Godwin Newsletter - 13th November 2026

preparing pupils for lifelong success

Head Teacher's Message



This week's assemblies have focused on Remembrance Day and how vital it is for us to pay tribute to those who have been injured or died in order to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. We talked about the importance of peace and also how acting collaboratively and standing together (whether as countries or as children at school) is important in protecting the rights of others and ourselves. Godwin children each decorated a pebble as part of our whole-school display to mark 'Poppy Day' and we observed a one minute silence on Wednesday, when we asked children to reflect on how grateful we are for the British Values of Democracy, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance. UNCRC Article 38, Global Goal 16.

Thank you to everyone for helping make our crazy hair/hat/headscarf day such fun. We will let you know how much we raised for Children in Need.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, which we will start with a focus on how brilliant that it is that we are all different. Please support this fantastic message by encouraging your child to wear odd socks on Monday - we'd love you to join in too!

Wishing you a restful weekend.

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year is 'Break the Silence'. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November. Children are encouraged to wear mismatched socks as a symbol of uniqueness and to promote acceptance of diversity. It is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness about social issues such as bullying, discrimination and prejudice. Every child has the right to feel safe.



On Friday 20th November, each year group will take part in a special Anti-Bullying assembly presented by Bigfoot Arts Education.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Mon 16th November - Odd Sock Day to mark start of Anti-Bullying Week**
- **Fri 20th Nov - Anti-Bullying Workshops**
- **Mon 7th Dec - Y5 London Fire Brigade Workshops**
- **Mon 7th Dec - Clothing Collection**
- **Thu 10th Dec - Bake Sale**

SAVE! THE DATE

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Mon 14th December		Tues 15th December	
9:05 - 9:35	6J	9:05 - 9:35	3Z
9:45 - 10:15	6W	9:45 - 10:15	3L
10:25 - 10:55	4M	10:25 - 10:55	3Y
11:05 - 11:35	4K	11:05 - 11:35	3K
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2:00 - 2:30	4I	1:45 - 2:15	5O
2:40 - 3:10	4V	2:20 - 2:50	5T
		2:55 - 3:25	5B

We have a brilliant way to raise free donations for the school!

All you have to do is sign up to support us with easyfundraising and then when you do your normal online shopping you'll raise free donations which we can use towards enrichment activities such as gardening sessions, science workshops, history days etc at no cost to you. Hooray!

There are over 8,000 retailers to choose from including Just Eat, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Amazon and many more.

Signing up is quick and easy:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/godwin-junior-school/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_content=raisingforaschool-wa1

or scan the QR code below.



We are delighted to have had a dedicated 'Sensory Pod' installed in our school! This space will support children with Education and Health Care Plans (EHCPs) to remain regulated throughout the school day by providing them with a low-demand environment to help prevent sensory overload. Evidence shows that having a safe place with calming tools (such as bubble tubes, tactile panels and atmospheric lighting) can help children with additional needs to 'decompress' during a busy school day and reset their emotional state. This then decreases anxiety and increases children's ability to focus on learning.

We are very excited to start using this as soon as the fire sensor is installed.





Drawing competition



The local policing team within Forest Gate invites Godwin Junior School pupils to take part in a special drawing competition to celebrate the opening of the newly refurbished Forest Gate police station, following its closure after a devastating fire in 2024.

Pupils can draw a police-themed picture, which could include police officers, police vehicles, helping the community, the police station, a familiar place in Forest Gate or anything else that inspires them. This competition can take up as much or as little time as permits.

Winning pictures will be displayed in the police station for visitors, officers and staff to enjoy. The winning students and their teachers will be invited to attend the official grand opening of the station to meet with officers and see their artwork on display.

ALL ENTRIES NEED TO BE A3 SIZED AND COMPLETED BY MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER.

METROPOLITAN POLICE

CALLING THE GODWIN JUNIOR PARENT AND CARER COMMUNITY!

Would you like to spend time in our wonderful school garden, helping our pupils grow and look after edible and wild-life-friendly plants?

We are looking for a small group of parents/ carers to assist with weekly outdoor learning workshops. These sessions are hands-on and fun, and we see this as a great opportunity to upskill parents/carers as well as pupils! In getting involved, you would be working closely with the our specialist tutor, learning and sharing valuable horticultural, ecological and storytelling skills.

