



Godwin Newsletter - 2nd December 2022

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

It has been a pleasure over the last few weeks to show prospective parents/carers of Godwin pupils around and talk to them about our vision and values. Doing this is a really useful way for me to reflect on what makes us unique as a school and why I think they should actively choose us, rather than it just be because we are the school closest to home.

Obviously, as the Head Teacher, you would expect me to be biased(!) but I hope that in this term's newsletters we have shared with you our priorities and some of the fantastic opportunities which we provide for Godwin children so that you can feel just as proud of our school as I am.

Our links with other local schools are really important to us. As part of the Newham North Learning Partnership we collaborate with Sandringham Primary School, Park Primary School, William Davies Primary School, Odessa Infant School, Woodgrange Infant School and Kay Rowe Nursery to ensure the very best outcomes for children in our area.

As you are aware, most of our pupils attend Woodgrange Infant School prior to Godwin, and we work exceptionally well together to ensure a smooth transition for all of our children - in terms of both learning and pastoral support. Looking at how happy and settled Year 3 are, it's clear that this work is successful.

We also have a really positive relationship with Forest Gate Community School, which so many of our Year 6 children transfer to each year. Next week sees the first in a series of sessions which our Year 5 children will enjoy, making use of the specialist facilities and teaching which an outstanding secondary school can offer. We always receive amazing feedback from Forest Gate Community School about how thoughtful, conscientious and polite former Godwin pupils are and how well they reflect on us! This is evident when I see former Godwin students in the local area - they are always keen to chat about what they have been doing recently and it is lovely to see the confident young adults they have become.

10 THINGS

you can do to be a

CLIMATE CHAMP!!

1. Reduce, reuse, recycle!!

6. Only buy stuff you need and give unwanted stuff to charity.

2. Drive Less!
• Cycle, walk or go by bus/train.

7. Write letters to people in power about global warming.

3. Cut down on plastic and don't litter!

8. Don't buy food with unsustainable palm oil in it!

4. Eat less meat / animal products.

9. Learn about global warming.

5. Garden and compost.

10. Don't Worry!!
Never Give up!!!

CHANGE

IS NEEDED

NOW!



Poster by Persephone (5)



Reading for Pleasure

The benefits of reading for pleasure are now extremely well-documented. For example, children who choose to read make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little. However, it also has many non-academic benefits and can increase empathy, improve relationships with others, reduce the symptoms of depression and improve wellbeing throughout life. There are social benefits as well, as it can make people feel more connected to the wider community. It increases a person's understanding of their own identity and gives them an insight into the world view of others. For all of these reasons, we are committed to developing a love of reading within each pupil.



"I love reading: any book can bring you into a new adventure in another world." *Ella (Year 5)*

"I love reading! You can get lost in books!" *Eden (Year 5)*

I really enjoy going to the library. I think you can learn so much from books." *Christian (Year 5)*

"I love reading. It helps with my spelling and the rest of my education. Being a librarian is really fun too." *Esme (Year 6)*

Why Libraries Matter



The Great School Libraries report, published in 2019, showed that only 16% of UK schools have a dedicated single-use library space. This is despite a wealth of research proving that regular access to a quality library impacts positively on reader enjoyment, children's attitudes to learning and reading outcomes and attainment.

Our library is never used for other purposes and we are always looking for the best titles to add to our wide-ranging collection. In addition to thousands of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books, we have a number of magazine and newspaper subscriptions which our pupils enjoy. Each class has a weekly library session where they can find the right book for them and enjoy the calm atmosphere.



An excellent team of Pupil Librarians assists us in making sure this space is organised and welcoming. Their enthusiasm for reading is always appreciated.

"I think the library is important because it helps people escape their troubles." *Mia (Year 5)*

Whole-Class Reading

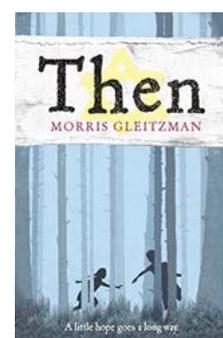
Every class begins the day by reading together. The children have their own copy of the book and are able to follow along as the teacher reads aloud. This enables them to enjoy stories which may be difficult to access independently. It also models successful, fluent reading and develops a familiarity with written sentence structure and punctuation.



