



Newsletter



"Life is about our growth, not our trophies" - Bear Grylls

Latest News



10R—Poetry Week (1)

This week saw our 1st 10R enrichment week get off the ground with our annual Poetry Week. Children have embraced the theme for the year 'Refuge'. They also read, wrote and explored poems all week and also the annual GJS Poetry Competition was announced. Our final values poems are needed for 'Poets Corner', on the wall between the front and back playground, and the lower school are being asked to create their best **CONFIDENCE** poem with the upper school being asked to come up with a **RESPECT** poem. Winners to be announced in the coming weeks!

10R—Healthy Week (2)

Hot on the heels of Poetry Week, we will be following this up with Healthy Week next week which coincides with World Mental Health Day on 10th October. During the week, across the school, children will take part in a number of activities that reinforce the importance of maintaining healthy lifestyles. Year 3 will focus, once again, on the importance of a healthy, balanced diet; Year 4 will be focusing on the importance of physical fitness; Year 5 on mental health and wellbeing and Year 6 on healthy relationships. On **Friday 13th October** we will also be holding our annual **#HelloYellow** mufti day in aid of **Young Minds** and we will also be holding skipping workshops for all the children. Children are asked to make a donation to the wonderful work **Young Minds** does in order to come to school wearing something **yellow**. Please send in a minimum of £1 on the day.

School Council

We now have our School Council in place for the coming year to work alongside Mr Samson in improving GJS. The first meeting together will be on **Friday 20th October** when the council will vote for our 'High 5' priorities for the coming year. In the meantime, councilors will be gathering views from their classes to bring to the meeting. The 'High 5' priorities for the year will be shared in the newsletter on the 20th and will also be posted on the school website. We will then keep you updated on our progress. Our School Council for the coming year is:

- Year 3: Freya, Marcell, Dotty and Douglas
- Year 4: Sadie, George, Theo and Nyah
- Year 5: Steryn, Asher, Daniel and Bobbie
- Year 6: Ben, Ophelia, George and Emi

Anti-Bullying St☆rs

We have our Anti Bullying St☆rs in place for the coming year too. These are crucial members of the GJS community who act as the first port of call for children if they feel unhappy or unsafe on the playground before alerting an adult. This role has been vital in raising the awareness amongst the children about bullying language and bullying behaviours and how we can try to eradicate them from GJS. Again, this is a group who will work closely with Mr Samson over the year, share updates in assemblies as well as celebrating those individuals and classes who are inclusive at break and lunch times, play games by the rules, look out for others and are generally **respecting** all members of the school. Our 'St☆rs' for this year are:

- Ye☆r 3: Tilly and Chester
- Ye☆r 4: J☆cob and Molly
- Ye☆r 5: Ollie and Mimi
- Ye☆r 6: Millie and A☆ron

After School Club - Extra Places Update

We are pleased to announce from **Tuesday 31st October**, **KOOSA Kids** after school club at Godalming Juniors will be taking on extra space at the school, which will mean the club is able to cater for more children on a daily basis. As well as the Horsa Hut, the after school club will also now utilise the Art Room each afternoon, lifting the daily capacity from 40 to 55 children. Parent collection each afternoon will still take place from the Horsa Hut entrance.

Since the start of the academic year, the club has been full on a number of days so we are really pleased that the capacity is able to increase from **Tuesday 31st October**. For more information on **KOOSA Kids** after school club at Godalming Juniors please visit **KOOSA Kids After School Club at Godalming Junior School, Godalming** and to book or enquire, please visit www.koosakids.co.uk, call 01276 21884 or email info@koosakids.co.uk.

Parking

Please can we remind parents to be considerate of our neighbours when parking during drop-off and pick-up times, and not to block the entrance to the staff car park on Hallam Road or use it for turning round in. Thank you.

Parentmail

Please do not top up lunch accounts on Parentmail as it is about to be withdrawn. Lunch accounts should be topped up on Arbor. Parentmail arrears should be paid on Parentmail.



House Points

Mars	1543
Neptune	1453
Saturn	1300
Jupiter	1094



Our Designated Safeguard Lead is:
Mr Samson—HT

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

PTA News

School Disco—Wednesday 18th 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. (Please note change of bank details for the PTA)

Other Key Dates:

Thursday 12th October— PTA AGM — 8pm The Cricketers Pub — Everyone is welcome. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we may plan accordingly (philipcurtis@hotmail.com)

Friday 8th December— School Christmas Fair

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3AR — Julia

3EC — Theo

4JA — Ruby

4RH — Freddie

5SD — Bobbie

5NM — Loretta

6EM — Amelia

6TA — Sebby



Attendance Winners: 6EM— 98.9%



Summer Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5NM

CREATIVITY Values Champions

3CM — Oliver

3EC — Eva

4JL — Bobbie

4GS — Ella

5SD — Simona

5NM — Ben

6EM — Jess

6RH — Sammy



Sports News

Girls Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne School

Well done to ALL the girls who took part in the football tournament at Tillingbourne yesterday. The girls were a credit to the school and were amazing at, not only performing on the pitch, but supporting each other throughout the afternoon! The Year 4 team came 3rd overall, our Year 6 A team came 2nd and our Year 6 B team came third. A fantastic achievement!



Diary Dates

Autumn 2023

October

9th-13th:

10th:

13th:

16th-20th:

18th:

19th:

20th:

23rd-27th:

30th:

31st:

31st-3rd:

November

6th—10th:

7th:

7th:

14th:

14th:

14th:

16th:

21st:

21st:

28th:

28th:

10R—Healthy Week

Y3 Stone Age Workshop

'Hello Yellow' Young Minds Mufti Day

Y6 Bikeability

PTA Discos

Y5 Tilford Mosque Trip

School Photos—Individual

HALF TERM

INSET DAY

Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

Y6 Bikeability

10R—Remembrance Week

Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

Y5 Swimming

Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

Y5 Swimming

Parent-Teacher Meetings (late)

Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)

Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

Y5 Swimming

Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

Y5 Swimming



Inset Days 2023/24

~~Friday 1st September 2023~~

Monday 30th October 2023

Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 15th April 2024

Friday 24th May 2024