



Godwin Newsletter - 8th March 2024

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

It has been an absolutely amazing week for Godwin pupils. A large group of our Year 5s performed Macbeth in front of a huge audience at the Kenneth More Theatre in Ilford. It was a spellbinding event - our children stole the show with their confident delivery. Thank you to Ms Ouellette and Ms Smith for providing this amazing opportunity for our pupils. There was a repeat performance in school today for visitors from local primary schools and our Year 4 children and we plan to share our pupils' talents again in the very near future.



A group of our pupil librarians were invited to meet Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho, at a World Book Day event organised by Newham Libraries. This was a really interesting insight into the process of writing, as well as a great opportunity to hear a published author read his own work. We hope that this inspired our children to see the ideas that pop into their heads as potential stories that they can unravel.

BBC's Newsround filmed the event and interviewed some Godwin pupils - we will let you know when it is due to be broadcast.

Important Dates

Monday 11th - Friday 15th March

Year 5 Bikeability lessons

Friday 15th March

Comic Relief

Reluctant Readers Workshop

Friday 22nd March

Wear it Wild Day for WWF

Thursday 28th March

Last day before the Easter Holiday

NO NUT OR SESAME PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Please never send food containing nuts or sesame to school with your child. This includes lunches for educational visits and after-school snacks.

The only acceptable snacks for break time or before clubs are fresh fruit and vegetables. Please do not allow your child to bring other items.

World Book Day

Everyone had tons of fun on Thursday, celebrating all the wonderful books we love. We were thrilled to see so many creative costumes! Thank you to everyone who dressed up. Don't forget to spend your £1 book voucher! In Monday's assembly, we'll reveal the winners of our costume competition.



Godwin's Tin Tower for Comic Relief

**COMIC
RELIEF**



On Red Nose Day (Friday 15th March) we will be creating a tower made from tins of donated food! How high can we go?

These tins will be donated to our local foodbank, supporting families in need in our community. Please donate whatever you can.



BIG BATTERY HUNT

*If we win, we get money
to upgrade the playground!*



Deadline: Wednesday 12th June 2024

If we collect the most batteries per student (on average) we will win **£3,500** for our school playground.

The Big Plastic Count

We are inviting the whole school to participate in The Big Plastic Count next week. Together, we can build even more evidence about what happens to our plastic waste to help put a stop to the plastic crisis.

In 2022, The Big Plastic Count showed that nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic are thrown away in the UK each year, with hardly any of it recycled.

From Monday morning until Sunday evening, count as you throw! Simply mark every piece of plastic package as you throw it away on the Let's Count Tally Sheet.



WEAR IT WILD

GET FIERCE FOR YOUR WORLD

15 LIFE ON LAND



Year 4 is leading a charity event in support of the World Wildlife Fund. On Friday 22nd March, They encourage the whole school to dress in animal-inspired outfits. This could be a whole costume or simply an animal-print item of clothing.

14 LIFE BELOW WATER



Bring £1 if you can to donate to this worthwhile charity.

On Track Writing Competition

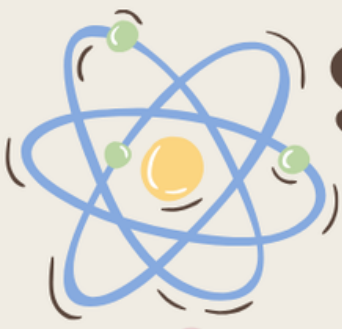
This week our winner is Abaan from 3J, who has considered what a train passenger might see happening in our playground:



I see children playing football each second. They climb on the climbing frame every day and I see people score goals and celebrate. I see people talking together but using nice words. I also see people laughing with joy. They don't fight.

Thank you Abaan for your lovely idea! Please make sure you send in more entries next week for a chance to win.





SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION



The British Science Week 2024 poster competition is open now!

The theme this year is 'Time', – there are loads of STEM topics to explore!

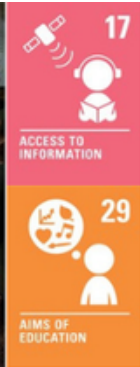
You could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. What about going futuristic and show us how you think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature: lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation.

Nature is full of timely topics!

Posters must be submitted to class teachers by Wednesday 20th March 2024. Please write your name and class on the back of your submission.

See a full list of prizes and rules here:
<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>





World Book Day, initiated by UNESCO on 23 April 1995, celebrates books and reading globally. In the UK, it's typically observed on the first Thursday of March. Investing 10 daily minutes in reading can significantly impact future success and is enjoyable for everyone. World Book Day encourages reading for pleasure, collaborating with authors, illustrators, publishers, bookshops and libraries to promote this cause. This week's activities align with UNCRRC articles 17 (access to information from the media), 29 (goals of education) and 31 (leisure, play, and culture), emphasising children's rights to reliable information, holistic education and participation in cultural and artistic activities.



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).



This week we feature mental health support from the Mental Health Foundation: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

“Say something positive and you’ll see something positive.”
Jim Thompson

Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	98%
3Z	96%
3Y	89%
3J	98%
4K	96%
4B	90%
4I	99%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5V	94%
5O	91%
5T	95%
6W	93%
6K	96%
6M	91%
average	94%

for the week
beginning
Monday 26th
February



Coming to school regularly is important for your child's future. Parents and Carers are responsible for making sure their child receives full-time education. We do not authorise children being picked up early for parents, carers or sibling appointments. Parents and Carers need to make arrangements in advance if they are unable to pick their child up from school at the end of the day. It is impossible for children to catch up on the learning that they miss. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in this matter.

Should you require some support, Premier Education operate an after school club that is open daily until 5:45pm. <https://www.premier-education.com/>
Click on the tab at the top that says Parents, click on Extra Curricular Clubs, type in Godwin to find our school and complete your details.

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 4I on 99% attendance last week. Fantastic!



Punctuality Cup

3Y and 5V won the cup this week with every learner on time each day.





Achievement Awards

3Y - Yusuf: for considering his choices

3J - Amelle: for choosing to fully participate in all World Book Day activities

3K - Yousuf: for considering his choices and being a role model to his peers

3Z - Elver: for considering her choices in her learning this week

4K - Harrison: for persevering with his spelling to improve the quality of his writing

4I - Bariyah: for always working well with others and being a collaborative learning partner

4B - Masud: for persevering in his reading and spelling this week

5O - Ayah: for incredible perseverance in all areas of the curriculum

5V - Hanna: for collaborating well during DT lessons

5T - Hafsa: for persevering in English while writing the introduction to an investigative report

6W - Theia: for evaluating her learning in English

6K - Fabio: for persevering in Maths

6M - Aleesa: for evaluating her writing and making it better



Godwin Junior School 2023-24



School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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Godwin Junior School 2024-25



School Holiday	Bank Holiday	Pupil Day	INSET Day
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Total:

- Autumn Term: 75 Staff Days
- Spring Term: 60 Staff Days
- Summer Term: 60 Staff Days
- Grand Total: 195 Staff Days

- Autumn Term: 72 Pupil Days
- Spring Term: 58 Pupil Days
- Summer Term: 60 Pupil Days
- Grand Total: 190 Pupil Days