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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been a busy start to the half term, please take the time to look at the galleries on our website to see some of the wonderful work and fantastic experiences that have been taking place. If you haven't already – don't forget to follow us on Twitter @GarswoodPrimary

The children are settled and we are delighted to welcome so many new children to our school with a record 4 children joining our Y6 class and other children joining across other classes too! It's great to welcome new children and families into our Garswood family.

Our first Nursery open evening was a great success. We have a number of children joining us as a result and there's clearly lots of people excited about our holiday club. Don't forget to download the [Holiday Club Booking Form](#) from the website if you'd like to secure a place for your child. Control and click on the underlined text and it will take you straight there. You can email completed forms to garswood@sthelens.org.uk Please note though we love to hear from you on Twitter and really appreciate your 'likes', we will not respond to questions/queries. Please use email, letter, telephone for these communications or come and talk with us face to face!

Art installation

We are delighted to have worked with an artist in residence 'Twigtwisters' for two days and shortly you'll see the children's hard work displayed at the front of the school. The sculpture, made from willow weaving, represents the school strapline, 'Roots of happiness, branches to learning' and children across the school enjoyed the challenge of this 3D artwork. We are delighted with the final work and can't wait for it to be on display for all to see. Watch out for it – coming soon!

Local Authority letter

I wanted to share with you some extracts from a letter I received at the end of last week from the Assistant Director of People's Services, Jo Davies.

"I am writing to congratulate you on your school's Key Stage 2 Standard Assessment Test results this year.

Your provisional data indicated that in the case of your attainment outcomes, your reading, GPS & mathematics results were significantly above their respective national averages. In terms of progress, outcomes were above national levels.

The results profiled above reflect excellent work on behalf of your senior leadership team, your staff and - of course - your pupils. All are to be congratulated, given the results were achieved in the face of major national curriculum changes, and the problematic development of tests that schools nationally had to wrestle with last academic year."

Garswood is an extremely hard working school and to have such positive feedback is testament to the effort that goes into each day.

Finally, in the spirit of British Food Fortnight we are having our 'British Afternoon Tea' on Tuesday. The children will all be making items and some of our children will be serving too. There will be entertainment, with some children from Reception and Y6 singing songs. Tickets are £5 as a fundraiser for school. Any further donations are welcome. It is the first time we have done anything like this so come prepared! Please see the office for tickets.

Thank you as ever for your continued support,

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