

# Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

Congratulations to Eden, Anna and Poppy, who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition last weekend. This is a great achievement and a first for Gartree High School. Well done to all!

The students of Gartree High School have a long history of fundraising and for many years we have had a Gartree Against Poverty (GAP) group. All students are welcome to join this to support the activities and fundraising taking place. We have a longstanding relationship with the Mtwapa Academy in Kenya and have a non-uniform day planned for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October to raise money to support them.

The money raised will be split between Milele (a small charity based in Hinckley that sponsors school children in Mtwapa, Kenya) and GAP club funds to provide play equipment and improve working conditions in our new link school, Marianna Glorious Academy. We want to buy mosquito nets for other families in the Mtwapa community. A donation of £1 would be gratefully received to support this cause.

The KS3 girls netball teams continued their unbeaten season by recording 2 wins and a draw against Wigston Academy on Tuesday evening. The Year 7 girls won, 4-1; the Year 8 team drew 5-5 in a thrilling end-to-end match; the Year 9s recorded an emphatic 30-2 victory.

The KS3 boys football teams had an equally exciting set of fixtures. The Year 7 boys lost out narrowly, eventually losing 2-1 in a game they led 1-0 for the vast majority of the match. The Year 8s won a thrilling game 3-1 and remain unbeaten all season! The year 9s lost in a high scoring game, 2-4.

On Thursday, the year 10/11 football team travelled to Wigston Academy. A great game finished with Gartree coming out winners by 2-1. On the same evening the year 10/11 netball team travelled to Manor. In a really close encounter, our girls just got pipped at the post, 11-9.

The final fixtures this half term, against South Wigston High School (home), are on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. You are most welcome to support us.

It was National Poetry Day on Thursday and the theme was 'Change'.

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For want of a nail the shoe was lost.  
For want of a shoe the horse was lost.  
For want of a horse the rider was lost.  
For want of a rider the message was lost.  
For want of a message the battle was lost.  
For want of a battle the kingdom was lost.  
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.

Anon.

We don't know who wrote this poem, about how a tiny change can have a massive impact. It is worth noting its message as we approach our daily activities, as paying attention to those little details can make a huge difference to an outcome or how a person feels.

Year 9 students have an opportunity to enter a war poetry competition. They should submit their poems to their English teacher or Mr Scranage by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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