



Newsletter

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

Latest News



Curriculum Evenings

It was great to see so many families this week attend our Curriculum Evenings, find out more about the different year groups, meet staff and have a look at our wonderfully refurbished classes! As promised, the slides from the evenings and the year overviews for each year group can be found below by clicking on the year group, which will take you to the section on the school website.

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#) 

[Year 6](#)

E-Safety

On Tuesday, we had our first E-Safety assembly of the year lead by Miss Dlugokecka. We looked at the SMART rules for how to be safe when using technology and reiterated the importance of telling a trusted adult if the children encounter anything they are unsure of. This message also supports the Computing lessons this week where the children have been creating their E-Safety charters as a class. Mrs Kirby, our HSLW, also introduced herself to the children as a friendly face that children can talk to if they feel unsure about anything. If you would like to further discuss E-Safety and the SMART rules with your child, the slides can be found [here](#).

Our VALUE in focus is: CONFIDENCE

This term, fittingly with children moving year groups and new children joining the school, 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!

Leadership Opportunities

Over the last week we have seen 'election fever' hit GJS with elections taking place for House Leaders, School Council and Anti-Bullying Stars! It was great to 'see' so much CONFIDENCE in the children putting themselves forward, over half the year group in Year 6 wanting to become a house leader alone! Below are our reps for the coming year!

House Leaders	School Council	AB Stars
Bobbie & Adam	Y3—Megan, Finn, Winston & Emily	Y3—Ella & Arthur
Ollie & Seb	Y4—Chester, Juliet, Louis & Isobel	Y4—Marcell & Olivia
Sophia & Nico	Y5—Lotta, Farley, Freddie & Molly	Y5—Sadie & Theo
Asher & Lulu	Y6—Thea, Sam, Wilf & Gracie	Y6—Henry & Elena

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](#).

GJS Breakfast Club

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



House Points

Saturn	1998
Jupiter	1916
Neptune	1689
Mars	1543



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

Year 3 Welcome BBQ

The Year 3 welcome evening - Bar and BBQ food is TONIGHT - 5.30pm to 7.30pm - we're looking forward to seeing you there! This event has been hugely enjoyable in the past; a great way to socialise at the start of school.

Other Key Dates:

PTA AGM—Wednesday 2nd October
 School Autumn Disco—Wednesday 23rd October
 Christmas Fair—Friday 13th December

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3AR – Isabella
 3EC – Ella
 4JS – Skyler
 4NS – Lily-Rose
 5NM – Benjamin
 5KW – Lotta
 6EM – Grace
 6SD – Mia



PERSEVERANCE Values Champions

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



Attendance Winners: 3EC = 100-%



Summer AB Stars Champions: 5KW

Sports News

Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Fun Run at GJS

On Monday Mr Samson shared details of our first house event, the annual 'Chippie Chase' fun run on **Friday 27th September** during the school afternoon. Children were shown images of the course, which is either a lap of Chippie Park in the lower school and 2 laps for those in the upper school. There will be a boys race and a girls race in each year group and the children have until **Friday 20th September** to sign up, sign up lists are with classes. ALL children score points for their house just for taking part with MORE points and awards on offer if they come in the top 4 places! Children will need to be in sports kit AND house t-shirt, available from the school office, and appropriate footwear. This is round 1 of our 'Triple Crown' inter house sports events and they are ALL open to ALL children to take part! Those who have signed up, start practicing and start running!

Diary Dates

Autumn 2024

September
 16th–20th: Y6 Trip to UKSA
 30th–4th: 10R–Poetry Week
October
 7th–11th: 10R–Healthy Week
 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

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

