



Godwin Newsletter - 9th December 2022

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

With less than two weeks until the end of the school year, we are still working hard! If you use the main entrance you can't fail to have noticed the solar-powered Christmas trees that our Year 3 and Year 4 gardeners have created. Next week will see them planting spring bulbs at the front of the school - we may need pickaxes as the weather is now decidedly chilly! If you do have any bulb planters that we could borrow for use on Tuesday, please drop them off on Monday - they will make creating holes in the compacted soil so much easier. Thank you.

In English we are focussing on speaking and listening for the latter part of the term; modelling how to use intonation and timing as well as to project one's voice in preparation for our Christmas assemblies. Although these will only be short, it would be lovely to see lots of you there supporting your children and enjoying their musical and acting talents.

Wishing you a warm weekend!

The School Council

When properly invested in and supported, a School Council can make valuable contributions to the life of the school. Ms Valle, our Global Citizenship Leader, has run our school council for a number of years and is dedicated to supporting the councillors as they work for the good of the whole school community. Today we'll look at how our School Council functions and the benefits it brings.



School Council elections are an excellent introduction to the democratic process. Pupils who wish to be candidates make speeches to their class, outlining their ideas for school improvement and making campaign pledges. Their names are then added to the ballot.

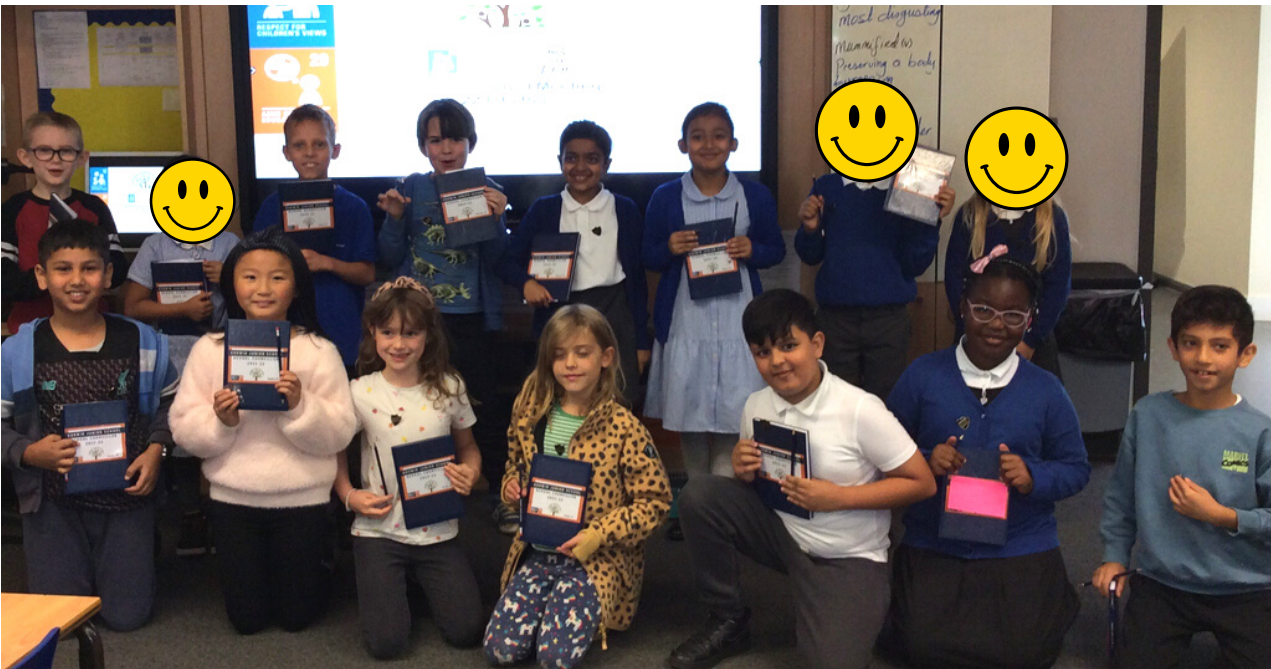
On election day, each child is able to vote privately and anonymously, as you can see on the left. This was a conscious decision to mimic the events of an adult election.

The results are then announced to the school, with two winning candidates for each class.



What do councillors do?

