



Godwin Newsletter - 16th December 2022

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

It was lovely to see so many of our Year 5 and 6 parents and carers for today's performances. Events such as this bring our school community together and provide opportunities for our children to show you the skills that they have been developing. We look forward to seeing our Year 3 and 4 families on Tuesday.

Just a reminder of term dates for this year: the last day of this term is Wednesday 21st December - we finish at normal time. Godwin re-opens to pupils on Monday 9th January. The calendar for the whole school year is contained within today's newsletter and also on the school website: <https://www.godwin.newham.sch.uk/term-dates>. On our last day of the term our children will be enjoying a Christmas lunch menu and are very welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/headband etc to get into a festive mood!

As you know, school budgets are under unprecedented strain. At Godwin we are committed to providing opportunities to enrich children's education and ensure that they have experiences which they might not receive at other schools; examples of this are: specialist teachers for music, French, computing, art and DT; provision beyond the National Curriculum delivered by specialist tutors for chess in Y5 and gardening and outdoor learning in Years 3 and 4; educational visits and visitors to enhance our curriculum delivery; a heavily-subsidised residential visit in Year 6. Without a PTA to help fundraise it is becoming increasingly difficult to afford all of this additional provision which makes Godwin unique. In the new year we will be trying desperately to raise additional funds to enable us to continue with this. If you have ideas about how you can help us, please do email the school - we would love to utilise the expertise and talents of our community to benefit our children.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas holiday and a very happy new year.

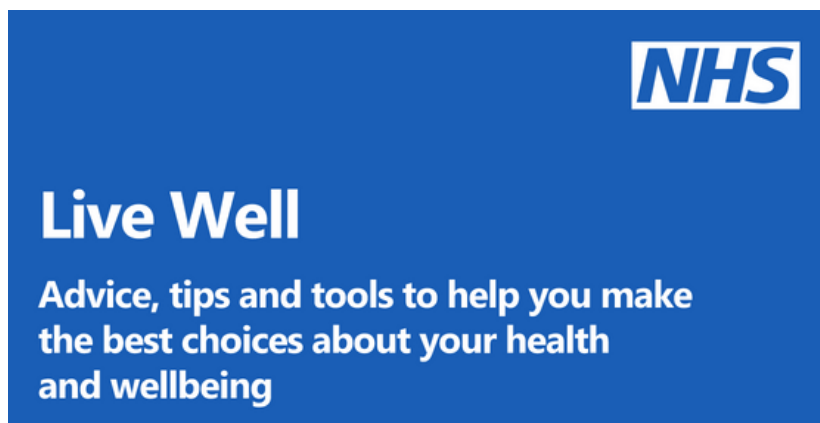
Spring Term After-School

Clubs: Places Available

I'm delighted to say that every child got their first choice of clubs for the spring term. We have places still available in a number of after-school clubs:

- Environment Club (Mondays)
- Chess Club (Mondays)
- Archery and Fencing (Mondays)
- Years 5/6 Football Club (Wednesdays)
- News Club (Wednesdays)
- Gymnastics (Thursdays)
- Cookery (Fridays)
- Basketball Club (Fridays)
- Street Dance (Fridays)

If your child is interested in one of these, please email us at info@godwin.newham.sch.uk to secure a place.



NHS

Live Well

Advice, tips and tools to help you make the best choices about your health and wellbeing



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. Nobody wants their child to miss out on learning unnecessarily. Luckily, the NHS website has advice about a range of different ailments, which you can read [here](#).

If your child does need to be away from school, we would ask you to please keep us informed by emailing info@godwin.newham.sch.uk or calling the school office that morning.

Thank you.

What is Oracy?

The term 'oracy' was first coined in the 1960s and is the ability to express oneself fluently and grammatically in speech. This area of children's development has traditionally been ignored by educational institutions, with efforts being made nationally in the last few decades to redress the issue.



How are oracy skills developed at Godwin?

High-profile public-speaking events give children an opportunity to think through their speech, considering aspects of their communication such as word order, speed, volume, intonation and body language. Some good examples of this are the Christmas performances and our annual poetry slam in the summer. In both cases, children are guided to improve their oracy and given plenty of time to practice, setting them up for success. This year, we will also be running a public speaking competition in the spring term, where pupils can choose a famous speech to recite.

However, one-off events of this nature can only do so much. We believe that oracy is a thread which must be woven through the whole curriculum in order for children to truly reap the benefits.

Oracy Within Lessons



Children regularly choose new 'talk partners' to sit next to in class. This means that teachers can pose questions to the whole class and then give them time to discuss the answer with their partner. This helps to develop oracy skills in a number of ways.

Rehearsing their answers in this way gives children the chance to practice incorporating newly-learnt vocabulary and to ensure their response is coherent. It also means teachers can choose anyone to answer without putting children on the spot. This avoids a situation where only those feeling confident enough to raise a hand are asked to participate in the discussion.

Additionally, we use the ABCs (agree, build & challenge) to guide whole-class discussions and create understanding of how to challenge a person's point of view without attacking the person themselves.