The texts are carefully chosen so that children can experience a range of genres and authors. Over the next few pages you can see the selection which each year group will read this year.



Many of these sets have been bought with the proceeds of recent cake sales, so we are extremely grateful for all the help and support we have received. Our sale last Friday raised a massive £403.59 - thank you!

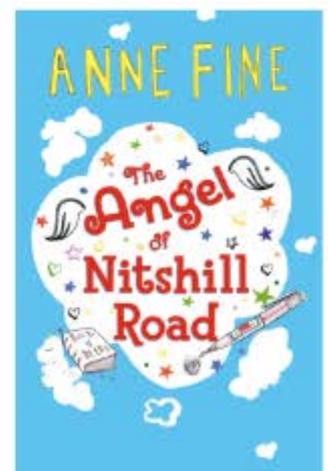
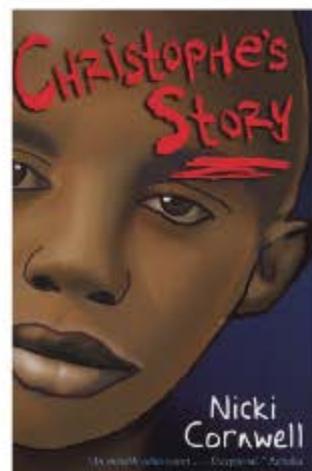
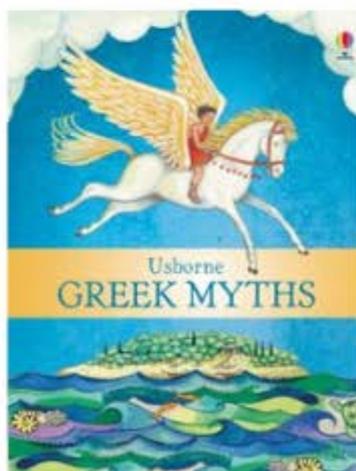
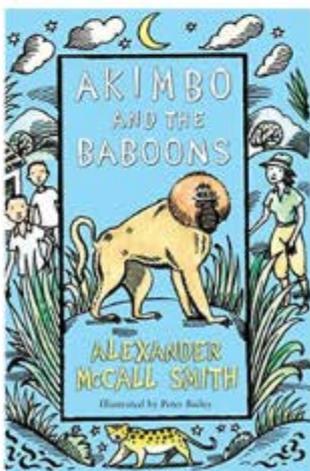
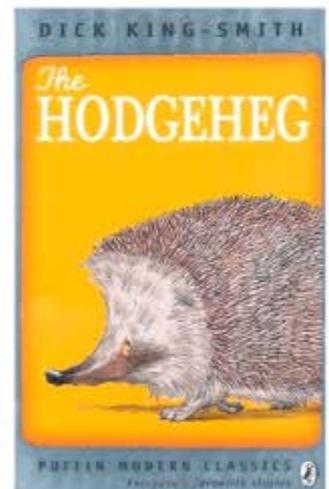
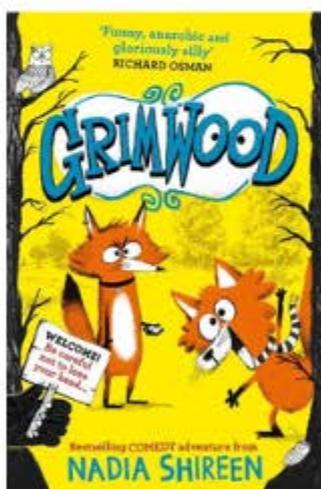
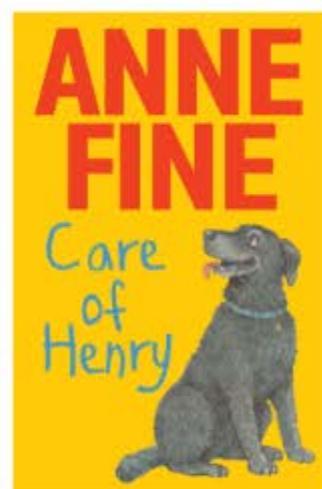
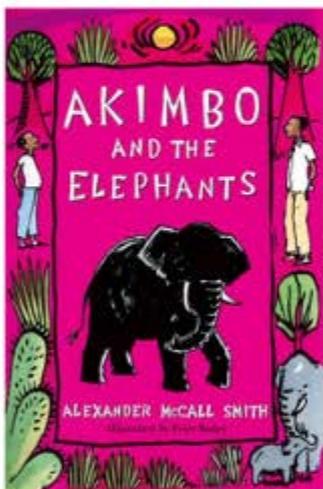
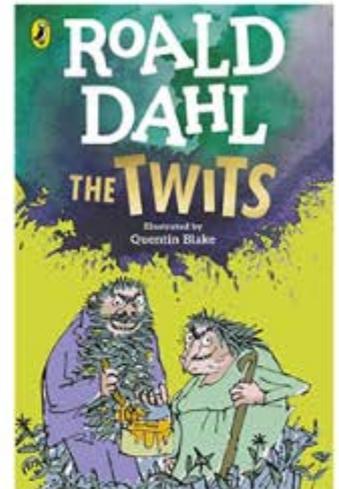
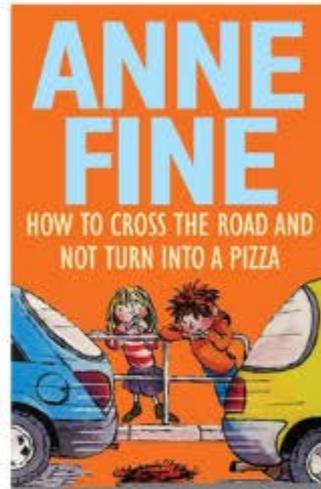
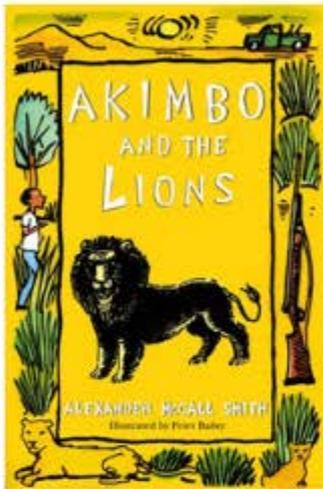


