

# Open Gates



School Value Focus CURIOSITY:  
Team Two Gates has a strong desire to learn  
more and discover new things.  
We ask questions and make connections.

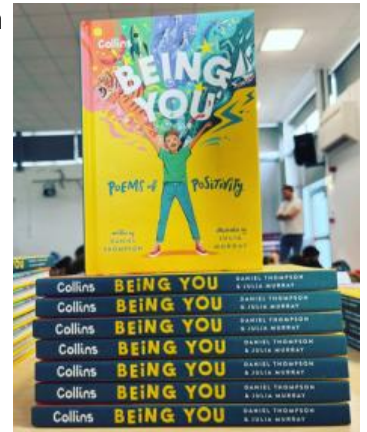


Dear Parents,

## AUTHOR VISIT

Following on from last week's World Book Day celebrations, we welcomed local author Daniel Thompson to school on Monday. Danny, is a poet, storyteller, filmmaker and musician from Tamworth. He is currently signed with publishers Harper Collins. His recent collection of positive poetry 'Big Thoughts For Little Thinkers' has been an Amazon bestseller in both humorous poetry for children and children's philosophy for much of 2022. Danny is passionate about encouraging children to explore the philosophical principles behind self-belief and inner positivity.

He led an assembly and Q&A session with all pupils from years 1-6; we loved listening to him recite poetry from his latest publication Being You- Poems of Positivity. You could hear a pin drop in the hall- the children (and adults) were so engaged!



Danny then worked with classes in KS2, taking them through the process of poetry writing and inspiring them to think creatively about words and their meaning. They performed their poems too.

Danny officially opened our newly refurbished library, which has undergone a major transformation – thanks to Mrs Greenway and Mrs Wilson who have created a purposeful, inviting and well-stocked library (reading paradise!) for our children to use.

Danny donated several of his books to the new library and signed them for us too; we can't wait to read them!

THANK  
YOU



If you would like to know more about Danny, you can follow him on Twitter [@AuthorDThompson](https://twitter.com/AuthorDThompson)



## OUTDOOR LEARNING

Year 6 Buzzards visited Tameside Nature Reserve this week as part of their outdoor learning curriculum. They loved the experience of walking through the marsh- with the grasses and reeds as tall as themselves!



## PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Our spring consultation evenings are on Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th March. We look forward to welcoming you into school to meet with your child's class teacher and see for yourselves what superstar learners your children are! If you need some help to book your appointment, please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

On both evenings we will have some visitors in school who would love to meet and chat with you about their work in the community and how they can help.

PCSO's Winter and Ngo will be sharing information about internet safety and be available to answer any questions you may have in general about their work or you can chat with them about any concerns you may have.



Here is a message from the Mental Health Practitioners Team who will also be available on the evening of 29th...


*My name is Rachel and I am a trainee Education Mental Health Practitioner. My colleague Chloe and I will be working alongside the staff at a number of Tamworth schools including Two Gates Primary to support well-being and mental health across the whole school. We are really excited to get to know children, staff, parents and carers.*

*This NHS service called the Mental Health Support Team (MHST), which is new to Tamworth, was officially launched in January and we have already begun working with some children on a 1:1 basis. We are delighted to be able to attend your forthcoming parents evening on Wednesday 29th March, so please come and have a chat with Chloe and I for more information about the MHST, who we are and how we can help.*

Mrs Pugh will also be available to parents on both evenings - no appointment necessary. If you are facing difficulties at home or within your family, or you are worried about your child, please remember that we are a caring school and want to support you. Please take the opportunity to chat with Mrs Pugh, a problem shared is a problem halved.

Please see more news, information and dates for your diary below and remember that you can follow us on Twitter [@2gatesprimary](https://twitter.com/2gatesprimary)

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please remember that we are here for you; just call the office on [01827 213855](tel:01827213855) or e mail [officetgs@twogates.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:officetgs@twogates.staffs.sch.uk)

Mrs Llewelyn-Cook 

Love children, love learning!





Falcons – Luke

Swans – Lily-Rose

Year 5 & 6 – Poppy / Izzy-Mai  
Tyler and Mia



**TOP  
ATTENDANCE  
CLASSES**



KS1

Robins

97.4%

KS2

Kestrels

97.5%

## BRILLIANT BEHAVIOUR BREAKFAST

Robins – Chloe

Kingfishers – Jack

Doves – Lucia

Falcons – Sebastian

Swans – Oliver

Kites – Louie

Buzzards – Kara

Kestrels – Grace



Snowy smiles, brioche and hot chocolate at  
BBB





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pictures

and videos of the work we are completing

# Diary Dates

**DON'T FORGET**

**Monday 20th - Friday 24th March**

Year 6 visit to Paris

**Tuesday 21st March**

14:30 - 15:00

Year 2 SATS Meeting for Parents

**Monday 27th & Wednesday 29th March**

15:30 - 18:00

Parents Consultation  
(Details to follow)

**Friday 31st March**

INSET DAY - School Closed

**Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April**

EASTER HOLIDAY BREAK

**Monday 17th April**

BACK TO SCHOOL