

## **Head Teacher's Message**

It was great to see so many of you at this week's Parent/Carer Conferences – lots of smiling children and proud parents and carers! Please do put your child's targets somewhere prominent at home and support him/her to keep focussing on these. If you were unable to attend, please talk to your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time next week. We know how important a partnership between home and school is for children to achieve their very best.

UNCRC Article 29: Education must develop children's talents.

In assemblies this week, we have taken the Black History Month theme 'Time for Change: Action Not Words' and looked at two prominent figures who effected change. You may well know that Marcus Rashford was instrumental in ensuring that children from low income families received food vouchers during lockdown, but have you heard of Walter Tull? Please ask your child why he is someone worth celebrating.

UNCRC Article 30: Every child has the right to learn about their culture.

## **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 first-hand what a fantastic experience Godwin children have. Please share the following dates: 18th October, 1st November, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> December and 10th January.

## **Fancy a Coffee and a Chat?**



Next Thursday we will be holding a coffee morning at Godwin. We would love you to come in and have the opportunity to catch up with one another as well as chat to members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Although we see many of you at the school gate each morning and afternoon, this is a lovely way to have a bit more time to talk.

Save the day – Thursday 9:00 – 9:45!

# Black History Month 2022



It's October so that means that people around the UK will be celebrating Black History Month. It's a time for people from all backgrounds to explore and acknowledge the significant achievements of Black people in the past and present. The theme this year is *Time for Change: Actions not Words*.

For Black History Month, you are tasked with researching key individuals who have prompted change throughout history. While these individuals do not need to be British, it would be nice for you to research someone you do not already know a lot about.

Ideas could include: Olaudah Equiano, Mary Seacole, Walter Tull, Claudia Jones, Diane Abbott - the list goes on! Once you have a better understanding of the person you have chosen, it is time to get creative. Come up with a unique way of showcasing the individual you have chosen and explain the change they are responsible for. You could:

- Draw or paint a portrait
  - Write a poem
- Create a fact file or poster

Or, come up with your own idea to display your learning! Entries must be submitted to your teacher and have your name and class on them by 31st of October. Winners will be announced in assembly and the pieces will be displayed in school.

**One winner from each year group will receive their own copy of Black and British: an Illustrated History.**

UNCRC Article 17: every child has the right to reliable information.

UNCRC Article 30: Every child has the right to learn about their heritage.

## Gamelan Performances

We are delighted to invite Year 3 parents/carers to a special Gamelan performance on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

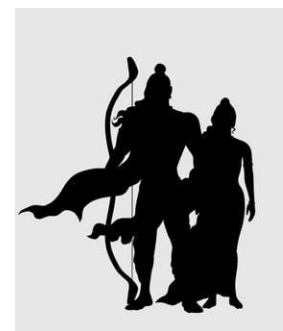
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# ENTER OUR POETRY COMPETITION!

We are joining in with Greenpeace's **Poems for the Planet** competition. Children can write an original poem of any kind on the theme of hope and the environment. Children received an entry form for the competition last week but ask their teacher for another one if they would like. Each Friday, one entry from Godwin will be chosen as our weekly winner and receive a prize. All entries will also be submitted to the national competition. The last date to hand in poems will be Friday 21st October.

UNCRC Article 31: Every child has the right to take part in cultural activities



# GREENPEACE

This week's winners are Angela in 4Z and Suraya in 5J::

**Spring** by Angela

I don't know why I like Spring. Maybe it's  
Because the weather is not too hot  
not too cold. The reason why I also like Spring is that  
I love nature and when it's spring the flowers  
burst out. When it's Spring the animals come  
out from their winter sleep for example  
hedgehogs, bears and squirrels and many more!  
Did you know that I also like the colours  
Of Spring? You don't? But now you do. The  
colours that I'm using  
right now are the colours  
you can find in spring!

**Save our planet** by Suraya!

We'll stop chopping down our trees,  
Stop using plastic things,  
We'll start using electric cars,  
Recycle all our used things,  
Even walk or ride and scoot to school,  
We shall protect our forests and oceans.  
Man-made or natural doesn't matter,  
Living things are beautiful,  
Don't make this world pitiful,  
Our world would better be better if we all do our part.

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## Can you help?

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?  
helping organise a quiz night?

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](mailto:info@godwin.newham.sch.uk)

From time-to-time there are small things which need doing around the school that we would really like help with.



Two of our 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:

[info@godwin.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@godwin.newham.sch.uk)

## Reading Volunteers

Do you enjoy reading? Do you like to read with children?

Do you have a couple of hours free each week?

We are looking to re-start our reading volunteer programme and would love members of our local community to help us. Reading with a volunteer each week helps to develop our children's ability to read, their confidence and their comprehension skills so that they can explain what is happening in a story or predict what might happen next. It also promotes a love of reading for pleasure. If you are able to dedicate time each week, please email: [info@godwin.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@godwin.newham.sch.uk)

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

## Article of the Week



*Article 24* is the focus of this year's *OutRight*, the annual youth campaign of UNICEF UK. By participating in this year's campaign, you can learn more about the issue and campaign for all children's right to the best health. Campaigning allows children to express themselves thus allowing them to enjoy their *Article 13* rights.

*We all want to feel as good as we can physically and mentally, but for many children, this isn't possible as they don't have access to health care.*

*Create an A-Z list of the various ways that children may enjoy *Article 24*. e.g. H is for hospital, V is for vaccine*

## Green Art Project

Eco7 is a group of local residents who want to encourage people to live more sustainably. They have a regular stall in Woodgrange Market in order to have conversations about the little adjustments that everyone can make to make our area (and our planet) greener, cleaner, and safer.

