

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

The Winter Olympics, hosted by South Korea, will take place from 9th to 25th February. Great Britain is aiming for their most successful Winter Olympics ever, with a target of five medals. "Olympism" is "a philosophy of life, that exalts and combines in a balanced whole, qualities of body, will and mind." The Olympic movement has core values that extend beyond athletics to education. These are -

Respect: fair play, knowing one's own limits and taking care of one's health and environment.

Excellence: how to give the best of one's self on the field of play or in life, taking part and progressing according to one's own objectives.

Friendship: how, through sport, we understand each other despite any differences.

To be a true Olympian takes more than it takes to be an exceptional sportsman or woman. Their courage and determination can be an inspiration to us all.

Our sporting success continued this week. The Y7 girls and Y8 boys' basketball teams have been training hard all week for their upcoming quarter final games against Rawlins Academy. They both travel to Rawlins next week to play their quarter final knockout game.

The Year 8/9 girls football team had their first game of the season, against Welland Park Academy, on Tuesday and what a game it was! There was some really skillful football on show with Gartree achieving a brilliant win with a final score of 10-5.

On Wednesday Gartree hosted the Oadby and Wigston Schools U13 Indoor Cricket Tournament. The students performed magnificently well. Gartree were undefeated champions and will now go on to represent Oadby and Wigston Schools in the County Finals night on Monday 5th March at Crown Hills. Well done to all involved.

The Year 7 girls team had an emphatic win against Beauchamp on Thursday evening. Despite the cold and windy conditions the girls won an exciting game 5-2 with Sophie scoring a brilliant hat trick. Superb stuff!

On Thursday some of our Year 9 and 10 students took part in the Maths Challenge. Well done to all of those involved. Thursday also saw our House "Countdown" competition. Third place was Fazeelat of 8JI. Joint second were Hannah of 9SP and Humayra of 9BS. The overall winner was Bhavika of 9BS. As far as the individual houses go, Arctic were third, Pacific second and Caspian first overall. Well done all!

Finally, a reminder that this is a short half-term and school closes at 3.00 pm on Friday 9th February for the spring half term break. Students return on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Singleton'.

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