



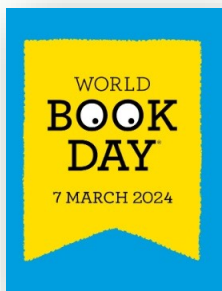
# Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



*'True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart' - Helen Keller*

## Latest News



### 10R—Book Week & World Book Day

Our next 10R enrichment event is **Book Week**. During this week we celebrate World Book Day and at GJS we have prided ourselves on our 'unique' themes for dressing up on this day and this year is no different. On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, we are asking children to come to school dressed up as a character from any book linked to the theme '**Creatures**'. This could be an Oompa-Loompa from 'Charlie And The Chocolate Factory', Max from 'Where The Wild Things Are' or Mr Tumnus from 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. Our book day theme this year is inspired by the hit new book '*Impossible Creatures*' by Katherine Rundell. The children can come to school dressed as a creature or as a character from a book that contains creatures, the choice is theirs!

### Value—Spring 1—FRIENDSHIP

Our focus on the value of **FRIENDSHIP** continues up to half term. PSHE lessons, Circle Times and weekly assemblies continue to centre around the value, what are the ingredients of a good friend? When have friendships been tested? And how do you know if you are a good friend? - Are just some of the questions that will be discussed. Once again, we appreciate any 'home talks' on the value you can facilitate with the children to give a wider perspective.

### Staff Vacancy—Clerk to the Governors

We are still 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](#).

### Online Parent Support

Mindworks Surrey, in conjunction with the Community Wellbeing Team, are providing a series of free online courses on supporting your children with worries, emotional management and transition to secondary school. Please click [here](#) to see more information and booking requirements.

### Attendance

Thank you to everyone who is arriving at school earlier this term. A further reminder to encourage children to be in school for **8.35am** when registers are opened. Gates continue to be open at **8.25am** and the more we have children settled into classes for 8.35am the less time is wasted at the beginning of the day.

### School Lunches

Please remember that 'opt-in' days for school dinners are Wednesday and Friday only. If your child wishes to change from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa please inform the office, giving a week's notice.



### House Points

Neptune	1662
Saturn	1336
Mars	1234
Jupiter	1178



Every student. Every day.



**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

## School Disco - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

It's that time to get your dancing shoes on for the February School Disco. Tickets are £5 and include refreshments. Please see the flyer accompanying the newsletter for full details.

## Future Events

- Friday 22nd March—Parent's Quiz
- 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 – Noah
- 3EC – Chantele
- 4JA – Noah
- 4RH – Sam Y
- 5SD – Khalia
- 5NM – Lulu
- 6EM – Freya
- 6TA – Toby



Attendance Winners: 3AR – 98%



## FORGIVENESS Values Champions

- 3AR – Dylan
- 3EC – Louis
- 4JA – Evie
- 4RH – Theo
- 5SD – Beth
- 5NM – Lulu
- 6EM – William
- 6TA – Jemima



Autumn Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5SD

# Sports News

## Inter House Football Tournament—2024

What a start to our Inter House sports events we had to 'kick off' 2024! Today we had over half the children across the school take part in our Inter House Football Tournament. ALL children played their games with super examples of respect on show throughout day. The children had a great deal of fun too! There were some excellent games, superb goals and even a goal kick hitting the cross bar!

The final standings across the 4 tournaments were:

Year 3: **Winners: Neptune** -40pts, Saturn-30pts, Jupiter-20pts and Mars-10pts

Year 4: **Winners: Saturn**—40pts, Mars—30pts, Neptune—20pts and Jupiter—10pts

Year 5 **Winners: Neptune**—40pts, Saturn—30pts, Mars—20pts and Jupiter—10pts

Year 6 **Winners: Neptune**—40pts, Jupiter—30pts, Mars—20-pts and Saturn—10pts

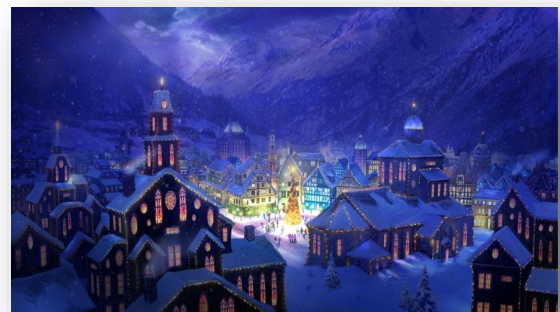
Special mention also goes to the House Leaders who were super supporters and helpers throughout the day and helped make the tournaments run so smoothly!



# Diary Dates

## Spring 2024

- January
- 29th-2nd: TT Rockstars Week
- February
- 5th: Y6 Netball Tournament @ Rodborough
- 7th: PTA Disco
- 8th: Basketball Tournament @ Rodborough
- 9th: **INSET DAY**
- 12th—16th: **Half Term**
- March
- 4th—8th: 10R—Book Week
- 7th: World Book Day
- 8th: Dance Festival @ Broadwater
- 9th: Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse
- 11th—15th: 10R—Science Week
- 12th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late) TBC
- 13th: GLP Board Meeting
- 14th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) TBC
- 18th—22nd: 10R—Earth Week
- 20th: Y5 River Trip
- 22nd: PTA Quiz Night
- 28th: End of Term @ 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**