"I like learning with my friends. Having a talk partner helps me because I can chat to them about my ideas and we help each other. It's easier than talking in front of the whole class." *Amy (Year 3)*

"At Godwin, I have learnt the rules for having a good discussion. It's good that we have talk partners so we can practice sharing our ideas." *Jace (Year 5)*



"I am excited about the play because I'm a narrator. Being on stage is a bit scary but fun too. I've already learnt my lines and I feel really proud." *Eva (Year 3)*

Christmas Performances

Years 5 and 6 performed beautifully today! Performances for Years 3 and 4 will be next Tuesday:

Tuesday 20th December

9:10 - 9:30 - 4T

1:50 - 2:10 - 3B

9:40 - 10:00 - 4K

2:15 - 2:35 - 3I

10:10 - 10:30 - 4Y

2:40 - 3:00 - 3K

11:10 - 11:30 - 4Z

3:05 - 3:25 - 3Z



Please come and join us for a mince pie and some festive cheer whilst you support your child!

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



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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES

Forest Gate Library, Woodgrange Rd, London E7 0QH

For more information contact the Forest Gate Neighbourhood team on 020 3373 0856 or email CN.Forestgate@newham.gov.uk

Saturday 17th December

Christmas movie time 12.30-2.15pm

Come and watch a classic holiday film that will get you in the holiday spirit. 'The Grinch' (2018) All welcome.

Sunday 18th December

Christmas movie time 12.30-2.15pm

Come and watch a classic holiday film that will get you in the holiday spirit. 'Home alone' All welcome.

Christmas Fun Time 2-3.45pm

Family time with board games and puzzles, come and join Christmas activities for all ages.

Monday 19th December

Christmas Bingo 11:00-12:00

Fun family bingo session with Christmas prizes to win. All welcome.

Christmas Arts and Crafts 3-5pm

Make and decorate paper chains to adorn the library. Let's try and create the world's biggest! All welcome.

Tuesday 20th December

Christmas Rhyme Time 11-12pm

'Mog's Christmas'. Join us for storytelling and a sing along with a fun simple craft activity session for ages 5 and under.

Table Tennis for kids 2-4pm

All welcome

Christmas Fun Time 4-6pm

Family time with board games and puzzles, come and join Christmas activities for all ages.

Wednesday 21st December

Colouring & cross words for children 10-11am

Come and join our morning activity where you can use your imagination to create the most colourful Christmas arts. All welcome.

Christmas LEGO 1.30-3.30pm

Prize for most festive creation!

Join us and use your imagination to see what you can build at our Lego Club. All welcome.

Christmas Fun Time 4-6pm

Come and enjoy various physical activities, such as Polo, sumo fight and more. Fun for all the family. Over 6 years old.

Thursday 22nd December

Rhyme-time & Christmas Fun 10-11am

Join us for a storytelling and sing along with a fun simple craft activity session for ages 5 and under.

Console Club 4-5pm

Come & play on the Nintendo Switch. Age 7+.

Friday 23rd December

Christmas Cards 11am-12.30pm

Make and decorate a card to give to someone special. All ages.

Family Table-Tennis 1-4pm

Table Tennis for all. All welcome.

Christmas Karaoke 4-5pm

Come and sing Christmas songs (any language is welcome). All welcome

Saturday 24th December

Max out your card 12am-12.30pm

Winners will be notified by either a phone call or an email. Please make sure we have your current contact details. All welcome.

Family Christmas Movie time 12.30-2.15pm

Come and watch a classic holiday film that will get you into the Christmas spirit. All welcome.

Due to limited spaces, please arrive early to avoid disappointment. Adults are asked to stay and supervise any children under the age of 8 years at events and activities. All activities are free.

EasyFundraising



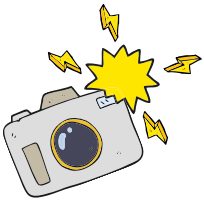
Please consider raising funds for the school when you shop online. Just go through the Easyfundraising website or App and we'll receive a % of your spend as a free donation. Best of all, this will cost you nothing.

One parent has already raised £102 this year. Imagine what we could do if everyone took part!!

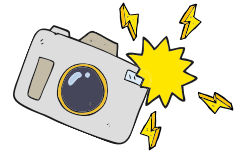
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofgodwinpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e1

We use this money for enrichment activities such as educational visits and special guests, so every penny benefits the children directly.





Get Caught Reading



Thank you for the many entries this week! Our winners are Lily from 4Y and Minha from 3Z who enjoyed some stories in the snow.



This was our final week of 'Get Caught Reading'. Look out for details of our next competition in future editions of the newsletter.

Article of the Week



The government provides *free school meals* for many children (depending on where you live). Discuss why you think the government does this - link your discussion to articles 26 (the right to benefit from social security) and 27 (the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development). Does it link with other rights too? During the pandemic, footballer Marcus Rashford campaigned for the UK government to provide support for families over holiday periods. Find out more about this campaign.

What are the basic things that every child needs in order to have a good standard of living?

