



# YOUNG MINDS

fighting for young people's mental health

# Newsletter

*"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within" - Maya Angelou*

## Latest News



### 10R—Healthy Week

This week, to coincide with World Mental Health Day, GJS held their 2nd 10richment week of the year. We kicked off with Pete Swettenham talk to the children during Mondays assembly, following his judo club, about all the benefits of judo on his **mental health**, **physical health** and the healthy and respectful **relationships** within the sport. This ticked many of the areas the children in different year groups focused on this week. There was also a focus on the importance of a balanced **diet**. All the activities further exemplified GJS as a Surrey Healthy School. It was also great to see so many children dressed in bright-joyful-**yellow** attire today to raise money for the Young Minds charity.

### Year 6 Residential to UKSA

Thank you to everyone who attended the UKSA webinar on Tuesday evening to find out more about the Year 6 residential **next** September. For those unable to attend, the school will be in touch with you and in the meantime, you can find the slides from the presentation in the Year 5 section of the school website [here](#). If there any questions you have on the trip, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### Illness

As we enter the 'ber months and the weather gets slightly chillier, please can we remind parents that continued high attendance is a school priority. NHS guidance states that unless a child has a temperature of 38 degrees or above, they are usually ok to attend school. Please be reassured that staff will send your child home if we feel they are too poorly to be here. We appreciate your continued support in this.

### Parking

Following on from the email sent earlier this week regarding parking in the staff car park, we would also remind parents to be extremely careful and considerate when parking cars locally. Please **DO NOT** park cars across any driveways. Parking is also obviously not permitted on any zig zags or double yellow lines, as it is vital that emergency vehicles can access at any time of the day.

### Secondary School Admissions

Year 6 parents and carers can now apply for a secondary school place for their child. Applications must be submitted by **Thursday 31st October**, but as this falls within half-term we recommend applying by **Friday 25th October**. Further details have been emailed.

### Our VALUE in focus is: CONFIDENCE

This term, fittingly with children moving year groups, new children joining the school and Year 6 attending their residential trip, our first 'in focus' value is **CONFIDENCE**. All staff will be on the 'look out' for children displaying confidence in lessons, on the playground and even during their residential trip away from home! The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better. Please feel free to have 'home talks' on our values and maybe even share examples when YOU have had to show confidence, face your fears and generally YOUR views on the value and the importance of being confident in life and the reality that we ALL lack confidence at some point!

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our active and supportive Governing Body. This is a voluntary role, and you will be required to attend three committee meetings per year and three Full Governing Body Meetings. Should you be interested in applying, please contact our Clerk, Shannon Hall on [clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk).

### Poetry Competition

Due to the level of demand, there will be an extension to our Poetry Competition to **NEXT** Friday. Children have even more time to get their **Love**, **Live** or/and **Learn** poems in and who knows, they may even become a GJS published poet.

### GJS Breakfast Club

We continue to provide our **NEW** Breakfast Club for GJS children in partnership with Koosa. This is open from 7.45am and is run by GJS staff. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fresh fruit will be provided daily!

### And Finally...

You may notice over the coming weeks that we are replacing our playground picnic benches to a more durable and environmentally friendly range. Our ability to do this is largely thanks to the school PTA AND the Lynes family. It is fantastic to be in a position to see funds raised and donated go to what the children use on a daily basis to either have their packed lunches, play games or simply have a good 'chin-wag'. The children were made aware this morning in assembly and we hope all members of the school community will play their part in ensuring they last as long as possible by looking after them!



### House Points

Jupiter	1476
Mars	1364
Saturn	1294
Neptune	1031



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

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

*'It's everyone's business'*

# PTA News

## School Disco—Wednesday 23rd October

Calling all young John Travoltas and Olivia Newton-Johns, it's time to get your dancing shoes on for the Annual Autumn School Disco. Tickets are £5 and include refreshments. Please see flyer accompanying the newsletter for full details.

We are still looking for a treasurer to help with the running of the PTA. If you are interested please reach out to Phil (philipcurtis@hotmail.com) or Rhian (Rhianhooper@hotmail.com). Without a Treasurer we can't function as a charity.

### Other Key Dates:

Christmas Fair—Friday 13th December

# School Achievement

## Pupil of the Week

- 3AR – Adelyn
- 3EC – Skye
- 4JS – Dylan L
- 4NS – George
- 5NM – Harry
- 5KW – Khushi
- 6EM – Maggie
- 6SD – Asher



## PERSEVERANCE Values Champions

- 3AR – Julia
- 3EC – Lily
- 4JA – Khushi
- 4RH – Rhys
- 5SD – Kira
- 5NM – Mia
- 6EM – Amelia
- 6TA – Ted



Attendance Winners: 4NS = 98%



# Sports News

## Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne

Last week saw the 1st of 3 tournaments being held at Tillingbourne over the coming weeks. Last Friday, it was the turn of Y4 and Y6 boys to go at it against other schools. ALL children gave great accounts of themselves and did the school proud. Despite all the endeavour from Y6 they were narrowly beaten at the group stage. Due to the odd number of teams in the Y4 section, this was played in a 'round-robin' league with all teams playing each other once. Conceding only one goal throughout the 6 games, Y4 came away victors of their tournament with fantastic attacking, calm defending and slick passing! Thank you to Mr Leverton who helped with transport and supporting the team!



We had a superb response to the girls trials this week in preparation for the girls tournament next Friday, over 90 girls putting themselves forward, a great turnout! The year 3 and 5 tournament takes place in late November and more information will follow shortly regarding these trials.



# Diary Dates

## Autumn 2024

### October

- 7th–18th: Y6 Bikeability
- 16th: Y5 Tilford Mosque Trip
- 22nd: Individual Photos
- 25th: **Inset Day**
- 28th–1st: Half Term

### November

- 4th: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse begins
- 9th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.00am
- 11th–15th: 10R—Remembrance Week
- 11th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 9.00am
- 12th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.45am
- 13th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 6.00pm
- 16th: Glebelands Cross Country Run
- 19th: Parent/Teacher Meetings—Late
- 21st: Parent/Teacher Meetings—Early
- 22nd: Y6 'Born Free' Presentation

**Inset Days 2024/25**  
~~Monday 2nd September 2024~~  
**Friday 25th October 2024**  
**Friday 14th February 2025**  
**Tuesday 22nd April 2025**  
**Friday 23rd May 2025**

