



Godwin Newsletter - 24th February 2023

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

At Godwin Junior School, we are committed to listening to our pupils' opinions and using these to shape the decisions that we make. Article 12 of the UNCRC states that "Children have the right to have their views taken seriously."

One of the many ways in which we do this is through our annual pupil survey which asks children exactly the same questions which OFSTED will ask when they visit.

We were so pleased to receive such positive responses across the full range of questions. The vast majority of pupils told us that they enjoy school (97%) and enjoy learning here (98%). Furthermore, 98% said teachers give them challenging work in most or all lessons and all felt that their teachers helped them to do their best. This links to article 29 which states that the goals of education must include developing children's abilities to the full.

96% of pupils stated that their teachers listen to what they have to say in lessons and they have adults they can talk to if they are worried. 99% of children feel safe in school most or all of the time. Article 24 states that "Children have the right to the best possible health." 95% of our pupils felt that the school encourages them to look after both their physical and mental health.

We can now ask these same questions each Autumn, using the initial responses to monitor any changes in the way children at Godwin feel.

When administering the survey, we needed to consider our safeguarding responsibilities to each and every child. When a pupil tells us that they don't feel safe, or cannot speak to an adult about their worries, it is important that we investigate and respond in order to improve that child's situation. Follow-up conversations took place where necessary.

We all really enjoyed Culture Day, especially seeing all the creative ways that children represented the cultures and places important to them.

We are so blessed at Godwin to be part of such a vibrant multicultural community.

Please enjoy this small selection of photographs from today.





CAKE SALE

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH – 3:25PM

**All proceeds go towards the DEC
Turkey – Syria Earthquake Appeal.**

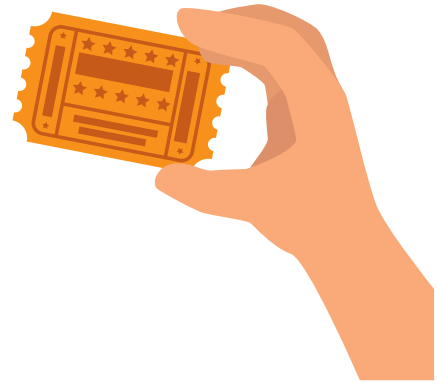


Home-made and shop-bought cakes welcome

- **no nuts or sesame please**
- **please list ingredients for homemade items**
- **tins/containers to be labelled with name so that we may return them**

Raffle Winners

Raffle tickets were drawn this morning so we are pleased to announce the names of our winners:



- £150 Westfield Voucher **Alilah 5M**
- Tote bag of children's books **Nusayb 6W**
- £30 Amazon Voucher **Stanley 4K**
- Set of 4 bone china mugs **Karo 4T**
- Set of Mary Poppins books **Inayah 4T**
- Set of The Royal Rabbits of London books **Anastasia 5V**
- Large tin of Quality Street **Ms Jones**
- Baylis and Harding gift set **Rusne 3Z**
- Paint by numbers set **Shihab 3Z**
- Lynx toiletry set **Megan 6B**
- Horse construction craft set **Hasveer 3Z**

Prizes can be collected from the school office.

Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets. Through UNICEF, the money will help many people in need.



Next week we will be able to announce the total amount raised.

Future Writers' Competition

This week our winner is Fred from 3I with his idea for a book about taking care of nature.

NAME Fred CLASS 3I
BOOK TITLE Nature is alive



IF YOU WERE WRITING A BOOK, WHAT WOULD IT BE ABOUT?

DRAW THE FRONT COVER IN THE BOX ON THE LEFT.



Mindfulness Corner

Every Friday 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 Mind:

