



Newsletter

"Success is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm" - Winston Churchill

Latest News



Bump Up

It was great to see our 'Class of 2024' arrive on Tuesday as part of our Bump Up afternoon from their infant schools. This was also a time for our existing children to spend time with their new teachers and for Year 6 to spend time at their new secondary schools! Arrangements are now underway to ensure the transition between both classes and schools is as seamless as possible so ALL children are able to hit the ground running in September.

Hustings at Broadwater

On Monday afternoon, school council representatives from Upper Key Stage 2 were invited to an eco hustings organised by the local charity, 'Roots For The Future'. The one rule of the hustings: only children could ask the questions! Ben, George, Ophelia, Emi, Asher, Steren and Bobbie were joined by Broadwater, Rodborough and Loseley Fields pupils. They had the opportunity to grill some of our local candidates about their policies on local, national and international climate issues. Our pupils spoke with confidence and clarity and were congratulated for their enthusiasm! It is wonderful to see children so engaged in our local politics and interested in saving our planet! We are very proud of them!



Attendance

You may be aware that school attendance is a hot topic nationally as schools, particularly secondary schools, struggle to get their attendance figures returning to 'pre COVID' levels. As a result, the DfE and the local authority are putting new systems, processes and deterrents in place in the hope that children's attendance improves and there is a reduction in their 'broken weeks' when odd days are taken. GJS has enjoyed fantastic attendance figures for a number of years and we really appreciate the support from parents in fully investing in the education of their children so that attendance figures are higher than local, similar and national averages. You will be receiving a letter shortly outlining the DfE's position and the issuing of penalty notices from September 2024. All schools are being advised to inform parents of the DfE position during the last few weeks of term to avoid any ambiguity during the next academic year.

KOOSA Breakfast Club

We are pleased to announce that KOOSA Kids will be providing a breakfast club for GJS children from September. This will be open from 7.45am and will be run by GJS staff. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fresh fruit will be provided daily.

Value in Focus: PERSEVERANCE

At a time of year when we start to look ahead, consider next steps in our journey and consider the thought of moving schools, **PERSEVERANCE** is the perfect value to be 'in focus' for the final few weeks of term. At this stage of the year, we expect ALL children to embrace and uphold this value and begin to look ahead to beginning a new year and ensuring ALL are equipped to deal with the greater expectations on them, whether that is here or whether that is moving on to their new school. Staff will be looking out to see examples of the children 'living' this value, showing initiative and confidently facing challenges they encounter during our busiest term of the year. We are asking EVERYONE for the final push, final steps in improving areas of their work and also holding 'home talks' about the value of **PERSEVERANCE**. Children are also invited to research people from history who showed a 'never say die' attitude, pushed boundaries, changed minds and stood up for what they believed in. Mr Samson would welcome 'Perseverance Projects' either handed to him directly or sent via head@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk to share in assemblies this term, put on the school website or even display around the school!

Godalming Learning Partnership's GET Teaching Programme

Why not GET Teaching with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University, an **OUTSTANDING** teacher training provider?

The Godalming Learning Partnership is a 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 school based 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, speak to Mr Samson who has led the programme since its inception or alternatively you can e-mail Rachel Dunnage: coordinator@godalminglearning.org.uk

We have recently been made aware that the 5 members of this year's cohort have passed the course, maintaining the GLP's 100% pass rate of the School Based Teacher Training PGCE programme for the 5 years we have been running the course! This is a fantastic achievement and one we are ALL very proud of.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

House Points

Jupiter	771
Saturn	694
Neptune	671
Mars	527



PERSEVERANCE



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

Summer Fair—Friday 12th July 6.00—8.30pm

A huge thank you for all the jam jar donations today. As with the Winter Fair, we will be running the token scheme again for people to pay for the games and stalls. The value of each token is 50p and the stalls will cost either 50p, £1 or £2, so either 1, 2 or 4 tokens. The tokens can be purchased on the night from the bar, but to avoid possible long queues, they can be pre-bought either by making a bank transfer to Godalming Junior Parent Teacher Association, (Sort code 30-99-50, account number 65867168, please add child's name and class in payment reference) or we will also be selling them in the playground after school on the week of the fair.

Friday 12th July—Book Donations (good quality children's books)

All donations to be dropped off in the Music Room as usual on arrival to school.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3AR — 3AR!
3EC — Isobel
4JA — Bertie
4RH — Evie
5SD — Juno
5NM — Mimi
6EM — Marlowe
6TA — Amberley



Attendance Winners: 6TA — 99%



Spring AB Stars Champions: 5NM

INDEPENDENCE Values Champions

3AR — Arthur
3EC — Dotty
4JA — Flynn
4RH — Albert
5SD — William
5NM — Adam
6EM — Alfie
6TA — Sebby



Sports News

District Sports

Good luck to our District Sports squad who compete against other local schools at The Spectrum on Monday. We will all be thinking of you and look forward to hearing how you get on next week in the newsletter. Please can all children taking part in District Sports remember to bring a packed lunch on Monday.

Diary Dates

Summer 2024

July	
8th—12th:	10R—Arts Week
8th:	District Sports @ Guildford Spectrum
9th:	Music Works Showcase
10th & 11th:	Y6 Production
12th:	'GJS Got Talent' Show
12th:	PTA Summer Fair
15th:	Mad Hatter 'Thank You' Tea Party
23rd:	End of Term @ 1.15pm
September	
2nd:	Inset Day
3rd:	Start of Term
10th:	Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
10th:	Y4 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
11th:	Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
11th:	Y6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
16th—20th:	Y6 Trip to UKSA
30th—4th:	10R—Poetry Week

Inset Days 2024/25

Monday 2nd September 2024
Friday 25th October 2024
Friday 14th February 2025
Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Friday 23rd May 2025

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