



Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



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

Latest News



Parent/Teacher Meetings

It was great to welcome parents this week to meet with class teachers and discuss the progress of the children, whether this was socially, emotionally or academically. As usual, if there was anything you wanted to follow up on, you are more than welcome to arrange a meeting about your child via the school office—info@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk or with the class teacher directly, email addresses available on the school website [here](#).

Science Week

What a week we've had! Our theme of Calamitous Chemistry continued after an almost unanimous vote when classes were asked what they'd like to explore. Each year group has had a go at completing different investigations where children could actually **SEE the science in action!** Year 3 made fruit volcanoes and film canister rockets! Year 4 learnt all about acids and alkaline and how these can be found using cabbage! Year 5 made rainbows using Skittles and then Year 6 created rubber eggs, explored how to get the biggest reaction out of coke and Mentos, and also looked back at their evolution and inheritance topic and how butterflies have adapted in order to ensure their survival! There have been shrieks of delight and wonder across the school and children, as always, have shown fantastic enthusiasm towards finding out **WHY** these reactions occur. An updated display will be going up outside 3EC so when you're in and around the school, have a look at what your children have been up to!

World War II Day

Year 6 had a blast on World War II Day, and everyone looked fantastic in their costumes. The children learnt all about the outbreak of the war, The Blitz, life as an evacuee child and rationing. Throughout the day, they did a range of exciting tasks such as creating gas masks, looking at artifacts and doing siren drills. It was definitely a day the children will remember.



Readathon

Well done to all GJS pupils who took part in the Readathon last week. Because of you, we raised a total of £1776.81! What a phenomenal effort that will make such a difference to children's hospitals near us. Any more donations can be paid online over the weekend.

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

Following the three school cake sales, we will hold our final one to raise funds for our adopted charity The Red Cross next week. Under the canopy on the front playground after school is the place to be. Next week will be Year 6, when we will then share with you how much the school has raised.

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.

Xplorer Easter Events

Xplorer is a fun, FREE, family-friendly navigation challenge that gives children a sense of adventure as they explore the park to find the markers. It involves a healthy mix of physical activity and decision making that the whole family can enjoy together. Using a simple map, the aim is to find the markers that are located around the park. At each marker, children need to identify what is pictured or answer the question and enjoy learning a fun fact to tell their friends. Children can check their answers with staff at the end of the route and may receive a small surprise! Please see the attached poster for further details.

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 Rachel:

coordinator@godalminglearning.org.

Finally...It's Quiz Night Season!

With the Quiz Night next week, there continues to be weekly clues in the newsletter. Continue keeping your eyes peeled with the final one appearing next week!

House Points

Mars	1873
Saturn	1615
Neptune	1506
Jupiter	1237



SAFEGUARDING

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

Quiz Night Friday 22nd March from 7.15pm

There is still time to get your team together for the annual GJS Quiz Night taking place on Friday 22nd March. So get your team together or simply confirm you would like to attend and we can help create a team on the night.

Please see flyer for details.

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 — Freya
3EC — Archie
4JA — Florence
4RH — George
5SD — Seb
5NM — Steren
6EM — Matthew
6TA — Florence



Attendance Winners: 6TA — 98%



FRIENDSHIP Values Champions

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



Autumn AB Stars Champions: Dinner ladies

Sports News

Godalming Schools Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse

Well done to all the children who represented the school last weekend at Charterhouse for the annual Godalming Schools Swimming Gala! The children were again a true credit to the school with an amazing 2nd place finish overall. The school would like to thank Kat Fox and Soso Stouffs for helping run the event on the day and for all the children who gave up their Saturday afternoon to represent GJS!

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

18th–22nd: 10R—Earth Week
18th: Y4 Multiplication Check Talk @ 5.00pm
20th: Y5 River Trip
22nd: Y5 Space Exhibition 9.00am
22nd: Red Cross Y6 Cake Sale—3.10pm
22nd: PTA Quiz Night
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