"We've read four books already. It makes me so happy." *Hafsa (year 4)*

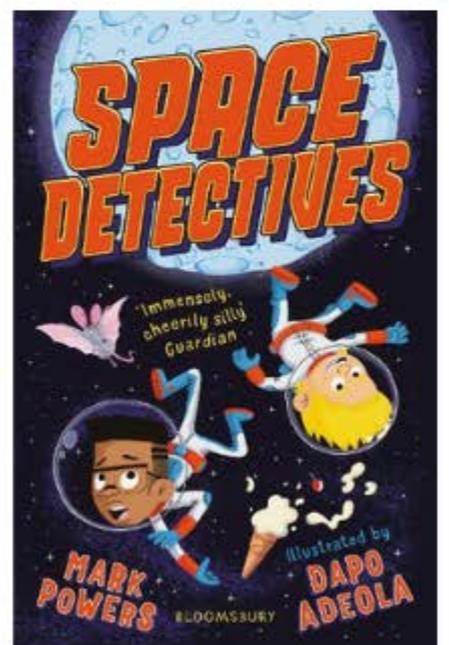
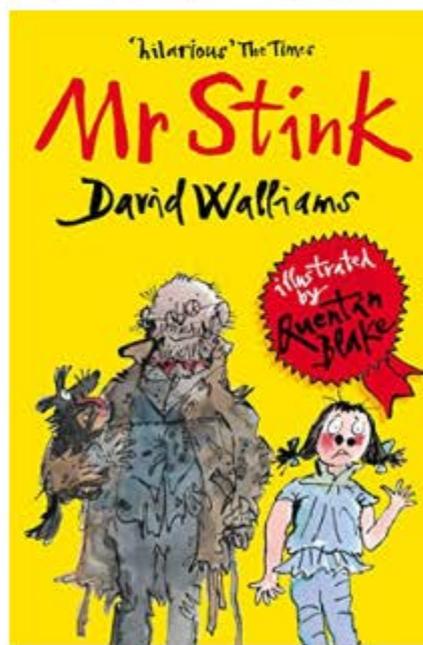
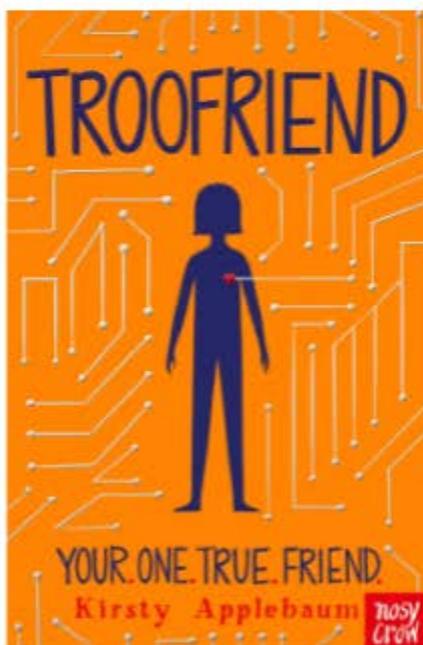
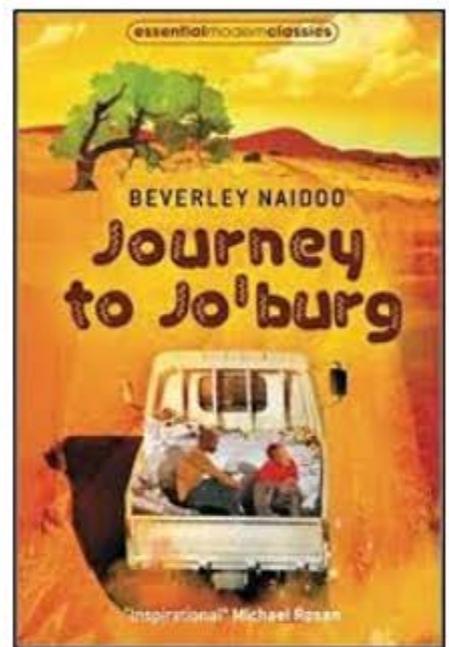
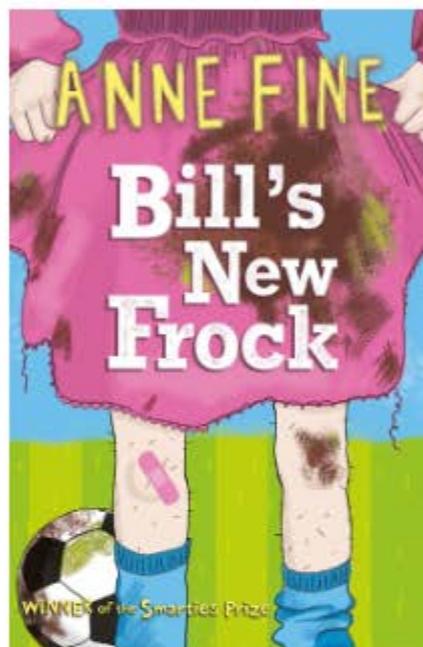
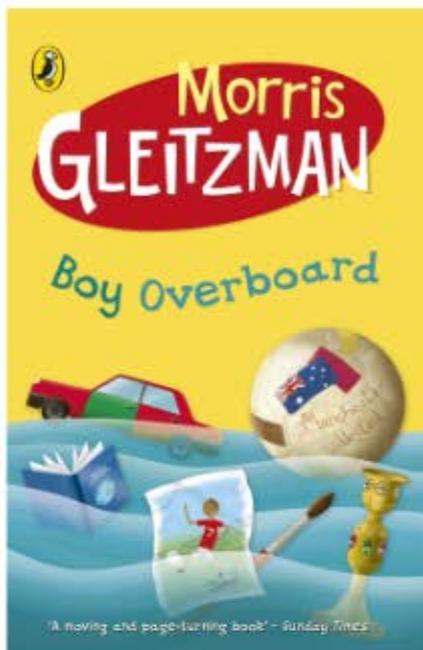
"The stories are interesting. They make your imagination go wild." *Isabel (year 3)*

