



# Godwin Newsletter - 24th January 2025

preparing pupils for lifelong success



## Head Teacher's Message

Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils took part in drama workshops provided by Showkids this week. The sessions were incredibly engaging and our children benefitted hugely from them. We know how important it is to develop children's confidence and their ability to project their voices, as well as to provide them with opportunities such as these to perform. Next week sees The Globe Theatre company help our Year 5 children immerse themselves in the Shakespearean world of Macbeth - we know they will revel in this fantastic experience. UNCRC Article 31.

As part of our close relationship with our local outstanding secondary school, our Year 5 classes have been benefitting from the specialist drama and science facilities and teaching at Forest Gate Community School. This on-going link also saw us welcome former pupils back to Godwin for their Work Experience placements. It really was lovely to see the confident, helpful young people they have become and hear their reflections about how Godwin helped them on this journey. UNCRC Article 29.

Next week sees half of our Year 6 pupils head off on their residential visit to Fairplay House. This is always a memorable three days, in which our children cement existing friendships and forge new ones, as they develop the Learning Powers of Collaboration and Perseverance. We wish them a superb time and thank our dedicated staff for giving up their free-time to make this happen. UNCRC Article 31.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Fifty graphic novels were added to our library this week, all thanks to purchases made at our recent book fair. We really appreciate this support; our pupils are already enjoying the books!



## Important Dates

Please note that Parent/Carer Conferences for most classes will take place on Monday 10th February and Wednesday 12th February.



The exception is 3Z, whose conferences will be on Monday 3rd and Monday 10th of February.

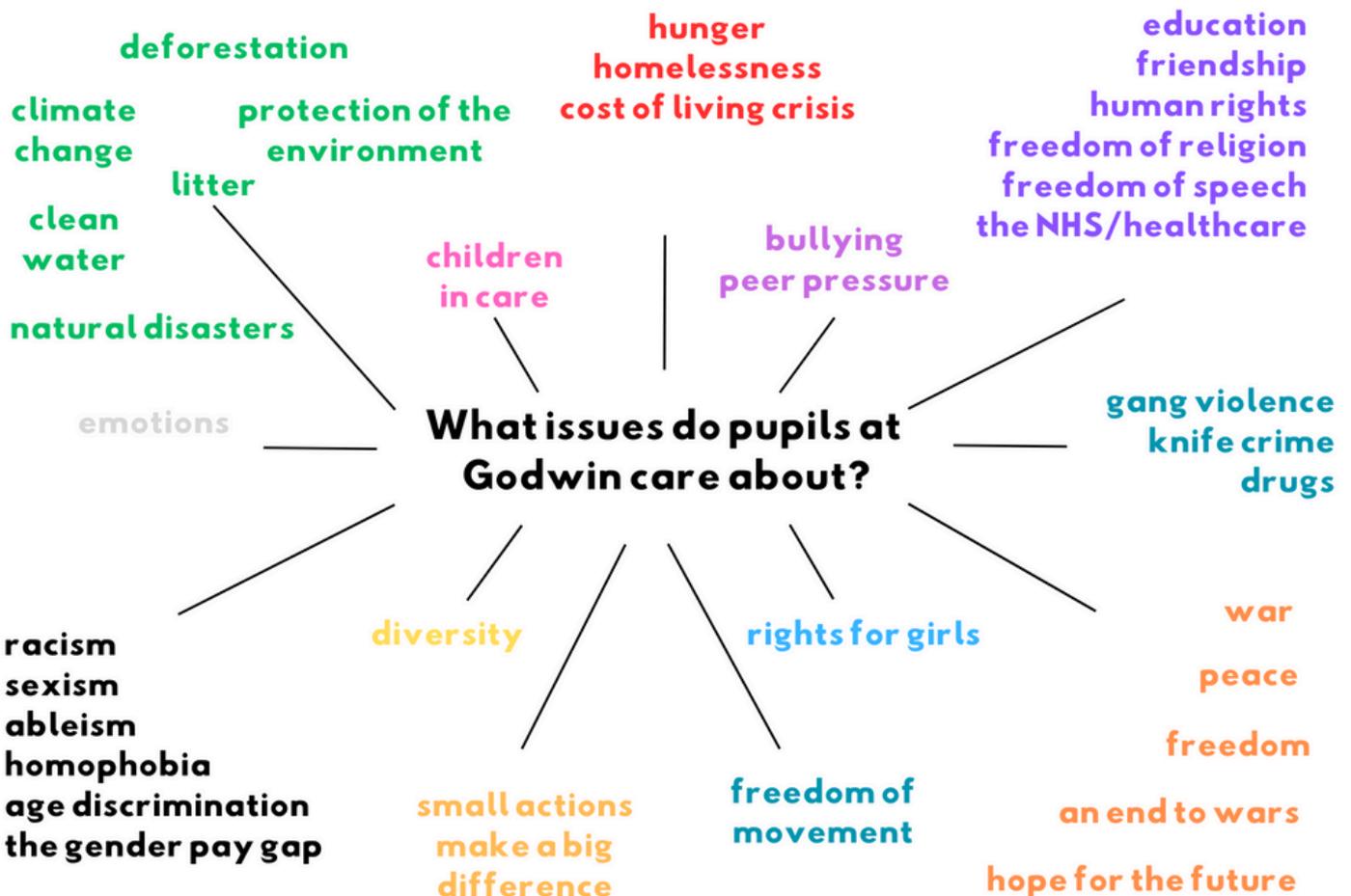
More details will be shared nearer the time.

# Raised Voices 2025

This week, pupils studied a number of famous speeches in preparation for Godwin's annual competition, 'Raised Voices'.

