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22nd July 2022



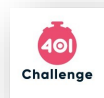
Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

Latest News

GJS 401 Challenge Stage 4 Target: 3,147m

<u>Year 3</u>	452
<u>Year 4</u>	720
<u>Year 5</u>	862
<u>Year 6</u>	1118

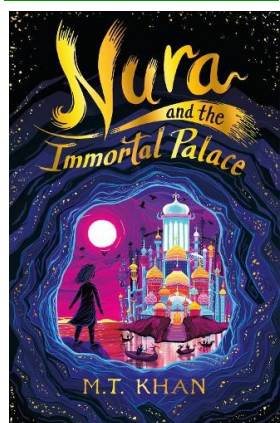


House Points

<u>Mars</u>	37,353
<u>Saturn</u>	35,381
<u>Jupiter</u>	35,244
<u>Neptune</u>	34,852



Waterstones Book of the Month



Thank You

As we reach the end of another school year, we would like to thank every member of the school community for their support and levels of engagement this year. We have known for a long time that the more parents engage with the school along with high levels of pupil attendance (95%+), the children will be successful here. It has been a very important year as we have made every effort to get GJS back to teaching all subjects and delivering a full 10richment programme which fully complements the formal curriculum. We have delivered a comeback strategy after 2 years of closures and lost learning and have also brought back our full range of clubs, visitors and residential visits in both Year 4 and Year 6. 2022 also saw GJS visited by Her Majesty's Inspectors from Ofsted and whilst there were areas highlighted to develop further, there was a huge amount to celebrate and be proud of. Our school improvement priorities for the coming year can be found [here](#) on the school website and every member of the teaching, support and leadership team are more focused than ever to continue to help improve the school for the benefit of ALL children who attend. You will notice that the Ofsted development areas are included in our targets, there is a strong focus on ensuring high standards of teaching in ALL subjects, a drive to ensure outcomes are as high as possible and a further push to enhance foundation subjects such as our music and singing provision. All of which we know, contributes to the fully rounded, broad and ambitious curriculum that ALL children should expect. Mr Samson, and any member of the GJS team, is more than happy to discuss any element of the School Improvement Plan priorities and we will endeavor to keep you updated on our progress over the course of the year. In the meantime, from everyone at GJS, we would like to wish you all a wonderful summer and for those families leaving us, good luck and remember, you are always welcome back at future school events!

Farewell

As you know, we are saying some farewells today to some members of staff. Both Mrs Faiers and Mrs Harrison leave the learning support team and both Mrs Crook and Mr Poole leave us from the school leadership team. We are also saying farewell to Jenny Young and Maddie Clemons who have been trainee teachers with us this year. Maddie has been based in Year 3 whilst Jenny has been based in Year 4. Both have worked extremely hard, passed their teacher training and are ready to embark on a career in the profession from September! Mrs Johnson also leaves us temporarily as she goes on maternity leave. I am sure you join us all in wishing them all the best for the future and thank them for their contribution at GJS

Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge—Stage 4

Well done to ALL the children who have logged the distances they have travelled ALL YEAR. You will notice that the total number of miles achieved at stage 4 was just 5 miles over the target! Over the course of the year, the children at GJS have clocked over 22,000 miles, nearly 100 miles a child. There have been some great personal achievements too with Elena in Year 3 contributing nearly 40% of the entries, Aaron in Year 4 45% of the entries and Noah nearly 40% in Year 6. Year 5 was more evenly distributed between the year group. Walking was the most popular activity followed by running, cycling and swimming. We would like to encourage the children to keep up as many of these activities as possible over the summer as part of a healthy lifestyle

PERSEVERANCE Values Champions

Congratulations to our latest values champions for their examples of PERSEVERANCE this term. Another extremely difficult job for the teachers and the names can be found on the reverse of this newsletter.

Talent Show

What a wonderful way to finish the year experiencing the wonderful talent at GJS! We had comedy acts, musicians, dancers and singers! ALL acts performed superbly in front of the whole school and it was an extremely tough decision for the judges! Well done to all the acts and to Daniel in 6RH who was the overall winner playing a melody on the piano and receiving a standing ovation from the teachers!

Medicines

For those children who have medical items which are kept in the school office, these items will be sent home today together with a new form ready for September.

Autumn Dates 2022

You will notice on the reverse of this newsletter there are the dates for the first part of the autumn term. You will notice that term does indeed start for the children on Friday 2nd September. This has been chosen to ensure we give children a 'soft start' to the school year as we have found, since COVID enforced school closures, there is higher anxiety in some children crossing the threshold into school each day. Starting on a Friday helps alleviate some of these anxieties and gets the children gradually into being 'school ready' after a long holiday.

PTA News

Welcome BBQ—Friday 16th September

As we bring a close to another busy year for the PTA, we begin to look ahead at the next event next term. First up is the Welcome BBQ where we meet and welcome new members to the GJS family. Keep the date reserved and more information will follow next term!

PTA Role

The PTA are looking for a co-treasurer for the new school year. So if you would like to get involved and can help out please reach out to Phil (Chairman) or Paula (Treasurer) or any of the other PTA volunteers.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM— Grace & Saanvi
3EC— Mia
4EM— Etienne
4GS— Jess
5SD— Billy & Charles
5CJ— Huxley
6JP— Mary
6RH— Arlo & Sam



Year Attendance Winners: 3CM — 95.8%



Anti Bullying Stars Break time Champion of the Year: 6RH (6 weeks)

PERSEVERANCE Values Champions

3CM—Ollie H
3EC—Theo B
4EM—James E
4GS—David S
5SD—Harry LJ
5CJ—Digby E
6JP—Florence B
6RH—Grace B



Sports News

Sports Review of the Year 2022

What a fantastic year of sport we have had! With the return of inter-school and a full programme of inter-house sports this year, GJS has seen a huge amount of participation in active sport. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying sport, playing a range of activities and representing the school or their house.

This year the children have had the opportunity to represent the school in Hockey (Y4, 5 and 6) Badminton (Y6), Football (all year groups), Benchball (all year groups), Netball (Y6), Sports Hall Athletics (all year groups), G&T Sports Event (Y5/6), Dance (Y3/4) Cross Country with Waverley Harriers, Cricket (Y5 and Y6) and District Sports (all year groups). Our Inter-house sports events this year included Cricket, Football, Netball and Cross Country.

One of our aims as a school, is to encourage participation in sport and for children to find enjoyment in being active beyond PE lessons. This year, it has been hugely encouraging to see 90% of our children representing our school in a sporting event or representing their house! Well done and keep active!

Diary Dates

Autumn 2022

September

1st: **INSET DAY**
2nd: **START OF TERM**
6th: Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 5.30pm
6th: Y4 Curriculum Evening @ 6.30pm
7th: Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 5.30pm
7th: Y6 Curriculum Evening @ 6.30pm
13th: Music Works Assembly
16th: PTA Welcome BBQ
19th—23rd: Y6 Trip to UKSA

October

3rd—7th: 10R—Poetry Week
10th—14th: 10R—Healthy Week
11th: School Photos (Individual)
14th: 'Hello Yellow' Mufti for Young Minds
24th—28th: **HALF TERM**
31st: **INSET DAY**



Inset Days 2022/23

Thursday 1st September 2022

Monday 31st October 2022

Friday 10th February 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

Friday 26th May 2023