Elected School Council members are responsible for representing the views of their classmates and meet regularly to pass these on and to discuss any changes or issues that have arisen. They consult on decision-making in areas such as playground equipment, lunchtime activities, library provision, school lunches and charity campaigns. They also represent our school to outside organisations and individuals, such as Members of Parliament. Recently, they attended the Agents of Change Conference in Stratford, where they were able to meet and collaborate with other School Councillors.



What do our councillors say?



Faatimah (Councillor for 6B) said:

"One of my favourite things about being a School Councillor is listening to my classmates' views and taking their ideas to Ms Valle.

I also enjoy the educational visits which I have been on because of this job. Sometimes we write to people such as our local MP, Lynn Brown"

Hattie (Councillor for 4Y) said:

"This year my classmates voted for me because we all get to choose. Next year it will be someone else because you can only be a Councillor once. We do things to help improve the school and make it more how children want it to be. We Councillors always listen and try to make ideas happen. We have to think about whether the idea is suitable and affordable."



Live Well

Advice, tips and tools to help you make the best choices about your health and wellbeing



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. Nobody wants their child to miss out on learning unnecessarily.

Luckily, the NHS website has advice about a range of different ailments, which you can read [here](#).

If your child does need to be away from school, we would ask you to please keep us informed by calling the school office that morning.

Thank you.

Christmas Performances

To celebrate the festive season, each class are busily preparing a performance for their parents and carers.

Friday 16th December

9:10 - 9:30 - 6K

9:40 - 10:00 - 6W

10:10 - 10:30 - 6O

11:10 - 11:30 - 6B

2:00 - 2:20 - 5J

2:30 - 2:50 - 5V

3:00 - 3:20 - 5M



Tuesday 20th December

9:10 - 9:30 - 4T

9:40 - 10:00 - 4K

10:10 - 10:30 - 4Y

11:10 - 11:30 - 4Z

1:50 - 2:10 - 3B

2:15 - 2:35 - 3I

2:40 - 3:00 - 3K

3:05 - 3:25 - 3Z



Please come and join us for a mince pie and some festive cheer whilst you support your child!



12th - 18th December

Godwin Junior School's TTRS Sponsored Event

How many coins can you earn during the week? Get as many people as you can to sponsor you. All proceeds go towards maths resources for our pupils.

Help Required



Two of the vinyl seating cubes in our library are in need of cosmetic repair so that we can continue to use them safely. If you would be able to help, please let us know at: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk





Forest Gate

**COMMUNITY
GARDEN**

136 EARLHAM GROVE, E7 9AS

MINCE
PIES
IN THE
GARDEN

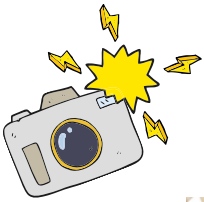
SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 12PM - 2PM

Join us to toast the festive season with a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine or juice
Everybody welcome!

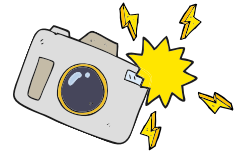
**Forest Voices choir singing from 1pm
+ Christmas elf hunt**

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Get Caught Reading



Thank you for the many entries this week! Our winner is Liyana from 5M who was reading in this fabulous car.



If your child would like to enter, simply snap a photo of them reading in an unusual place and email it to: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk All entries will be uploaded to twitter, and the winner will receive a book of their choice.

Article of the Week



On 10th December 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Human Rights Day is commemorated every year on 10th December. We can honour the Universal declaration of human rights and children's rights. All human rights benefit life. Two Convention Articles remind us that the government must use its laws to protect human rights and that rights are the minimum requirement.

Article 4 (Implementation of the Convention) requires governments to establish systems and implement laws to protect and promote children's rights. If a country's laws and standards are greater than this Convention's, Article 41 requires it to follow them.

What does it mean when we say that rights are universal, unconditional, inherent, indivisible and inalienable?

WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

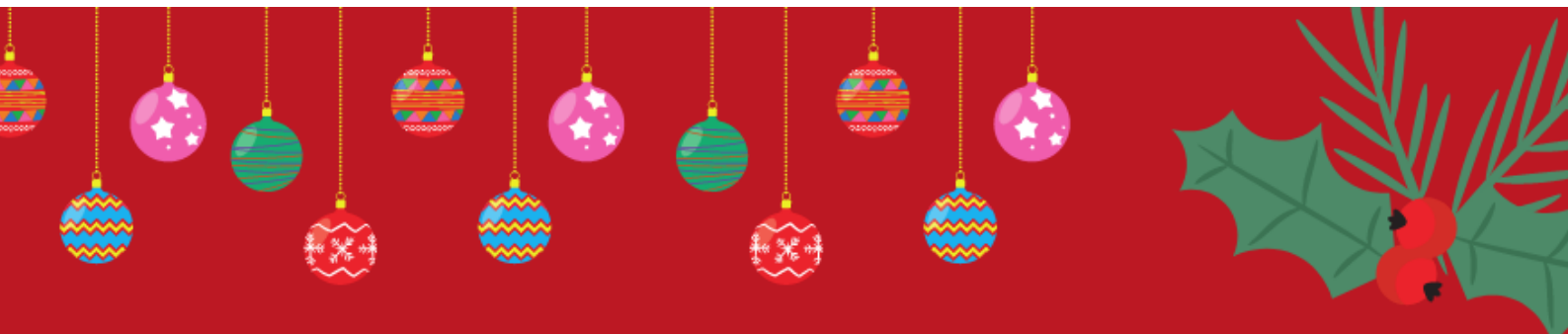


AND FOOD PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.



Visit [www.newham.gov.uk/
winteractivities](http://www.newham.gov.uk/winteractivities)

WE ARE NEWHAM.



Godwin Junior School Council's Great Christmas Hamper Appeal

SPREADING SOME FESTIVE CHEER

Our School Council would like to help spread some cheer this year by asking for donations of long life food that will add a bit of sparkle to festive meals this holiday period.

Can you donate: biscuits, minced pies, christmas puddings, sweet treats and crackers to name a few items?
Deadline for donations: Monday 19th December



Well Done!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are:

5M, 5v and 6w

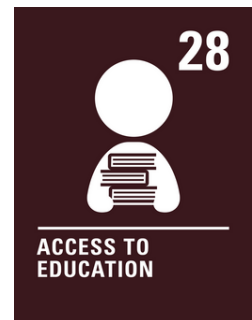
Congratulations!

Punctuality Cup

This week's winners are:

6K

They were all on time every day. Excellent job!



Mindfulness Corner

Every Friday this half term we will be sharing with you a link to a different group or organisation that have resources for mental health and wellbeing.

(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).



This week we feature Supportline:

[click here](#)

"A negative mind will never give you a positive life."

Ziad K. Abdelnour



SEND Contact us
Line 02033736472

0-25 service
02033733280

CAMHS
02077715888

SENDIASS 02033730707

NHS 111

HELPNEWHAM
02033733799

**Newham Parent Forum
would like to know what
areas our families would
like us to cover over the
next 6 months**

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2022

CALL US: 07495021062

NEWHAM PARENT CARER FORUM

Newham Parent Carer Forum is inviting you to our last monthly coffee morning for 2022.

10 AM -12 PM

Our guests will be:

Introducing;

Nneka Keazor: **Travel Assistance Service Lead (Interim)
Education, Inclusion and Achievement Children and Young
People Directorate.**

Nana Poku: **EY Strategic Systems and Data Lead &**

Brian Roohan: **Interim Commissioner (SEND)**

- Update on the Newham Local Offer website and contents

Meeting ID: 893 1653
0542 Passcode: 713042

<http://www.newhamparentforum.co.uk>

Keep a lookout for our wellbeing events

NEWHAM PARENT FORUM

St Marks Community Centre,
Room 12,
218 Tollgate Road,
Beckton
E6 5YA

Tel:07495021062

Email:
info@newhamparentforum.co.uk

Facebook: Newham Parent Forum

Twitter: @NPF_SEND_Parent

Instagram:
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Newham Local offer.



Achievement Awards

3B – Maya: for persevering in all her learning this week

3K – Huseyin: for persevering in Taught Comprehension

3I – Mamadou: for persevering and trying his best during assessment week

3Z – Antoni: for considering his choices and working hard to improve his learning behaviour

4K – Sara: for persevering during assessment week and trying her best

4T – Mahib: for embracing his mistakes and being a curious learner

4Y – Yusuf: for persevering and embracing his mistakes

4Z – Angela: for persevering and being a curious learner in history

5J – Alicia: for choosing to be a good friend who thinks about others

5M – Aleesa: for her hard work and perseverance in all her learning

5V – Sayan: for persevering during assessment week

6B – Loic: for demonstrating a positive attitude

6K – Ieva: for evaluating her ideas and producing an excellent piece of sculpture

6O – Esme: for demonstrating perseverance and curiosity in our WWII unit

6W – Affan: for clearly explaining his reasoning in maths