This year, we are asking them to compose their own speech on an issue which they care about. Our pupils are active global citizens who are informed and passionate about the world around them. The diagram below shows the issues which children in a recent focus group shared with Ms Smith.

Pupils will write their speeches and hone their performances in class next week. Everyone will have the chance to address their year group, with just a few selected for the whole-school final. We can't wait to hear them!



# Join the Big Garden Birdwatch 2025!



From 24–26 January 2025, spend one hour counting birds in your garden, balcony or local park. Record the highest number of each species you see, then submit your results online by 23 February at [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch).

Your participation helps monitor bird populations, supporting conservation efforts and global goals like SDG 15: Life on Land. It's also a fantastic way to connect children with nature, promoting their Article 29 rights to learn about how they can protect the environment.

Join the conversation using #BigGardenBirdWatch and play your part in protecting wildlife!



# Meet your Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)



Hi!

My name is **Mona Rahman**  
I am the EMHP at Godwin. I  
will be here every  
Wednesday!



## ABOUT MY ROLE:

Supporting children and families to  
look after their own emotional  
wellbeing

## AT GODWIN, I WILL BE:

- Working with parents 1-1 or in groups
- Delivering wellbeing workshops
- Supporting staff training
- Working with children in class

Please speak to Ms J Ince for more  
info

## FUN FACTS ABOUT ME!

### I ENJOY....

COOKING AND TRYING NEW  
FOOD



PHOTOGRAPHY

EXPLORING NEW PLACES



# WELLBEING PARENT WORKSHOPS 2025



**Delivered by Wellbeing in Newham Schools (WINS) Team**

- Workshops will focus on how you can support your child's wellbeing
- A space to learn about wellbeing, to discuss and chat with other parents/carers
- Ask Godwin's Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) any questions!

**ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF GODWIN JUNIOR SCHOOL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!**

## **DATES & TOPICS:**

- **5th March** - What is good wellbeing? Introduction to WINS
- **19th March** - Building positive relationships with my child
- **2nd April** - Supporting my child with Exam Stress (Year 5/6)
- **23rd April** - Managing my child's behaviour at home
- **7th May** - Managing my child's anxieties at home
- **21st May** - What is parental self care?

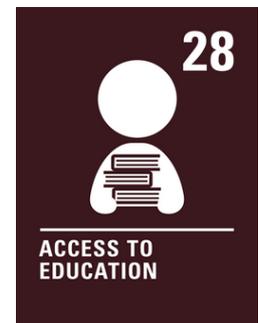
**WEDNESDAYS - 9:10am to 10am  
with MONA RAHMAN**

For more information, please see Ms Ince or  
email: [inclusion@godwin.newham.sch.uk](mailto:inclusion@godwin.newham.sch.uk)

# Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	98%	5V	96%
3Z	94%	5I	99%
3M	95%	5W	93%
3J	99%	6K	92%
4K	92%	6M	91%
4T	97%	6O	89%
4Y	96%	average	95%

This attendance data is for the week beginning 13th January.



**At the moment, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 95.6%. Please help us to reach our target of 96%.**

## Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 3K, 3J, 4T, 4Y, 5V and 5I for meeting or exceeding the whole-school attendance target of 96%. Keep it up!



## Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 6O, who had no late marks last week.



## Times Table

### Rock Stars

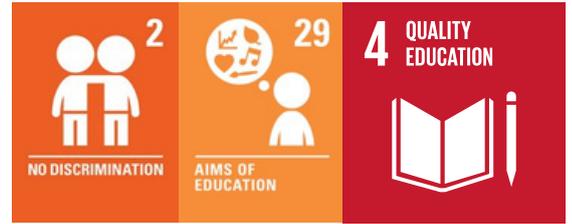
3K and 6M take the trophies this week. Keep it up!



## Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 3J and 6M. Well done!





## What is LGBTQ+ History Month?

Every February, we celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month in the UK. It was started in 2005 by teachers Sue Sanders and Paul Patrick to make schools a welcoming place for everyone, no matter their gender identity or who they love.



Why Celebrate? This month helps us learn about the rights and histories of LGBTQ+ people, teaching us the importance of treating everyone with respect and kindness. Celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month reminds us of two important rights: **Article 2** (Non-discrimination) from the UNCRF says every child should be treated equally, and **Article 29** (Education Goals) teaches us to respect others' rights and freedoms, as well as **SDG 4**, which is a goal that aims to ensure all children can access quality education.

By celebrating this month, we learn to be kind and include everyone at our school, making it a happier place for all!



## 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/>

“The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on.” - Julia Alvarez





# Achievement Awards

3K - Eliza: for persevering in maths when questions are challenging

3J - Clementine: for persevering with all the learning tasks she is given in order to produce results she can be proud of

3M - Dorian: for choosing to follow instructions promptly and for being a curious learner

3Z - Rumaisa: for collaborating well with her peers during PSHE lessons

4Y - Sonia: for persevering to include description in her writing

4T - Milou: for carefully considering choices and showing great perseverance when writing

4K - Ivy: for being a good role model for all learning powers

5W - Maryam T: for persevering to improve her writing

5V - Amy: for always making excellent choices and being a fabulous role model

5I - Ahmad: for making the right choices to help his learning all week

6O - Inayah: for always evaluating herself as a learner and being a good role model to her peers

6M - Fahim: for his perseverance when working with fractions and percentages in maths booster sessions

6K - Oliver: for amazing perseverance in his writing this week





# Godwin Junior School 2024-25



School Holiday	Bank Holiday	INSET Day
	Pupil Day	

SEPTEMBER 2024							OCTOBER 2024							NOVEMBER 2024							DECEMBER 2024						
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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

- 72 Pupil Days
- 58 Pupil Days
- 60 Pupil Days
- 190 Pupil Days

# Godwin Junior School 2025-26

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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