We will be working with them to create a mural out of plastic bottle tops! To do this, we need to collect an awful lot of them!. But that's the point. Eco7 want us to be aware of just how much plastic we are using Please wash them before you bring them into school, Further details to follow...

## Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are:

3Z, 5J and 6W

Congratulations to these classes!



## Punctuality Cup

This week's winners are:

4T, 6B, 6K and 6O.

Congratulations for all arriving on time every day!



## Food Collection

Please remember our foodbank appeal.

We know that now, more than ever, many parents and carers will be struggling to feed their families.

If you are in a position to help others, please donate any items in the collection bins by each gate.

Thank you.

Suggested items; Rice, pasta, tinned vegetables or fruit, cereals, longlife milk, tinned fish, baked beans, spaghetti hoops.

Donations can be placed in the collection bins at the school entrances. Please be generous! **Last day for donations is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.**



## PINK BIN PROJECT



### X LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are collecting items from the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal list.

The St. Mark's Youth will then package up completed shoeboxes which will go to people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.

Please only donate NEW items.

#### ITEMS FOR ALL BOXES

- Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)
- Sweets or Chocolates (BB June 2023 EU Origin)
- Soap & Flannel
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Tealights & Holders
- Playing Cards

#### ITEMS FOR ELDERLY BOXES

- Reading Glasses/Magnifier
- Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
- Lavender Bag
- Hot Water Bottle
- Work Gloves
- Pen/Paper
- Socks/Tights (adult size)
- Wind-Up Torch
- Scissors/Nail Clippers

#### ITEMS FOR FAMILY BOXES

- Colouring Pads (A5)
- Crayons/Pencils (with rubber and sharpener)
- Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)
- Soft toy/teddy (with CE label)
- Tape Measure/DIY Tool
- Head Scarf (lightweight)
- Shampoo (max 300ml)
- Solar-Powered Calculator
- Safety Razors
- Hairbrush/Comb

St Mark's Church is asking for donations towards the Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal. Please look at the list of items opposite and if you are able to help, please place your donations in the pink bin at the front entrance to the school.  
Thank you.

#### PLEASE PUT DONATIONS INTO OUR PINK BINS AT

Godwin Junior School  
Cranmer Rd, E7 0JW  
&  
St. Mark's Church  
Lorne Rd, E7 0LJ

#### BROUGHT TO YOU BY



Please donate by Sunday 23rd October.

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## Achievement Awards

3B – Caspar: for persevering in his writing this week and embracing his mistakes

3K – Alex: for always being a collaborative member of 3K and helping everyone

3I – Danyal: for collaborating well with others and being an excellent Learning Partner

3Z – Juana: for considering her choices in her learning

4K – Shazfa: for persevering with her learning in maths

4T – Ruby: for her perseverance and commitment to improving her English work through editing

4Y – Lily: for collaborating effectively with her group during maths journaling

4Z – Jiya: for embracing her mistakes in English

5J – Manraj: for learning to make good choices

5M – Sarah: for persevering and making great progress in the maths unit on fractions

5V – Azizah: for considering her choices carefully and collaborating well during English lessons

6B – Denikel: for collaborating and being a fabulous Learning Partner. Also for his perseverance in English lessons.

6K- Nevaeh: for considering choices and showing kindness to others

6O – Yasin: for persevering in maths

6W – Hussain: for persevering to learn his times tables





# Youth Badminton

**Friday, 3.45pm- 4.45pm**

Newham Leisure Centre  
281 Prince Regents Lane | Plaistow | London | E13

activeNewham are offering weekly FREE Badminton sessions for young people aged between 10-14 years.

#### CONTACT/ BOOKING INFORMATION

[Sports@activeNewham.org.uk](mailto:Sports@activeNewham.org.uk)

07741 293515

<https://tinyurl.com/CYPBadminton>



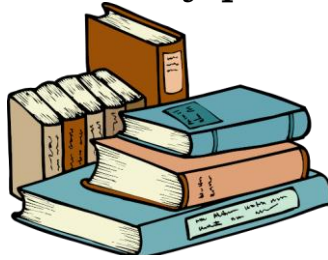
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## Reading Books

We have noticed that we still have a large number of 'Godwin' reading books missing.

Please take time over the weekend to have a look at home to see if you have any school books from last term and return them to us on Monday please!



## 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**

<https://www.supportline.org.uk/>

*In a gentle way, you can shake the world.*  
Mahatma Gandhi



## 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 perseverance, which is the ability to push through difficult times or face a challenge without giving up. Why do we need this trait?

1. Perseverance helps us grow and achieve our best. Goals are great but people need more than daydreaming to be fulfilled. This is where perseverance comes in. It will help a person reach their goals even though they take time and effort to achieve.
2. You gain more self-confidence and strength when you persevere - you have come face to face with failure, and survived. Knowing that setbacks didn't stop you makes you feel more positive about the future and your own abilities.
3. Perseverance turns your failures into learning opportunities. The author Bram Stoker said, "We learn from failure, not from success", and this is very true in the classroom. When things go wrong, looking at the mistake can show us ways to be more successful in future. This means children who feel secure enough to take a risk and 'mess up' are often our strongest learners.
4. Your perseverance can inspire others. Everyone has responsibilities and challenges to face but not everyone has the motivation to keep pushing for distant goals. If someone sees that you are working hard and persevering, even in the face of your own issues, they might realise that they can do the same. You might even be thinking of someone right now who you have seen work hard and persevere. Did their actions inspire you to keep going?

Is your child able to make mistakes and keep going anyway? You can help them to build perseverance by noticing and praising their efforts when they work on something tricky, instead of admiring the end result.