



Head Teacher's Message

What a lovely half term it has been and how delighted we are to have been able to reintroduce the fantastic enrichment learning opportunities Godwin children enjoy. This links to UNCRC Articles 29 and 31: Education must develop every child's talents and Children have the right to take part in a wide range of cultural activities.

From conversations with you, we know how much you feel the children have benefitted from the external tutors being back in school delivering gardening, French and music.

It has also been lovely to welcome you in to share your child's learning with you. The face-to-face Parent/Carer Conferences are one of the first steps in that journey.

Our Year 3 Parents and Carers have had the opportunity to watch their children's gamelan performances this afternoon – this brings together everything the children have focussed on in English, science, geography and design technology this half term. As always, our children applied their Learning Powers and surpassed all expectations. Well done!

Over the half-term break, please encourage your children to continue with their learning. In particular, it would be super if children read every day, continued to practice times table and division facts (TTRS is great for this and all children have log ons) and practised writing quickly with joined up handwriting.

Today we have emailed our Online Safety guide for Parents and Carers as we know that with the half term break children will inevitably be spending more time online. Please do read it and discuss with your child how they can keep themselves safe and how you can help with this.

Wishing you a peaceful and happy half-term break.

RAMP Collection

Grateful thanks to all who donated to our collection for the Refugee and Migrant Project. Together we gathered a great amount which will go to support those in need in the wider Newham community.



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.

Black History Month

Thank you and well done to all who entered our Black History Month poster competition.

Special congratulations to the winners:

Charlotte - 3D

Liyana - 4M

Elijah - 5Y

Maryam - 6Z



This promotes the British Values of Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. It also demonstrates our commitment to UNCRC Article 30: Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religions of their family.

West Ham Park



**Friends of
West Ham Park**

Help us build

Newham's Biggest Leaf Pile!

**Sunday 7th November
West Ham Park E7 9PU**

Please
remember
social distancing
rules for
everyones
safety

**1pm-4pm
help build an even
bigger leaf pile!
...then jump in it!**



**Please
also bring your
own gloves with
you if possible**

*Only plastic gloves
will be available
at the event*

**All ages
welcome
and it's
FREE!**

*Find us by
the Leaf Yard*

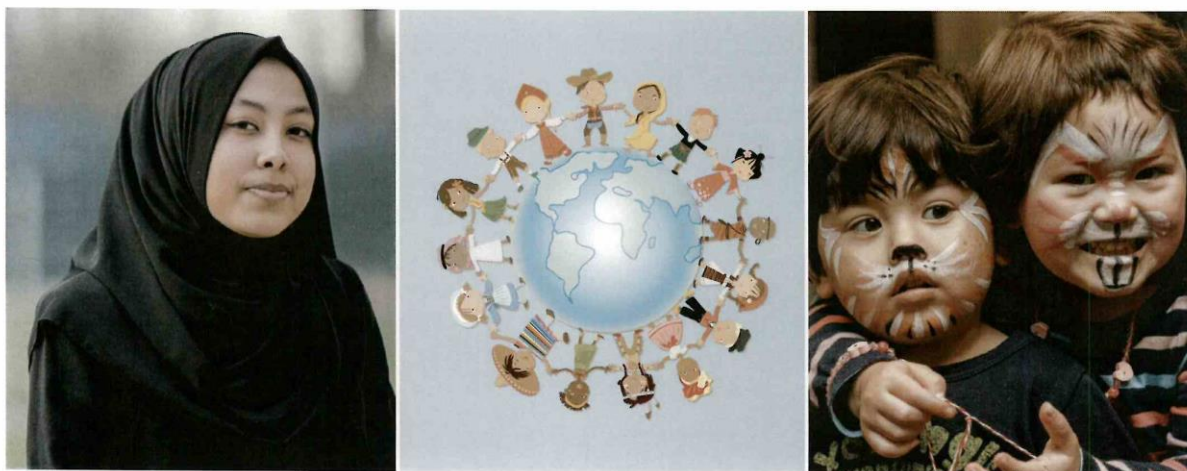
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And now on Instagram! — www.instagram.com/fwhp_e9
Drop us a line — hello@friendsofwesthampark.co.uk



City of London, West Ham Park, Upton Lane, E7 9PU
cityoflondon.gov.uk/openspaces



JOIN OUR WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY CHALLENGE!



Newham Council is proud to join the United Nations in celebrating World Children's Day on 20th November 2021

Since last year, the COVID-19 crisis has affected millions of children and young people around the world and, if we do nothing, the effects may last a lifetime.

This year, when we are also celebrating Newham's Year of the Young Person, we invite Newham's children and young people to imagine a better world after COVID-19 – you can do this with a drawing, photo, poem or short story.

Please submit your version of a better world to YOYP@newham.gov.uk by 5pm Friday 12th November along with your first name or initials and your age. If a group submission, please provide school or youth group name and age

range. If you cannot submit originals, please take a photo and send it in.

Children, young people and adults around the world use World Children's Day to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights.

On World Children's Day, 20th November, we will unite with children and young people all over the world to celebrate this day by showcasing your work via Newham Council's social media.

For more information about World Children's Day visit **www.unicef.org/world-childrens-day**

#LBYearOfYoungPerson #voicesofyouth

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People at the Heart
of Everything We Do

Achievement Awards

3D – Hanna for persevering with her writing in English.

