



# Godwin Newsletter - 13th October 2023

preparing pupils for lifelong success



## Head Teacher's Message



Congratulations to the Year 4 pupils who represented us so proudly in a 10-pin bowling competition this week. We were placed third overall and Isabel was the highest scoring player in the entire competition!



Well done to the Year 5 and 6 girls who played in a Newham-wide football tournament yesterday. They were fifth out of all of the schools competing.

Article 29 Education must develop children's talents.

# 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 embracing mistakes. This is more than simply acknowledging that mistakes are inevitable - it is an understanding that mistakes are fantastic for learning and that we should welcome them. How can this be true?

1. Learners who make mistakes are being challenged – this is the best way to improve. It is natural to have misconceptions or to struggle when the skills and information in a lesson are new or tricky. Because of this, we praise those who have made progress and worked through mistakes as opposed to praising perfection.
2. Aiming to make zero mistakes and perform flawlessly is sometimes called 'performance mode'. This is great for tests, whether it's times tables, GCSEs or a ballet exam, but being stuck in performance mode over long periods of time can cause stress and anxiety.
3. If a classroom or home is a safe, pro-mistake environment, children feel empowered to take risks and attempt more strenuous learning. These children actually learn more quickly than those who are held back by a desire to be impeccable.

This week, pay attention to your own reactions when your children make mistakes. Are you worried, annoyed or frazzled? What about when you make mistakes yourself? Consider challenging yourself to greet mistakes with positivity – you might be glad you did.

CELEBRATE  
your mistakes  
it means  
you're  
Learning



# BAKE SALE

THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER  
3.25PM @ SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

HELP THE SCHOOL RAISE FUNDS FOR  
SPRING BULBS AND CLASS READING BOOKS

## See you there!

HOMEMADE AND SHOP BOUGHT CAKES WELCOME  
DROP OFF: WEDNESDAY 18TH @ 8.45AM & 3.25PM &  
THURSDAY 19TH @ 8.45AM

PLEASE LABEL ANY CONTAINERS  
LIST INGREDIENTS  
NO NUTS/SESAME

People  
Powered  
Places

The **21 October -  
12 November**  
**BIG**  
**Vote**

Godwin Junior School recently applied for funding through People Powered Places for our project 'Godwin Wellbeing for All'.

We are happy to say that we have been shortlisted!

The next stage is now the voting phase, where anyone who lives, learns or works in Forest Gate or Maryland will vote for their favourite proposal. We hope you will take a look at our project details (<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/ideas/godwin-wellbeing-for-all>) and consider voting for us.

Our wellbeing-focused project would include the creation of a large, brightly coloured mural by local artist and illustrator Angry Dan ([www.angrydan.com](http://www.angrydan.com)) and the use of poetry to engage both children and adults on issues surrounding mental health. This will run in tandem with the installation of a mature bush fruit orchard and enhanced herb garden located near the back entrance of the school and onto Godwin Road, providing healthy produce, sensory and uplifting planting for wellbeing and volunteering opportunities.

Here's what to know about the Big Vote: Voting will be open from the **21st of October to the 12th November** - both in person and online:

**In person:** The in-person event will take place at **Stratford Library on Saturday 21st October**, with Forest Gate and Maryland scheduled between 13.30 and 15.30.

**Online:** residents can use Newham Co-create (<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/peoplepoweredforestgate?hasAccess=true>) to vote for their favourite project.



# My BIG Idea

Saturday 28th October • East Ham Library



## FREE family & children workshop day

⊙ Junk modelling, LEGO play activities, Virtual Reality (VR), a children's showcase, AND a goody bag of creative activities to continue the fun at home!