"I like reading together. The books are funny & exciting." *Alycia (Year 4)*

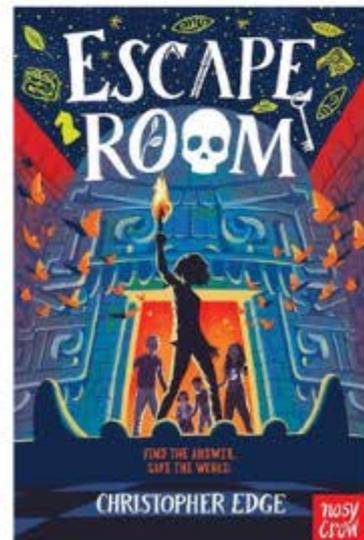
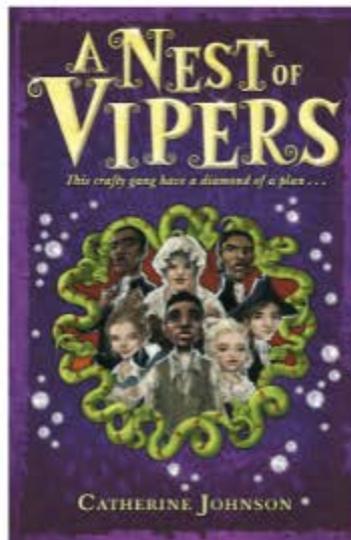
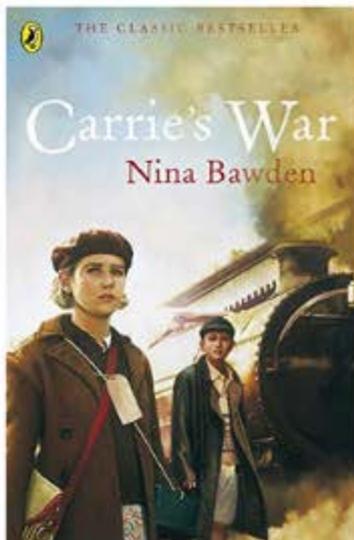
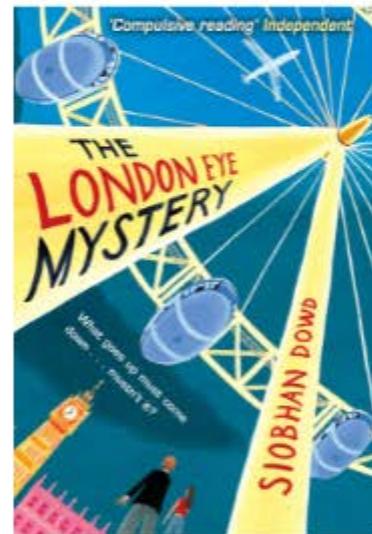
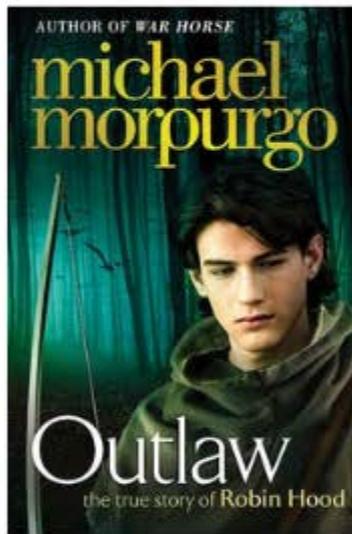
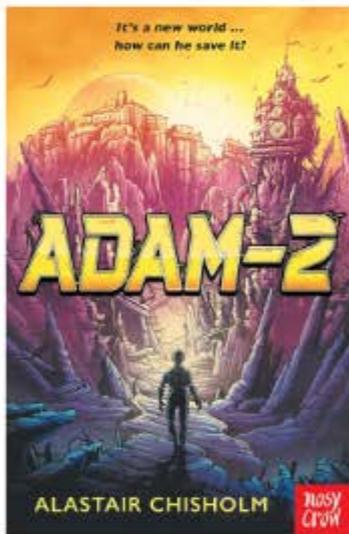
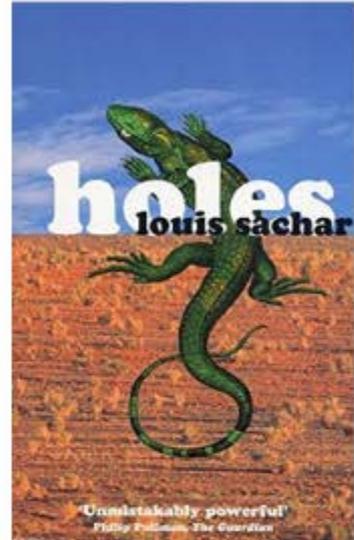
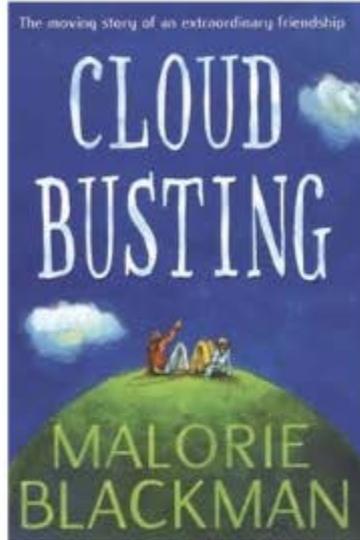
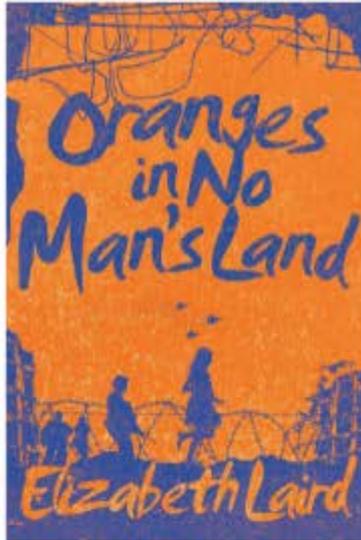
Year 3 Whole Class Reading Books



