



Newsletter



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'A person's a person, no matter how small' - Dr Seuss

Latest News



10R—Earth Week

Coinciding with Earth Hour tomorrow at 8.30pm, when we are ALL encouraged to consider our use of energy in the home, we have been learning more about how we can live more environmentally responsible lives in and around Godalming. The School Council also carried out some 'care in the community' by litter picking in Farncombe on Tuesday and Godalming yesterday.

Year 5 River Trip

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 5 had a great trip walking along the River Wey. As part of our Rivers and Oceans geography unit, the children enjoyed identifying river features and reflecting on the human impact on the river. They also predicted what the river and its surroundings might look like in 100 years' time - ask your child what they thought! The pupils also had the chance to put into practice some of the art skills that they have been learning - in particular drawing using the horizon and working on perspective in sketching. All in all, it was a very enjoyable and interesting local experience.

Year 5 Space Exhibition

This morning, Year 5 and their parents 'blasted off' into space in order to explore the new planets that have been discovered in our solar system. Over the last couple of weeks, the children have worked extremely hard to design their own planets based on the knowledge they have gained about Space this term. They thought about what planets look like, the life that was found there and how long the days, weeks and months are, based on its size and position. The children all presented their work beautifully to their audience and were keen to show off their designs.

Value In Focus: RESPECT

The children continue to focus on RESPECT his half term, arguably the highest profile value at GJS; given that it is fundamental to our UNICEF RRS commitment. The children will continue to learn about their own and others' rights, discuss what we do at GJS to fulfil this value, what the value means to the children and remind the children that *every child has a right to an education, every child has a right to relax and play and every child has a right to feel safe*—and that EVERY child at GJS has a responsibility to *LIVE* these rights, if we are all going to *LOVE* and get on with each other and create the best conditions at school for all to *LEARN*. Please continue to have the 'Home Talks' with your family about the importance of upholding these values as this will continue to strengthen the school's work and make it the wonderful place it is!

Red Cross Cake Sales

Thank you to everyone who helped make, sell and EAT the wonderful array of cakes, biscuits, cookies and brownies these last few weeks for the school's charity. We are busy totting up the final amount raised and will share the total in next week's newsletter. Thanks again one and all!

Lunch Accounts

A reminder to please keep lunch accounts topped up. If using the app, please use Quick Actions—Meals—Spring Term—Top Up Account.

Free Parent Courses

Please [click here](#) for free Surrey parenting courses. These courses are self-referral and held virtually, covering topics such as helping your child make friends, with anxiety and understanding your child's behavior.

Parent Workshop

We were pleased to host a workshop for parents on supporting children with anxiety this week. This was delivered by Nikki Brunton-Smith, a Primary Mental Health worker. If you would like to view the presentation, please contact the office and we can email it to you. We are looking forward to arranging more workshops for parents in the future and continuing to work closely with our colleagues in the mental health services.

We also want to remind parents that there is a 24/7 mental health crisis line available free on 0800 915 4644. There is also a ND Line (neuro diverse) which provides advice to parents struggling with behaviours or difficulties which could be related to autism or ADHD. This runs from 5pm until 11pm, every day. Please call free on 0300 222 5755.

Godalming Learning Partnership's GET Teaching Programme

Why not GET Teaching with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University? The Godalming Learning Partnership is a large group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. We are a strong collaborative group with a long history of working closely together to achieve more for our young people, schools and community.

We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are inviting applications to start in Sept 2024.

The one year school-led GET Teaching PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our current trainees are teaching and training across all our schools ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings.

If you are interested and want to know more e-mail Sherlock Holmes: coordinator@godalminglearning.org.

Finally...It's Quiz Night Season!

With the Quiz Night tonight, there continues to be weekly clues in the newsletter. Our final answer to help tonight is here somewhere!

House Points

Neptune	1319
Saturn	878
Mars	838
Jupiter	785



SAFEGUARDING

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

Quiz Night—Friday 22nd March-Doors Open at 7.15pm

Tonight is the big social occasion of the year with the Godalming Junior School Quiz. Tickets are sold out and we are looking forward to seeing you all. Doors open at 7.15. Quiz starts at 8.00pm and the evening is set to finish around 10.30pm. Get some last minute cramming in!

Future Events

Friday 14th June—Parent's Casino Night
 Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th July—Year 6 Play
 Friday 12th July—Summer Fair



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3AR — Hope
 3EC — Penelope
 4JA — Flynn
 4RH — Benjamin
 5SD — Daniel
 5NM — Asher
 6EM — Ted
 6TA — Simona



Attendance Winners: 6TA — 98%



Autumn AB Stars Champions: 4JA

FRIENDSHIP Values Champions

3AR — Rosie
 3EC — Jacinta
 4JA — Zak
 4RH — Amelia
 5SD — Saanvi
 5NM — Izzy
 6EM — Christie
 6TA — Poyraz



Sports News

Years 5 & 6 Football Tournament—Wednesday 27th March

Kwik Cricket Trials—Friday 19th April

Following the Easter break we will be holding trials for those in Year 5 and 6 for upcoming tournaments in the summer term. ALL children are welcome to sign up, lists are with class teachers, and we are seeking a Year 5 boys team, a Year 6 boys team and a Year 5/6 girls team. Those picked are expected to attend the summer term cricket club after school on Thursdays run by Graham Ekins from Farncombe Cricket Club.

Diary Dates

Spring 2024

March	
25th:	RE Easter Day
27th:	Y5 & Y6 Football Tournament @ Rodborough
28th:	End of Term @ 1.15pm
April	
15th:	INSET DAY
16th:	Start of Summer Term
May	
6th:	School Closed—Bank Holiday
13th-16th:	SATs Week
15th:	5SD Science Workshop @ Rodborough
20th:	Class Photos
21st:	Lower School Sports Day
22nd:	Upper School Sports Day
24th:	INSET DAY



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