



Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



British Red Cross

'If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive' - Mother Teresa

Latest News



100 Day School Improvement Plan TARGETS

During our recent Parent-Teacher meetings, you may have noticed the slide show in the hall intended to give parents an update on how we are working hard on the School Improvement Plan priorities for this year, a new feature at GJS. We wanted to update parents of the progress we are making in the first 100 days of any new plan and around this time of year is when actions are beginning to have a greater impact across the school. If you missed it, you can find the School Improvement Plan (SIP) summary and a copy of the slides on the website [here](#). There will be termly updates and we will keep you informed each time.

Year 6 Born Free Event

On Wednesday morning, the Year 6 parents were invited to school to learn about endangered animal species and about animals kept in captivity. Our Year 6 pupils have spent the last couple of weeks working alongside the charity Born Free to raise awareness of animal captivity. They talked with such passion, enthusiasm and knowledge about the animal that they had researched and built a project around. We are very, very proud of them all and impressed that they can discuss such serious topics with maturity.

Year 3 Maya Visitor/Talk

On Monday, Year 3 were very lucky to have Sabrina Bazley come to visit them as a Maya expert! After spending some years living within a Maya community, she was able to tell us all about how their life compared to ours now! We learnt some Spanish vocabulary, sang some very exciting Spanish songs and even managed to understand the Maya number system! Thank you so much Sabrina for enriching our learning in such a fun afternoon.

Value—Autumn 2—FORGIVENESS

Continuing our focus on school values, this half term, in the lead up to Christmas, we continue focusing our attention on the value of **Forgiveness**. We are focusing on this value in our weekly whole school assemblies, our weekly 'circle times' and discussing it within the PSHE curriculum across the school. We will continue to encourage children to show their understanding of this value and offer strategies to help them be more understanding at times when showing **forgiveness** is more challenging, such as break and lunchtimes. Once again, the more our work can be reinforced at home, the better. Please find time for further 'home talks' about our values and share your experiences and perspectives, the importance of **forgiveness** and how difficult it can be at times.

GET Teaching Virtual Information Evening

The Godalming Learning Partnership of schools are proud partners with Winchester University and have been training teachers for the last 6 years. Our blend of innovative, immersive school experience and training allied to academic study is used by Winchester as a model of best practice for their new partners.

We are running an online information evening on **Thursday 07 December at 7.00pm** for anyone interested in finding out more about our unique and bespoke School-led PGCE teacher training programme which starts in **September 2024**.

Register on Eventbrite for this online event using the QR code or link below:

[GET Teaching with the GLP](#)

For more info in the meantime, see our [GET Teaching](#) website and our [GET Teaching](#) information evening flier which is attached to this newsletter.

We look forward to meeting you.

Staff Vacancy—Clerk to the Governors

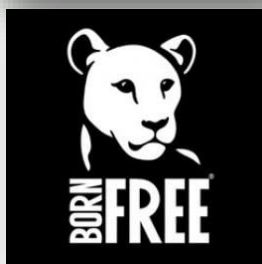
We are looking for a Clerk to the Governors to work at the school. This is a flexible role for four hours per week, term time only. You will be required to attend three Governor meetings per term. For more information please click [here](#).

Lunch Payments

Please ensure your lunch accounts are always in credit. To make payment in Arbor, go to Quick Actions-Meals-Autumn Term-Top Up Account. Please remember not to use ParentMail for new payments, and any ParentMail arrears should be cleared.

Reporting Absence

Please let the school office know by 8.30am, either by voicemail or email, if your child is going to be absent that day.



House Points

Saturn	1224
Mars	1070
Jupiter	988
Neptune	914



Our Designated Safeguard Lead and Operation Encompass Key Adult is:
Mr Samson—HT

Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:
Mr Maclver- Deputy HT
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo
Mrs Munz—Bursar
Mrs Kirby—HSLW

'It's everyone's business'

PTA News

It's nearly time for the Christmas Fair, Friday 8th December—4.30-7.30pm. A huge thanks for all the jolly jam jars that were dropped off today.

Remaining mufti day and donations are below: Fri 1st Dec—Xmas Hamper donations

For our Christmas Hampers, as previous years, these will be themed by colour—so to make this simple they will be broken down by year groups. Please see email sent last week for further details.

Year 3—red Year 4—green Year 5—white/silver Year 6—Gold

As per previous PTA events we will be running the token scheme to pay for the games and stalls. The value of each token is 50p and the stalls will cost either 50p or £1, so either 1 token or 2. The tokens can be purchased on the night from a dedicated stall, but to avoid possible long queues, they can be pre bought either by making a bank transfer to the Godalming Junior School Association, Sort Code 30-99-50, account number 65867168 (Please add child's name and class in payment reference), or we will be selling them in the playground after school from Friday 1st to Thursday 7th December.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3AR – Flora
3EC – Alisa
4JA – Alfie
4RH – Lily
5SD – Nico
5NM – Kayla
6EM – Arty
6TA – Etienne



Attendance Winners: 3AR – 98%



RESILIENCE Values Champions

3AR – Dylan D
3EC – Lily-Rose
4JA – Leighton
4RH – Reuben
5SD – Archie
5NM – Alfie
6EM – Neera
6TA – Naomi



Summer Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 6TA

Sports News

Cross Country Run @ Glebelands School

Well done to ALL the children who took part in last week's cross country event at Glebelands School, Cranleigh. It was great to see so many children brave the elements on a wet and windy day to run in boggy and slippery conditions!

Everyone performed superbly and in some cases in a field of 30 runners, some children were the only GJS entries! There were some thrilling races with great quality running, stamina and determination on show. Due to relatively small team of just under 30 participants and combined with our scoring places throughout the different races (top 6 scored points for their schools) GJS were overall **WINNERS!** A fantastic achievement

Medals were displayed today at Celebration Assembly and those who were placed in the top 6 positions are now invited to the cross country event at Reigate Priory School in February. More details to follow!



Diary Dates

Autumn 2023

November

28th: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse
28th: Y5 Swimming
28th-1st: Y4 Bikeability

December

4th–8th: 10R—Human Rights Week
5th: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse
5th: Y5 Swimming
6th: Y5 Viking Workshop
8th: PTA Christmas Fair
11th: Y3 Carol Morning
12th: Y4 Carol Morning
12th: Y5 Swimming
13th: Y5 Carol Morning
14th: Y6 Carol Morning
14th: Christmas Lunch
15th: Term ends @ 1.15pm



Inset Days 2023/24
~~Friday 1st September 2023~~
~~Monday 30th October 2023~~
Friday 9th February 2024
Monday 15th April 2024
Friday 24th May 2024