When: Saturday 28th October 2023, 10am – 4pm

Where: East Ham Library, 328 Barking Rd, London, E6 2RT

**Scan the QR code for your FREE ticket**



# OCTOBER HALF TERM PROGRAMME



Join us this half term for free activities in the parks for children and young people. This half term we will be based in our Multiuse Games Areas (MUGA's) across 5 parks. As part of our activity programme we want to hear your thoughts on how these great spaces could be improved. So come down and chat to us and try a variety of sports including Football, Basketball, Handball, Baseball/Softball, Cricket, Netball and Tennis! We will also be running fun mini activities for little ones, including: Mini Tennis, Mini Kickers and Mini Yoga!

Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

11am-12pm - 3-5 years 12pm-2pm - 5-11 years 2pm-4pm - 12-16 years

- **Central Park**, High Street South, E6 6ET
- **Plashet Park**, Plashet Grove, E6 1BT
- **Plaistow Park**, Balaam Street, E13 0PE
- **Canning Town Rec**, FreeMasons Rd, E16 3PB
- **Little Ilford Park**, Church Road, E12 6HB



To book: [tinyurl.com/OctoberHTactivity](https://tinyurl.com/OctoberHTactivity)  
For more information:  
[sports@activenewham.org](mailto:sports@activenewham.org)  
or **07741 293506**

**WE ARE  
NEWHAM.**

name: Rita class: 5V

**Book Title** LOTTIE BROOKS'S TOTALLY DISASTROUS SCHOOL TRIP  
**Author** KATIE KIRBY  
**Illustrator** KATIE KIRBY

Genre (tick as many as apply to your book)  
 fiction  scary  animal story  
 non-fiction  fairy tale  biography  
 fantasy  adventure  historical  
 humour  sports  mystery  
 other Diary

**Plot**  
 Event 1 It is the summer holidays Lottie is happy. Camp Firefly joins Year 3 she is nervous.  
 Event 2 Lottie goes camping she likes it and she gets annoyed.  
 Event 3 Lottie goes camping she likes it and she gets annoyed.

**Setting**  
 Picture of the setting:

**Character**  
 Name: LOTTIE  
 Personality: Sassy, funny, and dramatic  
 Physical Appearance: red hairband  
 How I feel about this character and why: I always laugh at this character when she is being sunny, sassy or dramatic

**Cause and Effect** of one of the events in the book  
 Cause: LOTTIE IS IN YR 3  
 Effect: SHE GOES ON A YR 3 TRIP TO CAMP

**My Star Rating**  
 ★★★★★  
 Why I rated the book 5 stars: I would never choose any other book than this one. book and laugh!

This book made me feel happy because when I was down I read this

draw how you felt:

# Weekly Reading Competition

This week's winners are Abaan in Year 3 and Rita in Year 5. Well done!

Next week will be the final one for this competition.

name: Abaan class: 3J

**Book Title:** A Very Strange Barn  
**Author:** Lisa and Mandy  
**Fiction or Non-fiction:** Fiction  
**Who would you recommend the book to? Why?**  
I'd give this book 5 stars because it's very interesting.

**What is the book about?**  
This book is about a colorful look with a smile in it.

**Book Illustration**

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**Can you write three facts you have learnt or three things you have learnt about one of the characters?**  
 1. Dash is a white pony  
 2. Hector is a rat.  
 3. Tulky is a bird.

**Congratulations!**

## Football Tickets

On Saturday 11th November, Leyton Orient will play Oxford United.

Thanks to a scheme set up by the club, Godwin has 50 tickets to sell to our school community. Half the proceeds will go to the football club and the other half to school funds.

Adults = £15      Children = £5



If you would like to purchase some tickets, please click this link:  
<https://www.eticketing.co.uk/leytonorient/EDP/Event/Index/200?position=14>

# BRICKS 4 BOOKS

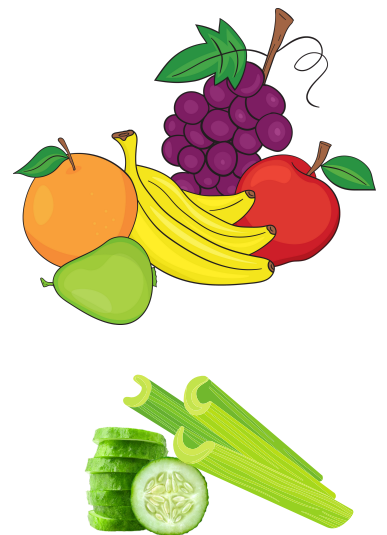
Your child can join scores of other Godwin Junior School pupils and leave their mark on our school for years to come. By sponsoring a brick for £2.50, they will help to fund the purchase of new sets of class reading books. Each sponsor can choose any brick they like on our library graffiti wall, painting their name on for future generations to see!

