

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

On Wednesday evening, *The Hardest Road Home* featuring Zoe Ball's 355 miles cycle ride from Blackpool to Brighton was shown on TV. This is well worth a watch on 'catch up' TV as her determination and commitment to completing the Sports Relief Challenge was inspirational. The programme also sensitively presented the issues relating to depression and mental health and it highlighted the excellent work that can take place due to the fundraising by Sports Relief events. Sports Relief week has been hectic with many lunchtime activities happening all week. Thank you to all the staff and students who have participated and raised lots of money for such a great cause.

On Monday, Gartree hosted the Oadby and Wigston Years 5 and 6 Handball Tournament. The tournament was planned and delivered by our Year 9 Sports Leaders. Huge congratulations to Woodland Grange school, who were the eventual winners. Our Sports Leaders were outstanding and a real credit to Gartree. On Tuesday, the Year 8 and 9 girls football team hosted City of Leicester College in their home quarter final county cup match. In cold and windy conditions, the Gartree girls won 7-3. They now progress to the semi-finals, which will be played in the summer term. A fantastic achievement for a group of girls who only got together this year! On Wednesday we had two teams representing Oadby and Wigston in the Spring Games held at Loughborough University. Our Boccia team and Year 7 girls' indoor athletics team did us, and Oadby and Wigston Schools, proud. The Boccia team were crowned champions of the whole of Leicestershire and Rutland. What a truly fantastic achievement!

This week we had a lot of exciting enrichment activities taking place. On Monday 40 students went to see the production of *War Horse* at Nottingham's Theatre Royal.

On Tuesday we hosted a debating event involving six schools from across the county with two teams representing Gartree.

On Wednesday four students represented our school at the Maths Challenge event in Warwickshire. Congratulations to India, Erin, Bethany and Aaliyah who came 9th overall. An excellent achievement!

On Wednesday evening a group of Gartree's exceptional singers performed five songs at De Montfort Hall after working with Dominic Ellis-Peckham for only 6 hours. The end result was a stunning mix of harmonies, riffs, mash ups and many dance moves. Our musicians were so professional, both when watching the other performers, in rehearsal and in the performance itself. They were a credit to themselves and our school. Congratulations to all those students!

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We end the week with a whole school assembly reflecting on the term and celebrating with a performance from the cast of High School Musical.

I would like to wish four of our Year 10 students well when they visit De Montfort University over Easter to participate in the #DMUtalented Easter school in Law, Health Science and Dance. Competition was strong for places and they have done extremely well to secure one. Good luck Hannah, Megan, Sasha and Leigha.

The summer term begins on Monday 9th April and Year 7 parents' evening will take place on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th April. I hope to see Year 7 parents then.

Have a great Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Singleton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

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