closely with the school leadership to advance the opportunities for students and their schools and help ensure the school is as strong as it can be. The roles require a time commitment of approximately 30-40 hours per year, broken down into meeting attendance, preparation, email/telephone communications and training.*

And finally...

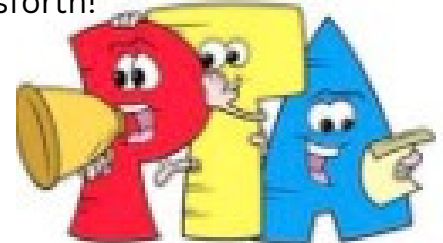
The Two Gates PTA held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 13th.



A vacancy has arisen on our committee: **Chairperson**.

We are extremely grateful to our outgoing chairperson, **Mrs Lynette Brelsforth**, for her commitment to this position and the school throughout her term of office. She has led the team with **enthusiasm and positivity** and given her time willingly to arrange and manage many events which **children and families have always enjoyed**. A substantial amount of money has been raised every year and this has been used to provide additional resources and opportunities for all the children of Two Gates. Thank you very much, Mrs Brelsforth!

If you would like some information about this vacancy or just want to become more involved by helping to plan/ support during events, please contact the school office.



Please remember that we are here for you if you have any concerns or questions, or need a listening ear; just call the office on **01827 213855** or email **office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk**

You can also follow us on **X @2gatesprimary** and message your child's class teacher directly on **ClassDojo**.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Mrs Llewelyn- Cook 

Love children, love learning!

# CHRISTMAS AT TWO GATES

## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 9th December - Year 3 Christmas Crafts - 2-3pm

Tuesday 10th December - Year 4 Christmas Crafts - 2-3pm

Wednesday 11th December - Year 5 Christmas Crafts - 2-3pm

Thursday 12th December - Year 6 Christmas Crafts - 2-3pm

Friday 13th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity in Song! 2-3pm

Monday 16th December - Nursery Christmas Craft and Singing - 8:45am

Monday 16th December - Reception Christmas Singing Show - 2-3pm

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day - All Children

Friday 20th December - Christmas Party Day and the LAST DAY OF TERM

Monday 23rd December till Friday 3rd January - Christmas Holidays - School Closed

Monday 6th January - Inset Day - School Closed

Tuesday 7th January - School open to all pupils



# CONGRATULATIONS

## STAR AWARD

- Year 1 - Farrah
- Year 2 - Indiana
- Year 3 - Alfie
- Year 4 - Lucia
- Year 5B - Daria
- Year 5G - Charlie
- Year 6 - Freddie



## Attendance



### KS1

Year 2  
95.65%

### KS2

Year 5  
98.6%

## Brilliant Behaviour

### Breakfast

- Year 1 - Lydia
- Year 2 - Archer
- Year 3 - William
- Year 4 - Jake
- Year 5B - Oliver
- Year 5G - Ellie
- Year 6 - Georgie-May



# CONGRATULATIONS

## STAR AWARD

- Year 1 - Poppy
- Year 2 - Harley
- Year 3 - Alexis
- Year 4 - Jake
- Year 5B - Lola
- Year 5G - Amelia
- Year 6 - Finley



## Attendance



### KS1

Year 2  
90.43%

### KS2

Year 6  
95.48%

## Brilliant Behaviour

### Breakfast

- Year 1 - Evie
- Year 2 - Rory
- Year 3 - Juniper
- Year 4 - Kate
- Year 5B - Maja
- Year 5G - Troy
- Year 6 - Reece



# CONGRATULATIONS

## STAR AWARD

- Year 1 - Ace
- Year 2 - Charlie
- Year 3 - Zee
- Year 4 - Lexi
- Year 5B - Freddie
- Year 5G - Annabelle
- Year 6 - Ava-Jo



## Attendance



### KS1

Year 2  
96.96%

### KS2

Year 5  
96.28%

## Brilliant Behaviour

### Breakfast

- Year 1 - Ivy
- Year 2 - Alanna
- Year 3 - Ava / Chloe
- Year 4 - Vinnie
- Year 5B - Freya
- Year 5G - Darhlia
- Year 6 - Freddie





# Diary Dates

**Friday 29th November**

Inset Day - School Closed

**Monday 23rd December till Friday 3rd January 2024**

Christmas Holiday

**Monday 6th January**

Inset Day - School Closed

**Monday 17th February till Friday 21st February**

Half Term

**Friday 21st March 2025**

Inset Day