



YOUNG MINDS

fighting for young people's mental health

Newsletter

"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within" - Maya Angelou

Latest News

10R—Poetry Week

Coinciding with National Poetry Day
This week the children were asked to play
Around with words, phrases and lines
In an attempt to create verses which rhyme
Our poems were funny, happy, sometimes sad
However, an enjoyable time everyone had
There was of course an additional task
During Mondays assembly Mr Samson did ask
For house points and praise the children would earn
To write a poem about **Love, Live or Learn**
With the winner being chosen to adorn a school wall
To brighten the site, to be enjoyed by all
With the closing date looming, next Friday
So get busy writing, do not delay



Year 6 Residential to UKSA

On **Tuesday 8th October** Mr Samson will be running a UKSA Information Webinar for Year 5 parents at 6.00pm for approximately 40 minutes about NEXT year's trip. Year 5 parents should have already received the link to the MStTeams link. Please contact the school office if you have not.

Illness

As we enter the 'ber months and the weather gets slightly chillier, please can we remind parents that continued high attendance is a school priority. NHS guidance states that unless a child has a temperature of 38 degrees or above, they are usually ok to attend school. Please be reassured that staff will send your child home if we feel they are too poorly to be here. We appreciate your continued support in this.

Parking

Following on from the email sent earlier this week regarding parking in the staff car park, we would also remind parents to be extremely careful and considerate when parking cars locally. Please DO NOT park cars across any driveways. Parking is also obviously not permitted on any zig zags or double yellow lines, as it is vital that emergency vehicles can access at any time of the day.

Secondary School Admissions

Year 6 parents and carers can now apply for a secondary school place for their child. Applications must be submitted by **Thursday 31st October**, but as this falls within half term we recommend applying by **Friday 25th October**. Further details have been emailed.

Our VALUE in focus is: CONFIDENCE

This term, fittingly with children moving year groups, new children joining the school and Year 6 attending their residential trip, our first 'in focus' value is **CONFIDENCE**. All staff will be on the 'look out' for children displaying confidence in lessons, on the playground and even during their residential trip away from home! The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better. Please feel free to have 'home talks' on our values and maybe even share examples when YOU have had to show confidence, face your fears and generally YOUR views on the value and the importance of being confident in life and the reality that we ALL lack confidence at some point!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our active and supportive Governing Body. This is a voluntary role, and you will be required to attend three committee meetings per year and three Full Governing Body Meetings. Should you be interested in applying, please contact our Clerk, Shannon Hall on clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

GJS Breakfast Club

We continue to provide our **NEW** Breakfast Club for GJS children in partnership with Koosa. This is open from 7.45am and is run by GJS staff. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fresh fruit will be provided daily!

10R—Healthy Week

Next week sees our 2nd 10richment week of the year! Coinciding with World Mental Health Day, classes across the school will be learning about all things healthy! Nutrition, exercise, mental health and healthy relationships will all be covered. We will also be asking the children to bring in a minimum of £1 donation next Friday and come to school in their **YELLOW** attire to raise money for the Young Minds charity supporting their 'Hello Yellow' initiative. Donations will be handed in to their class teachers.



House Points

Mars	2170
Neptune	2059
Jupiter	1886
Saturn	1118



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

Thanks to those that attended the AGM this week—some great ideas discussed. We are looking for a treasurer to help with the running of the PTA. If you are interested please reach out to Phil (philipdcurtis@hotmail.com) or Rhian (Rhianhooper@hotmail.com). Without a Treasurer we can't function as a charity.

Other Key Dates:

School Autumn Disco—Wednesday 23rd October
 Christmas Fair—Friday 13th December

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

- 3AR – Annabel
- 3EC – Maren
- 4JS – Freya
- 4NS – Olivia
- 5NM – Amelia
- 5KW – Ella
- 6EM – Daniel
- 6SD – Alfie



PERSEVERANCE Values Champions

- 3AR – Julia
- 3EC – Lily
- 4JA – Khushi
- 4RH – Rhys
- 5SD – Kira
- 5NM – Mia
- 6EM – Amelia
- 6TA – Ted



Attendance Winners: = 99%



Sports News

Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Fun Run at GJS

Well done to ALL the children who took part in our rearranged 'Chippie Chases' this week and the first of the 'Triple Crown' inter house events at GJS this year. A special shout out to Year 3 as our newest members of the GJS family who signed up and scored valuable points for their house AND Year 5 who had the added challenge of moving from the 1 lap race to the 2 lap race from their time in Year 4. Whilst ALL children scored 10 points for their house just by entering, there were further points given to the top 4 places, 40pts for 1st place, 30pts for 2nd, 20pts for 3rd and 10pts for 4th AND medals for the winning girls and boys who were:

- Year 3 Winners: **Rowan** and **Winston**
- Year 4 Winners: **Juliet** and **Chester**
- Year 5 Winners: **Sadie** and **Daniel**
- Year 6 Winners: **Sophia** and **Theo**

Mars benefitted from more children from this house taking part across the school helping them become overall winners. Proving that simply taking part makes a difference!

Total Scores	House
650	MARS
640	NEPTUNE
630	JUPITER
580	SATURN



Diary Dates

Autumn 2024

October

- 7th–11th: 10R—Healthy Week
- 8th: Year 5 UKSA Information Webinar
- 7th–18th: Y6 Bikeability
- 11th: Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' Mufti Day
- 16th: Y5 Tilford Mosque Trip
- 22nd: Individual Photos
- 25th: **Inset Day**
- 28th–1st: **Half Term**

November

- 4th: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse begins
- 9th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.00am
- 11th–15th: 10R—Remembrance Week
- 11th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 9.00am
- 12th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.45am
- 13th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 6.00pm
- 16th: Glebelands Cross Country Run

Inset Days 2024/25

~~Monday 2nd September 2024~~

Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025