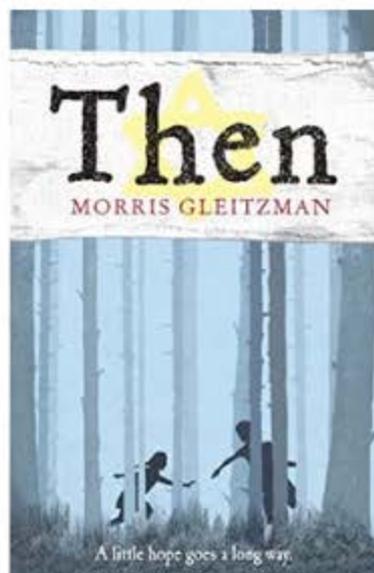
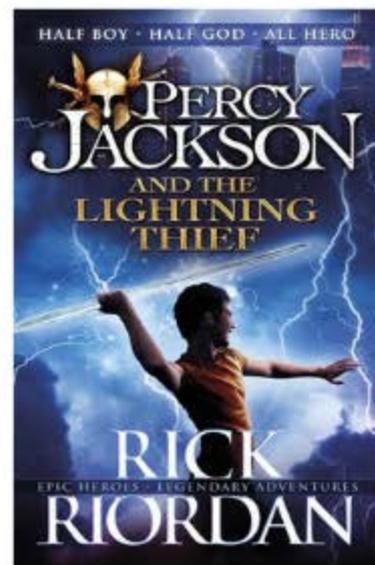
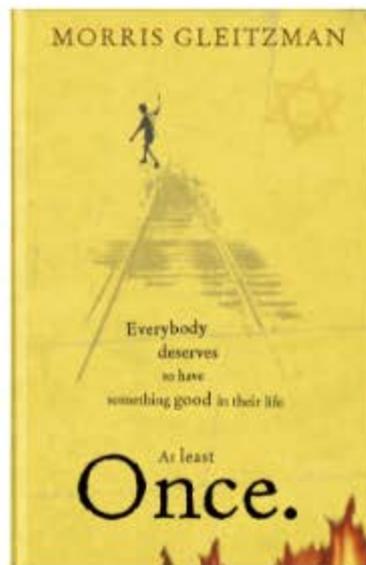
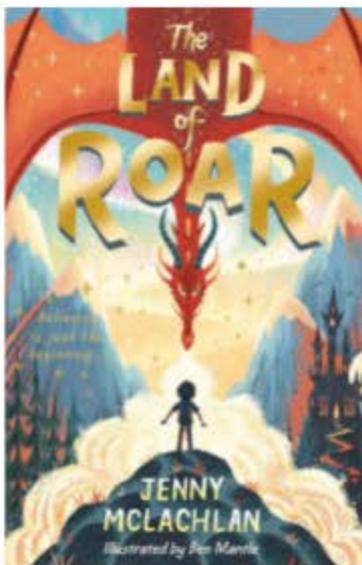
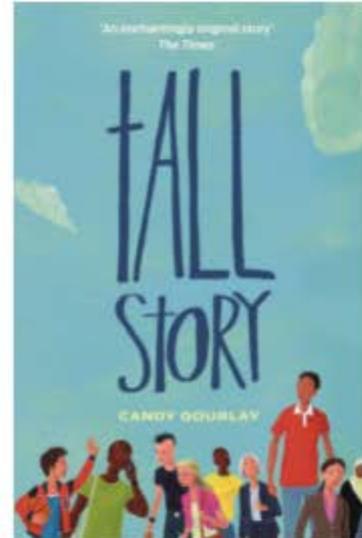
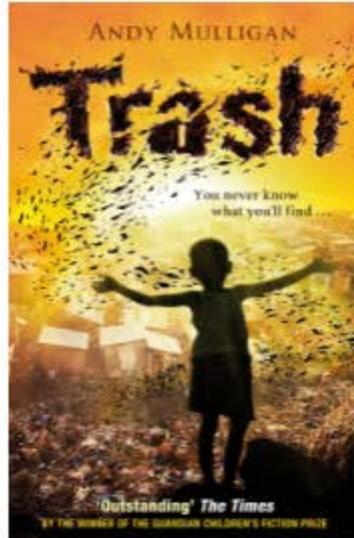
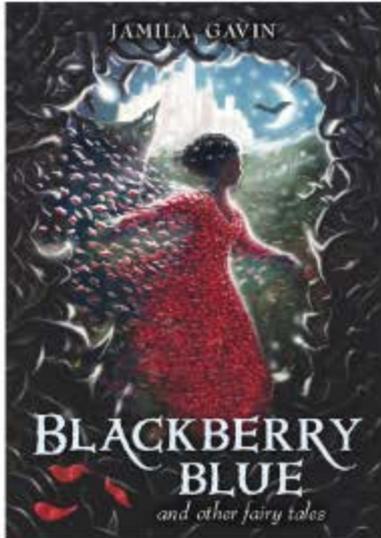
Year 4 Whole Class Reading Books



