



GILBERT COLVIN NEWSLETTER



Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen | 25 October 2024

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

We will be conducting a parent survey to gather your opinions about the school. Hard copies will be sent home after half term and will also be available for collection from the school office so please do complete one! Completed surveys can then be returned and placed in a secure box in the office during the first week back after half term.

The results of the survey will be discussed with governors and shared with staff, so that we can make our school an even better place to be for pupils and parents. We appreciate your suggestions and will carefully consider them as we set our school development priorities for the future. Thank you for your continuing support and have a lovely half term!

KEY DATES

Monday 4th November
Beginning of term



Wednesday 6th November
Year 1 - Local high street walk

Friday 8th November
Diwali 'Bring and Share' event (details to follow on School Ping)

Friday 15th November, 9.15-10.00am
Year 6 Open Classroom

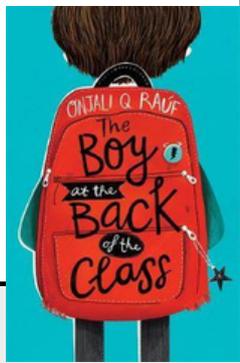
Friday 22nd November, 9.15-10.00am
Year 5 Open Classroom

Tuesday 26th November
Year 5 Science Museum

READING RECOMMENDATION

In this week's assembly, we talked about mutual respect, which is one of the DfE's British Values. We established that a value is a principle or idea that guides our thinking and behaviour and thought about how we demonstrate our school values of perseverance, courage and integrity in every day life.

There are so many wonderful story books that promote mutual respect between different groups of people but my reading recommendation this week is one of our English texts, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf: A brilliantly written book.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance w/b 21st October 2024:

Reception - 89.43%
Year 1 - 87.66%
Year 2 - 90.25%
Year 3 - 93.33%
Year 4 - 96.87%
Year 5 - 94.26%
Year 6 - 96.92%

Well done Years 4 and 6 for achieving our target attendance of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 92.60%

GOVERNOR VISIT

The governors recently met with Ms. Cohen for a morning dedicated to reviewing our school development plan, learning more about the maths curriculum, observing lessons, and talking with some students about their experiences at Gilbert Colvin.

We were encouraged by the recent excellent results and reports—testament to the hard work of the pupils, faculty, and parents. From our classroom observations, it was clear that the children were engaged, enjoying their lessons, and showing great respect for their teachers and classmates. As always, our 'pupil voice' sessions allowed us to speak directly with the students and understand how they felt about their time at school.

It was fantastic to hear how many of them were enjoying after-school clubs, field trips, and their Black History Month lessons. As expected, the pupils also had strong opinions about their school dinners and had many suggestions for optimising playtime! Thank you to the staff and pupils for providing such a warm welcome!

Kieran Yeates - Gilbert Colvin Governor