<http://www.mind.org.uk>

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you." *Walt Whitman*



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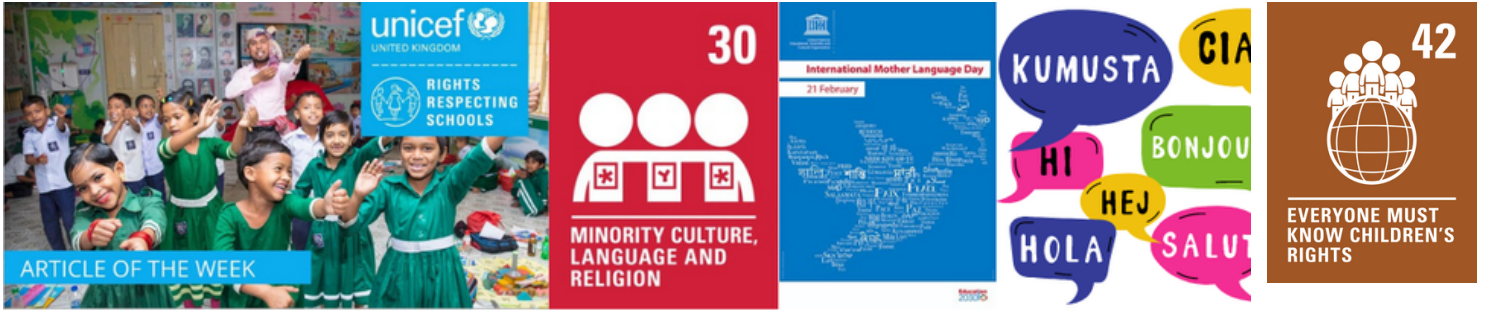
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Exciting meals can be quick, fun, easy and cheap to cook with our FREE (ingredients included), flexible, home based short courses.

To register: <https://bagsoftaste.org/students/>

Article of the Week



On *World Mother Language Day, February 21*, we celebrate the diversity of world languages. It honours mother tongue, the language that we learn from our parents and family. It is important to recognise the importance of maintaining your mother tongue. *Article 30* of the UNCRRC sets out that children have the right to use their own language, culture, and religion.

Can you create a poster, a short movie, or a fact file on your mother tongue or a language you want to learn to commemorate *International Mother Language Day*? Perhaps you can also teach your friends basic terms and phrases in your own language?



The entry criteria are:

a. The subject of the portrait should be an adult who is linked to your school. This could be a **teacher, Head Teacher or member of the support staff etc**

b. The portrait may be created in any medium – e.g. felt tips, oil pastel, charcoal, pencil, paint, coloured pencils

WINNERS will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Creativity (originality and how much the piece of art stands out)
- Skill and technique (use of colour, texture, materials and mark making)
- Detail (presentation, correct proportions, clear lines and shapes)
- Each portrait will be judged according to the age of the pupil and one winner will be selected from each year group.

Sky Arts and their team on Portrait Artist of the Year will select their favourites to appear on the channel.

Entries to be submitted to Miss Taylor (4T) by Friday 3rd March 2023

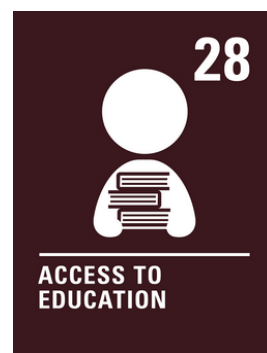


Punctuality and Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3B	94%
3I	97%
3K	97%
3Z	94%
4Z	90%
4K	99%
4T	91%
4Y	87%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5M	85%
5J	89%
5V	95%
6O	88%
6K	95%
6B	89%
6W	95%
total	93%

for the week
beginning 6th
February



Congratulations to 4K who achieved 99% attendance last school week! Well done also to the children in 3I and 3K. We need to see improvement in other classes. For further NHS guidance on when children *should* miss school, click [here](#).

Whole school attendance for the entire school year so far is 92.8%. Please help us to meet our target of 96%.

3B and 4Y won the punctuality cup with everyone on time all week. Fantastic!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are:

3Z and 5M

Congratulations!





Achievement Awards

3B – Zahara: for persevering in her learning and embracing her mistakes

3K – Ivor: for persevering and working very hard in maths and English lessons

3I – Etta: for articulating her ideas well during class discussions

3Z – Rusne: for excellent collaboration with her learning partner

4K – Aasiya: for collaborating with her peers and sharing her ideas across all subjects

4T – Saxon: for consistently considering his choices and being a class role model

4Y – Eddi: for always persevering in her class work and considering her learning

4Z – Saoirse: for articulating her ideas in maths

5J – Manraj: for choosing to be a good learner during lesson time

5M – Iggy: for displaying curiosity in science and producing a fantastic piece of work

5V – Taisa: for persevering with her English learning this week

6W - Aleena: for consistently demonstrating all of the learning powers

6O - Amelia: for explaining her reasoning and developing confidence in maths

6B - Megan: for collaboration and explaining her thoughts and ideas clearly in English

6K - Furio: for consistently demonstrating all learning powers