



Lest We Forget



Newsletter

This year we are supporting:

SAMARITANS

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

Latest News

Year 5 Science

Year 5 had a Science experiment extravaganza on Thursday this week. A group of Charterhouse Sixth Form pupils and the Charterhouse Head of Science came to GJS to share nine amazing science experiments with our Year 5 children. The children were heavily active in the various experiments, ranging from assessing the centre of gravity of a sumo wrestler to making some bagpipes! A hugely engaging and interesting experience for all our Year 5 children.

Parent/Teacher Meetings—Next Week

We are looking forward to meeting next week at your child's Parent/Teacher meeting. If you haven't already done so, we urge you to sign up as soon as possible as this is a good opportunity to find out how your child is progressing socially, emotionally and academically.

Smart Phone Free Childhood Update

Following the parent presentation by PAPAYA this week at Busbridge Junior School, we are consulting with school stakeholders on their views regarding the next steps for GJS. We are asking parents of children in Years 3-5 to complete the short survey found [here](#) by the end of next week (Friday 22nd November). We will be asking for the views of staff and also our School Council. The survey is anonymous but we do ask you to disclose the year group you are a parent of. ALL parents are welcome to 'sign' the online 'Parent Pact', should they want to, which can be found [here](#).

Prospective Parent Tours

Over the last week, we have enjoyed potential parents visiting GJS last weekend, during the school day on Monday and Tuesday or Wednesday evening. The feedback was extremely positive and the children played their part in continuing to work hard, be respectful and answer any questions put to them. This year we saw more parents than ever attend the tours, over 130, and from more schools than ever before, over 10 different infant schools.

10R—Remembrance Week

Thank you to all those who purchased poppies over the last few weeks. We have been engaged with a number of activities this week, including our 2 minutes silence on Monday. The children were exemplary when observing the moment of silence and reflection and were a true asset to the school, once again.

Our VALUE in focus is: COMMUNITY

In the lead up to Christmas, our 'in focus' value will be **COMMUNITY**. All staff will be on the 'look out' for children displaying a sense of community on the playground and outside of school, including Dylan in Year 3 who did wonders for his **COMMUNITY** recently by finding a lost dog and returning 'Asher' to its owner! 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**!

Active Surrey Equal Access Schools Award

This week GJS were presented with an award from Active Surrey as a 'thank you' for providing equal access for girls to play football in school and supporting the 2 national outcomes of the programme:

1. 75% of schools accessing football on the curriculum
2. 95% of schools offering equal access to football during extra-curricular time

This further exemplifies the inclusive culture at GJS!

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...

Mr Samson continues to support our chosen charity this month by embracing November! Sporting a new style this week of facial hair in the hope that money is raised to support local Samaritans. If you would like to sponsor Mr Samson and make a generous donation, please go to his Go Fund Me page [here](#). Thank you, every donation counts! We also now have a Samaritans collection pot at school reception.



House Points

Mars	1780
Saturn	1645
Jupiter	1252
Neptune	958



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

Work now begins planning for the Christmas Fair later this term and in preparation for this, we once again, would *love* your support by contributing goods on the following Friday mufti days:

Friday 22nd November—Bottle Tombola

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 (philipcurtis@hotmail.com) or Rhian (Rhianhooper@hotmail.com). Without a Treasurer we can't function as a charity.



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

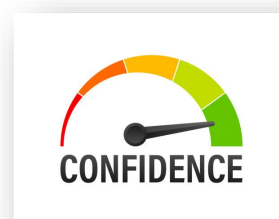
- 3AR — Alana
- 3EC — Anais
- 4JS — Amy
- 4NS — Harrison
- 5NM — George
- 5KW — Bertie
- 6EM — Khalia
- 6SD — Felicity



100%

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

Good luck to the all the children taking part in the Glebelands Cross Country event. We look forward to finding out how they got on in next week's newsletter.

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

Good luck to the all the children taking part in the inaugural Year 4 sports hall athletics event at Broadwater on Monday. We also look forward to finding out how they got on in next week's newsletter.

Y3 and Y5 Football Tournament—Friday 29th November—1.00—4.00pm

We had over 30 Year 5 boys try out last week to be considered for a place on the football team and many Year 3 boys too. There will be a practice session next Friday (22nd) before the event on the 29th. Well done to ALL those who continue to put themselves forward for these events. Though some may not have been picked, there will be more opportunities to represent the school at a later date.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2024

November

- 16th: Glebelands Cross Country Run
- 18th: Y4 Sports Hall Athletics @ Broadwater
- 19th: Y4 Greek Day
- 19th: Parent/Teacher Meetings—Late
- 21st: Parent/Teacher Meetings—Early
- 22nd: **Bottle Tombola Mufti Day**
- 22nd: Y6 'Born Free' Presentation
- 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**
- 10th: PAPAAYA Smart Phone Safety Workshops Y5/6
- 9th-13th: 10R—Human Rights Week
- 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