Simply send your child with £2.50 on any Friday, and they will be collected from class during the day to complete their masterpiece.

## Snacks

The only snacks which are permitted at break time are fresh fruit and vegetables. Please do not send your child with crackers, crisps, biscuits or chocolate. Additionally, children must not share their food as they may be unaware of a classmate's allergies. Because we have pupils with such severe allergies, our school is nut and sesame free.

Thank you for your understanding and your help to keep all our pupils safe and healthy.



## Food Drive

St Mark's Church on Lorne Road runs a well-established Food Bank, providing support to those in need across the Forest Gate Community. From now until half term, you can donate non-perishable food items at our school gates. These donations will go a long way in helping to feed those who may be struggling to put food on the table. Thank you in advance for your generosity!







*Articles 2 (non-discrimination) and 30 (minority or indigenous culture).*

*Black History Month is celebrated in October to honour key figures and events in Black history. Celebrations began in the USA and have been celebrated in the UK since 1987. The focus is on recognising the history and contributions of people with African or Caribbean heritage.*



*Each year has a different theme; for example, in 2021, it was about recognising daily contributions; the 2023 theme is 'Saluting Our Sisters'*

*Our School Council are running a poster/poem competition for the whole school. Create a poster or poem about a black female figure who has had an impact on your daily life or on society. Deadline: 31/10/2023. Hand in your completed work to your teacher for collection.*

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

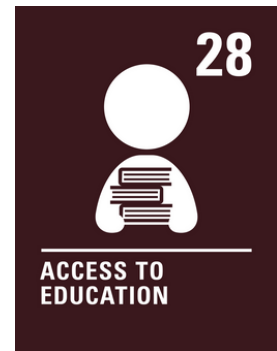
*"In a gentle way, you can shake the world." Mahatma Gandhi*

# Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	96%
3Z	96%
3Y	94%
3J	96%
4K	95%
4B	93%
4I	90%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5V	93%
5O	88%
5T	94%
6W	93%
6K	99%
6M	89%
average	94%

for the week  
beginning  
Monday 2nd  
October



## Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 6K on 99% attendance!

In many classes, attendance is below our target of 96%. Please help your child to be here every day so they can learn.



## Punctuality Cup

3Z, 3J, 5O and 6W all won the cup this week with every learner on time each day.

Congratulations to them!



## Times Table

### Rock Stars

4I and 6W take the trophies this week.

Keep it up!



## Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are  
3Y, 3J and 6K

Congratulations!





# Achievement Awards

3Y - Dhyan: for persevering in Maths and beginning to join his letters

3J - Adam: for persevering with his learning even when it gets challenging

3K - Rose: for being a curious learner and including similes in her writing

3Z - Romelle: for excellent collaboration with his learning partner

4K - Jarvis: for persevering with his Maths learning and challenging himself

4I - Juana: for persevering with her learning and always trying her best

4B - Minha: for embracing her mistakes and working hard this week

5O - Karo: for showing continued perseverance across all areas of learning

5V - Charlotte: for demonstrating all of the learning powers and being an excellent role model

5T - Uzayer: for considering his choices, listening to instructions and working with more independence.

6M - Stanley: for his perseverance with producing a fantastic biography

6W - Bilal: for persevering to understand long multiplication in maths

6K - Persephone: for excellent curiosity in Maths this week



# Godwin Junior School 2023-24

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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AUGUST 2024						
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