Key Details:

Where: Godwin Junior School Garden

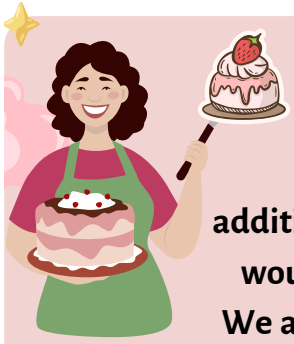
When: Every Tuesday (term time) between 9:00am -3:20pm

Who: Anyone with an interest in plants, animals and working outdoors with Year 3 and Year 4 pupils



Please note that volunteers would need enhanced DBS clearance - the school can organise this.

Please let us know if you are interested.
We'd be delighted to hear from you.



We are hoping to organise a cake sale to raise funds for additional topic books and would love your support. We are looking for parent and carer volunteers who would be willing to organise and help run the event.

This will happen after school on Thursday, 10th December.



If you are interested in volunteering, please email the school on info@godwin.newham.sch.uk.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

As a UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting School, we were approached by them to appear in a feature in the children's newspaper, First News. A group of our Pupil Parliamentarians met with our visitors recently and discussed The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child for a piece introducing this important document to a wider audience. Our pupils were fantastic advocates for children's rights, explaining why Rights are important and exploring what is different about Godwin because it is a Rights Respecting School. We are incredibly proud to have been chosen to promote children's rights and would like to thank the Pupil Parliamentarians who took part for representing our school so expertly.

The feature is due to be published next Friday, 20th November.



Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	98.5%
3L	100.0%
3Y	99.5%
3Z	92.5%
4K	97.4%
4M	94.8%
4V	93.2%
4I	95.7%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5T	96.8%
5O	94.7%
5B	91.3%
6W	96.5%
6J	98.8%
average	96.0%

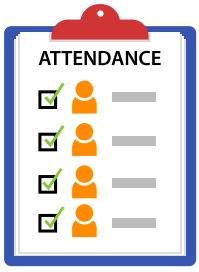
This attendance data is for the period 6th November to 12th November



Our whole-school target for the year is 96%. At the moment, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 96.6%. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 3L and 6J who won the attendance cups this week.



Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 5O and 5B who had no late marks at all. Well done!



Times Table Rock Stars

4V and 5O take the trophies this week. Keep it up!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 4K, 4M and 5O.



Article of the Week



World Children's Day is on 20th November. On this day in 1989, world leaders agreed the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This year's theme is "Listen to the Future". It reminds adults that children's ideas matter today, not just when they grow up. Every child under 18 has all of these rights (Article 1), whoever they are and wherever they come from (Article 2). Adults must always think about what is best for children (Article 3) and governments must make sure our rights are protected (Article 4).

Reminder: Next Monday 16th November, wear odd socks to celebrate what makes each of us unique!

Time to reflect

- If world leaders asked for your ideas about the future, what would you tell them?
- Why do you think every child, everywhere, has the same rights?
- Why is it important that we remember people who have died in war?

Mindfulness Corner

Every Friday we will highlight a different group or organisation with resources for mental health and wellbeing. (We are not endorsing any particular site nor are we ambassadors for it - we are simply providing pointers towards sites that might be interesting/ helpful).

NHS - EVERY MIND MATTERS
https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters

"Life doesn't get easier, you just get stronger."
Steve Maraboli



Achievement Awards

3K - Bennet: for being a good role model of all the Learning Powers

3L - Anthony: for great collaboration with his Learning Partner all week

3Y - Diana: for always persevering to do her best in class being a good role model for her peers

3Z - Winter: for embracing her mistakes and always trying her best

4K - Ryan: for explaining his reasoning using subject-specific vocabulary in English

4M - Atanas: for collaborating well with his group during science

4V - Allegra: for showing wonderful perseverance and evaluating her work well in English

4I - Aneira: for making thoughtful and sensible choices which help her learning all week

5T - Fred C: for excellent collaboration and being a great role model

5O - Clem: for always displaying all Learning Powers and setting a fabulous example for her peers

5B - Sara: for persevering in her writing this week and being a great role model

6W - Ayla: for excellent perseverance in Taught Comprehension

6J - Harzan: for persevering with her work in order to become the best learner possible



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

THE LITTLE RECYCLERS

More clothes - more funds for your organisation.

1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

7 DECEMBER

MONDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DONT ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

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Godwin Junior School 2026-27

School Holiday | Bank Holiday | Pupil Day | INSET Day

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