Year 5 Whole Class Reading Books

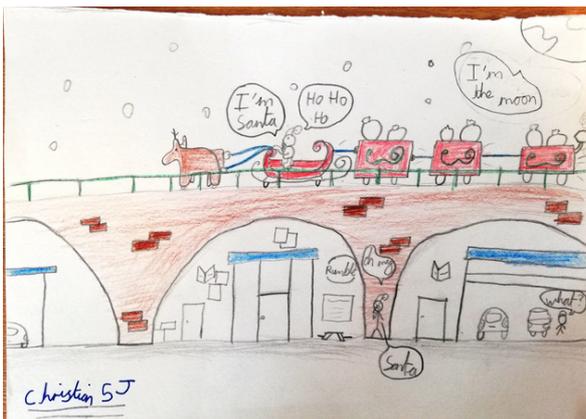


Year 6 Whole Class Reading Books



Christmas Card Competition Results

Congratulations to Persephone from Year 5 who is the winner of our Christmas card competition. What a beautiful design!



Our three runners up are Christian (Year 5), Charlotte (Year 4) and Sage (Year 3).

Well done to everyone who joined in!

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



If you are able, please come along to 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



Calling All Poets

What does kindness mean to you?

What does kindness look or feel like?

Write a poem on kindness and enter SPINE Festival 2023's competition for the opportunity to have your poem published by Otter-Barry Books! This competition is judged by Waterstones' Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho! Winners will be announced on 10 April 2023.



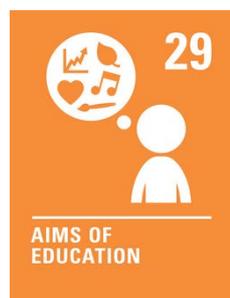
Winning poems will be published in an Otter-Barry Books' anthology edited by Joseph Coelho!

RULES:

- You must be 5 – 11 years old
- Your poem must be no longer than 15 lines
- It must be an original poem you have written about kindness
- Only one poem is allowed to be submitted per entrant
- You must live in London

TO ENTER:

Submit your poem online via their website - [click here](#).





Forest Gate

**COMMUNITY
GARDEN**

136 EARLHAM GROVE, E7 9AS

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IN THE
GARDEN

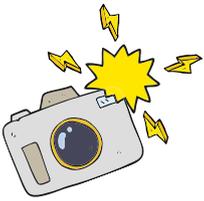
SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 12PM - 2PM

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 Adam from 3K who managed to read in the swimming pool!



