



Head Teacher's Message

During Anti-Bullying assemblies this week, children have been discussing the theme 'One Kind Word'. Anti-Bullying week helps schools across England encourage all children, teachers and parents/carers to take action against bullying throughout the year, not just during the week. As a school we are aware that severe and frequent bullying can have a long-lasting impact on children's mental wellbeing and development.

As part of our work on anti-bullying, our assemblies this week have been focusing around the different forms of bullying, the definition of bullying and what the children can do if they think it is happening to them or another child.

In addition to the school assemblies, children have had the opportunity to watch an anti-bullying performance in school where different scenarios were acted out. The children discussed the impact the bully's action had on others, the impact on the bully and what children could do to resolve the situation. The children were really engaged and learnt about the important message that bullying is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

The children have been reminded to report all incidents to an adult immediately or write a note for their teacher and place it in the 'Talk Box' in their classroom. This will allow us to investigate reported incidents and resolve the situation through using a restorative approach so that the person whose behaviour has caused harm understands the impact of their actions. This links with Article 12 of the UNCRC: Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters that affect them and have their views considered and taken seriously.

The theme of our PSHE unit of work this half term is 'Celebrating Differences' and as part of this learning, children will be talking about why it is important to stand up against bullying and also to speak out for people who are struggling and need help. The children will be looking at the theme of difference and learning to understand that it is okay to be different. This links with the British Values of Mutual Respect and Tolerance.

To mark the fact that tomorrow is World Children's Day, next week we will be discussing mental health and wellbeing with children and sharing a leaflet from the mental health charity MIND. This focuses on practical ways in which children and young people can improve their own wellbeing as well as who they can talk to if they need support. Please look at this leaflet with your child. Article 24: Every child has the right to education about wellbeing.

Best wishes for a peaceful weekend.

Attendance

Last week's attendance percentage across the whole school was 92.9%.

This is a 2% drop on the previous week and is now well below our target attendance of 97%.

Please help us to improve on this percentage by ensuring that your child attends school regularly.



Children in Need

Thank you to all who wore a bandana for the day and donate £1 to raise funds for Children in Need.

We will publish the total raised next week.



Music at the Woodgrange Market



27th Nov – 2.00pm Xine - Opera Singer

11th Dec – 1.00pm King Toad Fish

Come and join us all for some amazing entertainment.

Achievement Awards

3D – Andreea for always persevering with all of her learning.

3K – Nell for persevering in learning and showing enthusiasm in her reading.

3M – Angela for persevering to read daily at home.

3Q – Beatrice for persevering in all subjects and for being a great learning partner.

4I – Eloise for explaining her reasoning and articulating her ideas really well.

4K – Ayan for persevering in his learning and always trying his best.

4M – Alain for being responsible in making the right choices and trying his best in every lesson.

4V – Aisha for persevering with her work in all areas of the curriculum.

5J – Isaac for choosing to keep his reading record book up to date with comments.

5M – Aleena for embracing her mistakes in English and improving her narrative writing.

5T – Jasmine for her conscientious attitude towards her learning.

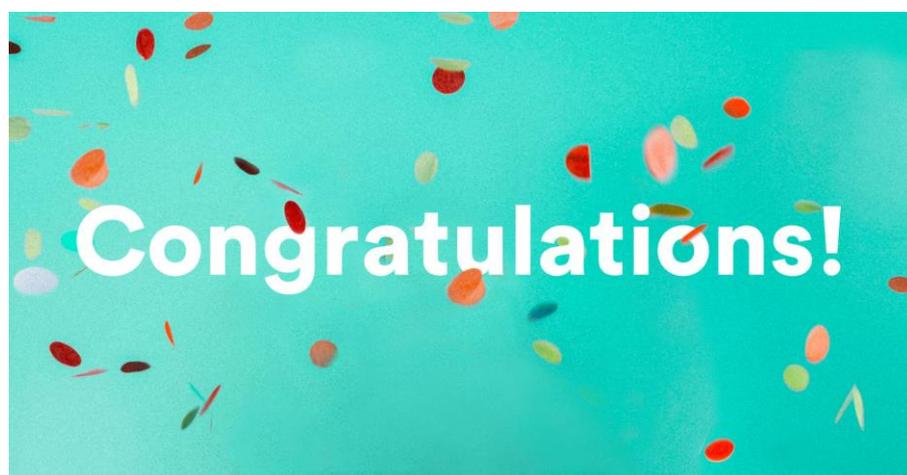
5Y – Zahra for acting on feedback given to her by improving her writing

6B – Talha for explaining reasoning during ‘Blitz Detectives’ and providing clear responses.

6C – Ibraheem for collaborating with his group during our ‘Blitz Detectives’ workshop.

6W – Mariam for a fantastic attitude to learning and always persevering.

6Z – Said for persevering with his maths and making excellent progress.



Get Caught Reading Competition

This week's Get Caught Reading Competition winner is Fahad whose prize is a book of his choice!



UNCRC Article 29: Every Child has the right to an education which develops their talents.

Lining Up Cup

This week's Lining Up Cup winners are:
3K and 6Z.

Congratulations to these classes!



Hot Chocolate Friday

'Hot Chocolate Friday' will be held on Friday 26th November.

This will be in the afternoon during school time.

Bring £1 to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, this goes towards raising funds to go towards educational visits.



Sports

A huge thank you to pupils who represented Godwin in different sporting events recently:

Last Friday saw us compete in Newham's New Age Curling competition! On Wednesday pupils attended the Dance Mat Competition. All of our children worked collaboratively and had a great time, making us proud to have them as our ambassadors! Thank you to our staff for ensuring that our children can participate in sporting events like these which give our children the opportunity to develop their curiosity, persevere and experience different things.

UNCRC Article 31: Every child has the right to take part in a wide range of activities.



Online Safety Workshop

As part of our ongoing commitment to working in partnership with families to keep our children as safe as possible, we are delighted to be running an 'Online Safety at Home' workshop for parents and carers on Weds 24th November 2021 at 3:45pm

As part of this session we will be going through measures which you can implement at home such as setting security controls, so please do bring your device with you if you would like to.

We hope to see you then!

Please use this link to watch a previously recorded Online Safety workshop we ran last year:

<https://youtu.be/bxaGe6wj5xY>

Coats

Now that the weather is colder, it is vital that every child brings a coat to school every day.

Please note: hoodies do not offer enough protection from the chill when children are out in the playground so a suitable warm coat is needed.



EasyFundraising

Help raise funds for the school.

All you have to do is sign up to support us using the link below. Then every time you shop online, go through the Easyfundraising website or App and we'll receive a % of your spend as a free donation, at no cost to you to us. These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference!

You can find our Easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofgodwinpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e1



Book Wish List

We know how important reading is to children's development. Enhancing our selection of books and creating a library that our children can be proud of is a labour of love for us. Our aim is for all of our pupils to see themselves reflected and celebrated in the texts we choose, with stories and non-fiction to interest everyone.

However, school budgets often mean we are unable to buy all of the books we'd like.

If you are able to support the school's vision statements of Valuing Everyone and Instilling a Love of Learning, you can buy books from our wishlist here: [https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists+\(All+Schools\)=Godwin+Junior+School](https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists+(All+Schools)=Godwin+Junior+School)

Acts of kindness such as this make a huge difference and enable us to provide our pupils with the resources and opportunities they deserve.



Mindfulness Corner

This week we feature:

MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak>



"You are strong enough to face it all. Even if it doesn't feel like it right now."

Marianne Williamson

(Please Note: we are not endorsing any particular site nor are we ambassadors for it - but we are merely providing pointers towards sites that might be interesting/helpful).