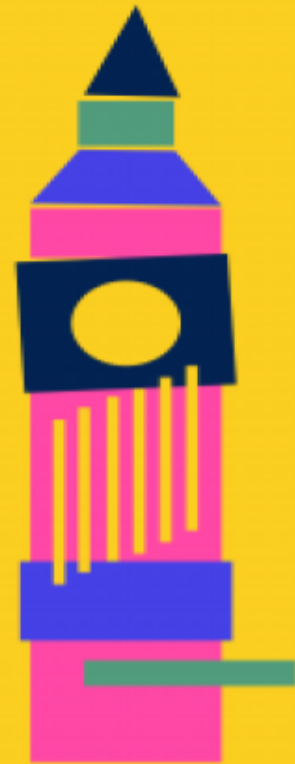
Build

Your

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Ms Valle will collate the entries for Godwin and submit them. Please send them to her by:

Monday 23rd January 2022

Looking for something fun to do over the holidays? UK Parliament would like YOU to design your own tower.

Win a VIP trip to the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye* and a voucher for a family tour of the Elizabeth Tower.

Construct your own tower, inspired by the Elizabeth Tower. You can use *any medium* you like – matchsticks, building blocks, clay, Minecraft, or even cake!

The competition is open to UK residents aged 7-12. There are 4 categories: individuals aged 7-9; groups (of up to 5) aged 7-9; individuals aged 10-12; or groups (of up to 5) aged 10-12.

[Enter now!](#)

**The winners day is planned for 21st April 2023 and is non-transferable.*

WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



AND FOOD PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.



Visit [www.newham.gov.uk/
winteractivities](http://www.newham.gov.uk/winteractivities)

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Well Done!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners
are:

3I, 4T and 6W

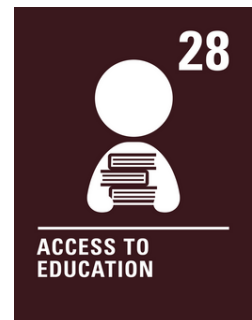
Congratulations!

Punctuality Cup

This week's winners are:

4T and 6K

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 Mind:

[click here](#)

"Not all storms come to disrupt your life. Some
come to clear your path."

Paulo Coelho

THE BIG BATTERY HUNT IS BACK!



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Start collecting your
AAA, AA, C and D
batteries!
Great prizes to win!

Only collect these batteries:

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HEALTH,
WATER, FOOD,
ENVIRONMENT

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AIMS OF
EDUCATION

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ACTION



AAA



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C



D



Achievement Awards

3B – Zayan M: for working well collaboratively and considering his choices

3K – Zoe: for collaborating and projecting her voice during rehearsals

3I – Liam: for articulating his ideas well during class discussions

3Z – Harvey: for considering his choices and working hard on his learning behaviour

4K – Uzayer: for considering his choices and persevering with his learning

4T – Alex: for showing perseverance and embracing mistakes in English

4Y – Cecily: for persevering in all aspects of her learning

4Z – Ridwan: for collaborating well with his learning partner in mathematics

5J – Persephone: for choosing to approach all she does with complete commitment and enthusiasm

5M – Ella: for demonstrating perseverance in gymnastics

5V – Alfie: for collaborating and persevering to do his best during our performance

6B – Tiana: for collaborating with others and using her acting skills to enhance the class performance

6K – Madalina: for collaborating with her peers and supporting them with their learning

6O – Adela: for displaying all learning powers and having a positive mindset

6W – Maysha: for persevering to learn her lines for the Christmas performance



Forest Gate

COMMUNITY GARDEN

136 EARLHAM GROVE, E7 9AS

MINCE
PIES
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

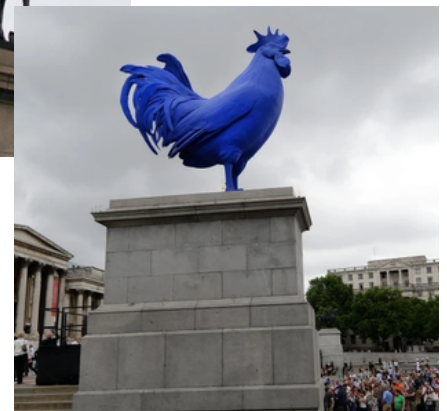
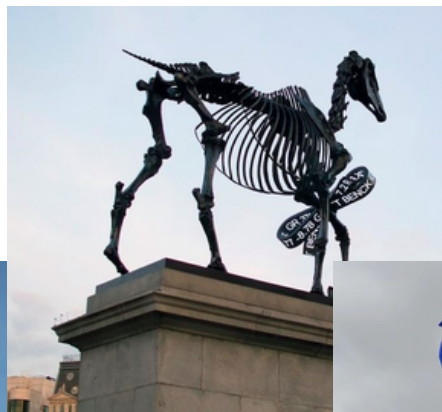
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Fourth Plinth Schools Awards 2023



Feeling artistic? Design an artwork inspired by the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square, and you could win a national prize! Entries can be in all art forms including drawing, painting, sculpture, collage and digital designs. Entries must be handed to Ms Taylor by 10th March 2023.



Term Dates



Godwin Junior School 2022-23



School Holiday	Bank Holiday	Pupil Day	INSET Day
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