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



International Day of Disabled People is on 3rd December. This global event celebrates and promotes disability equality. It has been observed since 1981, raising awareness of the issues faced by 1 billion people with disabilities and the role communities and cultures play in removing obstacles to inclusion.

Article 2 specifies that the Convention applies to all children, regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion, language, skills, or other status, what they think or say, or their family background. Article 23 declares that a child with a disability has the right to a full, decent, independent, and active life in the community. Governments must help disabled children and families.

Why do you think the world has a special day to focus on people with disabilities?

Year 2 and Reception Tours

We will be welcoming and touring the school with prospective parents and carers of Year 2 and nursery-aged children over the next few weeks. This will give them the opportunity to see at firsthand what a fantastic experience Godwin children have.



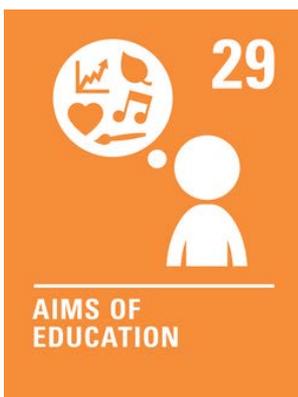
Please share the following dates: 13th December and 10th January.

WE NEED YOU!

As you can imagine, school budgets are very squeezed but at Godwin we firmly believe in providing a rich learning experience with lots of opportunities to make our curriculum 'come alive'. We desperately need to raise additional funding to ensure that we can continue to do this.



We would love to have an active PTA, with people giving as much or as little time as they are able to. Please don't feel that you need to make a huge commitment – many hands make light work and everything makes a difference.

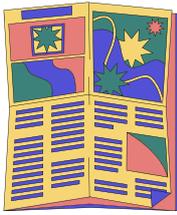


Could you help with:

- selling cakes?
- designing fliers?
- selling raffle tickets?
- asking for raffle prize donations?



All help would be greatly appreciated – our children deserve the very best and we want to give it to them! Please email info@godwin.newham.sch.uk



Children's Books and Magazines



Are you ready for a clear out? Looking to make space ahead of the festive period? If you have children's books and magazines which your children no longer want, please consider donating these to the school library. You can enjoy less clutter while supporting our pupils.

Any magazines and books in reasonably good condition can be handed to school staff at the gates.

Gardening Project

We are looking for daffodil bulbs and four-litre milk cartons to help us complete a gardening project. If you are able to help with this, or wish to donate towards it, please email info@godwin.newham.sch.uk.





Godwin Junior School Council's Great Christmas Hamper Appeal

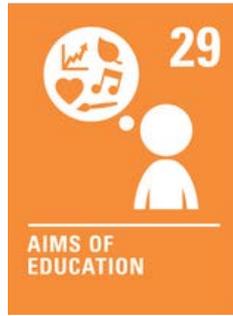
SPREADING SOME FESTIVE CHEER

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:

6K and 4T

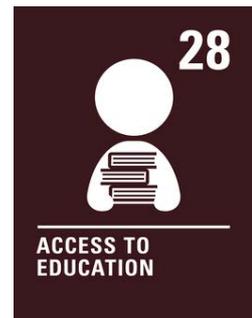
Congratulations!

Punctuality Cup

This week's winners are:

4Y, 4Z and 6O

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 the Prince's Trust:

[click here](#)

"Make happiness a priority and be gentle with yourself in the process."

Bronnie Ware



Achievement Awards

3B – Idris: for persevering in his maths learning this week

3K – Shafin: for always having a positive attitude towards his learning

3I – Zadie: for persevering with her maths learning while subtracting with renaming

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

4K – Antonio: for persevering while writing an information text

4T – Inayah: for perseverance when writing an explanation text

4Y – Harper: for persevering while writing about states of matter

4Z – Alfie: for persevering in all subjects

5J – Piersavio: for making choices which will allow him to become the best learner he can be

5M – Marwan: for confidently explaining his reasoning during a French lesson

5V – Jawad: for persevering during his English assessment

6B – Yeasin: for good collaboration with his learning partner and with a team

6K – Jannatun: for showing perseverance in maths this week

6O – Muneeb: for demonstrating the learning powers and being a good role model to his peers

6W – David: for consistently considering his choices and setting an excellent example for others