

Newsletter



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" - Martin Luther King Jr

Latest News

This year we are supporting:

SAMARITANS



Parent/Teacher Meetings

It was great to see so many parents meeting with class teachers this week and discussing how everything is progressing. You are always welcome to follow up meetings, should you want to, by contacting the school office or via the class teacher directly.

Smart Phone Free Childhood Update

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views via the parent survey this week. We had nearly half our parents respond, over 20 responses from staff and additional responses from school governors. Mr Samson also met with the School Council today to gather their thoughts, views and opinions. We will be pulling all the responses together and updating parents next week.

Anti-Bullying @ GJS

Congratulations to Isobel in Year 4, who the AB Stars decided had designed the best anti-bullying poster this year as part of the 'Choose Respect' campaign. You will see Isobel's design around the school site as an ongoing reminder of how we encourage all members of the GJS COMMUNITY to treat each other! Thank you to EVERYONE who entered. The findings of our annual anti-bullying survey are available on the school website [here](#). Mr Samson will continue to work with the AB Stars on the areas that could be improved further and how we can continue to build on the areas we already do well so that we ALL uphold the school values, continue to be 'Rights Respecting' and *Love, Live and Learn* each day!

Year 6 Born Free Presentation Morning

This morning, Year 6 pupils welcomed parents and carers into school to present their work linked to the Born Free charity. After a visit from Laura from Born Free, the children researched endangered species and presented their findings through speeches, fact files and discussion texts. The children really did us proud: they were so confident, articulate and passionate about their chosen animals. It was great to see so many GJS children standing up for animal rights!

Year 4 Greek Day

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their Greek Day on Tuesday, taking part in food tasting, cooking, creating artwork and learning about constellations, all as part of their History topic. They dressed up as a variety of Greek Gods and Goddesses, Greek characters and beasts. Thank you for all the help with costumes, the children looked amazing!

Our VALUE in focus is: COMMUNITY

In the lead up to Christmas, our 'in focus' value continues to be COMMUNITY. All staff continue to be on the 'look out' for children displaying a sense of community on the playground and outside of school, including Year 6 who shared their 'Born Free' work this morning with parents and reminded us of our role in the global COMMUNITY to protect our planet and it's 'other' inhabitants! The value will also be the theme for our 'Carols by Candlelight' this year as we enter the festive season! 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 of how we can all contribute positively to our COMMUNITY!

Godalming Band featuring Godalming Junior School Choir in The Snowman

Good luck to all the children involved in the Choir who will be performing tomorrow at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre as part of the town's illumination festivities.

Reporting Absence

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please ensure you call the school before 8.30am, and leave their name, class and symptoms, as this is required to formally authorise their absence on the register.

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!

And Finally...

Thank you to everyone who supported Mr Samson's 'Movember' efforts, along with friends, colleagues, governors and family members who helped reach and exceed the GJS 'number of roll' target of £240 in aid of Samaritans, the GJS chosen charity this year, with a week to spare! Every donation has been much appreciated. There will be another event in the new year for those wishing to take part in a charity football match at Broadwater on 'Blue Monday' in January. More details to follow and anyone interested can contact Mr Samson directly via: head@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.



House Points

Mars	1598
Saturn	1457
Jupiter	1347
Neptune	1274



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

Christmas Fair—Friday 13th December 4.30-7.30pm

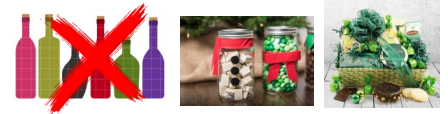
Thank you to everyone who brought in their bottle tombola donations today, as always, it was much appreciated. We now look forward to the wonderful Jolly Jam Jars next week!

Friday 29th November—Jolly Jam Jars

Friday 6th December—Hamper Goods

We hope to be outside under marquees so we are keeping our fingers crossed for dry weather! As always we will need help setting up and running the stalls so please do get in contact with your Class Rep or a member of the PTA to get involved.

We are still 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.**



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

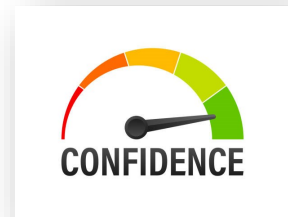
- 3AR – Ella
- 3EC – Louis
- 4JS – Beth
- 4NS – Jess
- 5NR – Leo
- 5KW – Abi
- 6EM – Sophia
- 6SD – Lulu



99%

CONFIDENCE Values Champions

- 3AR – William
- 3EC – Olivia
- 4JS – Oli
- 4NS – Elvey
- 5KW – Abigail
- 5NM – Henry
- 6EM – Maggie
- 6SD – Lexi



Sports News

Glebelands Cross Country—Saturday 16th November—1.00—2.30pm

Well done to all the children who took part in the Glebelands Cross Country run. Special mention goes to the Year 3 children, taking part against 12 other schools, for the very first time and facing the challenge head on AND another special mention to our medallists on the day: Daniel from Year 5 and Sophia in Year 6!

Year 4 Sports Hall Athletics—Monday 18th November—1.00—3.00pm

Well done to our Year 4 squad who took part in the sports hall athletics festival at Broadwater this week and got a taste of the different type of events on offer should they be interested in trying out for the upper school squad next year!



Year 4 Sports Hall Athletics Team - Nov 2024

Diary Dates

Autumn 2024

November

- 23rd: School Choir in The Snowman @ Wilfrid Noyce
- 29th: Y3 Maya Assembly
- 29th: **Jolly Jam Jar Mufti Day**
- 29th: Y3 and Y5 Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne

December

- 6th: **Hamper Goods Mufti Day**
- 9th-13th: **10R—Human Rights Week**
- 10th: PAPAYA Smart Phone Safety Workshops Y5/6
- 13th: Christmas Fair—4.30—7.30pm
- 16th: Y3 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
- 17th: Y4 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
- 18th: Y5 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
- 18th: Christmas Lunch
- 19th: Y6 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
- 20th: Christmas Jumper Day (for Samaritans)
- 20th: End of Term @ 1.15pm