3K – Siam for always considering his choices and being a great role model.

3M – Sayan for persevering to learn his lines for the Gamelan performance.

3Q – Anghelina for persevering during the writing assessment.

4I – Mason for persevering with his learning in all areas.

4K – Nora for persevering with her Ancient Egyptian story writing in English.

4M – Liyana for being a curious learner in school and at home.

4V – Benjamin for considering his choices when writing a fantastic story set in Egypt.

5J – Adil for choosing to bring a smile to school everyday.

5M – Daid for his perseverance, effort and focus during assessment week.

5T – Nayeem for his conscientious attitude to his learning at all times.

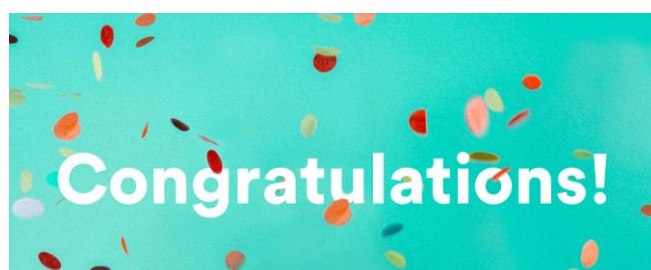
5Y – Kymani for collaborating well with his peers during dance lessons and proving that he can be a good leader.

6B – Ali for collaboration in the PE competition and being amazing at the Haka.

6C – Mahadi for settling in well to this school.

6W – Azizul for persevering with his writing in English.

6Z – Marlon for embracing mistakes and being brave in PE.



Music at the Woodgrange Market



30th Oct – 1.00pm Violinist (Gypsy Music)

27th Nov – 2.00pm Xine - Opera Singer

11th Dec – 1.00pm King Toad Fish

Come and join us all for some amazing entertainment.

Wellbeing Sessions

As part of our commitment to supporting children's wellbeing, our Year 6 classes enjoyed sessions on Wanstead Flats this week. The focus was very much on taking time to connect with nature as a means of relaxing, de-stressing and enjoying being in the moment. Feedback from the pupils has been incredibly positive and this is definitely something which we will be building in more regularly to our school curriculum. After half-term, all other classes will have the opportunity to take part in these structured activities which have been organised by the City of London Corporation in liaison with Godwin's Health and Wellbeing Leader, Celia Jones.

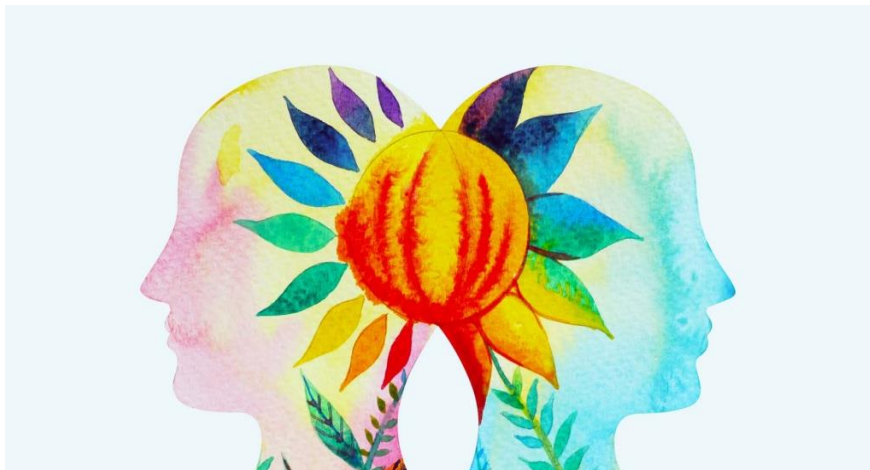


Mindfulness Corner

This week we feature:

THE SAMARITANS

<https://www.samaritans.org/>



(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).

Learning Powers

At Godwin Junior School we promote and encourage seven different learning powers:

Being curious, persevering, evaluating, collaborating, embracing mistakes, explaining reasoning and considering choices.

This week, we'll focus on considering choices – the ability of children to think about their options and make positive decisions for themselves.

In decades past, education looked very different. A teacher from 100 years ago may have felt only one person had choices in their classroom – themselves! Why have educators moved away from this idea?

1. As humans we make choices all the time, often unconsciously. Highlighting the choices children have and helping them think about the likely outcomes enables teachers to manage learning behaviour in a less confrontational way. Praising children for positive choices also puts them on a path to repeating those good decisions.
2. We want children to grow into adults who are able to navigate life independently and make good choices. Practice making small decisions will strengthen those skills they need later. For example, in many lessons children may choose the difficulty of their independent work or decide how they want to present their knowledge.
3. A study by UCL found that children who feel they have a level of control and influence over their day-to-day lives grow into happier adults. This is something we all want for our children.



Diary Dates

Mon 25th Oct – Fri 29th Oct – Half Term Holiday

Mon 1st Nov – School resumes

Fri 12th Nov – Children in Need Day

Tue 21st Dec – Last day of term

Wed 22nd Dec – Wed 5th Jan – Christmas Holiday

Please make a note of these important dates and watch in future newsletters for more dates.....



Holiday Camp

Monday 25th – Thursday 28th October

9.00am – 4.00pm

Sandringham Primary School

£18.50 per day

For more details or to book a place go to:

premier-education.com/holiday-camps



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