

Head Teacher's Message

With only two days left to go of the Autumn term, there is still so much learning going on! As well as their usual subjects, the children have been busily rehearsing their music, songs and assemblies ready to share with you on Monday or Tuesday (please see schedule on a following page below)

We know how much the children are looking forward to performing and also how much parents and carers want to come in and enjoy seeing their children on stage. Even since last week's newsletter, the incidences of Coronavirus cases are rising rapidly. We have thought through very carefully each of the measures we can put in place to make this happen, whilst reducing as much as possible the potential for transmission of Covid 19.

Please help us to ensure that the performances can go ahead as planned.

- The assemblies will take place in the sports hall (which is double-height), with all **doors and windows wide open**.
- We have scheduled the assemblies so that **each class performs**

completely separately

- We have limited the audience to a **maximum of two people per child**. Please do not ask us to make exceptions.
 - All seating will be socially distant including from the stage.

• Please **wear a mask**

• Please **take a lateral flow test** at home before attending.

Safety is at the forefront of all decisions that we take; I am confident that with the measures we have put in place we are minimising the potential for transmission of Covid-19.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping everyone in our school community as safe as possible.

Best wishes for the weekend

Attendance

Our average attendance since the beginning of the school year is: 92.4% which is lower than last week.

This is obviously significantly way below our target attendance of 97%.

Please help us to improve on this percentage by ensuring that your child attends school regularly.



Lining Up Cup

This week's Lining Up Cup winners are: 3K and 5J. Congratulations to all these classes!



Get Caught Reading Competition

This week's Get Caught Reading Competition winners are Sylvester (6Z) & Andreea (3D) whose prizes are a book of their choice!





UNCRC Article 29: Every Child has the right to an education which develops their talents.

Parent/Carer Assemblies

We can only accommodate a maximum of 2 guests per pupil to

each class performance and ask that attending adults take a Lateral Flow test the morning of the assembly and wear a mask when in school.



Monday 20th December

9:15am - 3Q 9:45am - 3K 10:15am - 3D 10:45am - 3M 11:15am - 5Y 1:55pm - 5J 2:25pm - 5T 2:55pm - 5M



Tuesday 21st December – Parent/Carer Assemblies



9:15am - 6B 9:45am - 6C 10:15am - 6Z 10:45am - 6W 11:15am - 4V 1:55pm - 4I 2:25pm - 4M 2:55pm - 4K



Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 21st December

Wear a Christmas jumper for the day as we enjoy our school Christmas lunch together!



Christmas Holiday

The last day of term is Tuesday 21st December, school will finish at normal time. The first day back for pupils is Thursday 6th January 2022.



Hamper Raffle

Tickets £1.00 for strip of 5 tickets (Available at the parent/carer assemblies)

Lots of lovely hampers to be won! Proceeds to educational visits.



Thank you!

Godwin staff want to say a huge thank you to Morrisons supermarket who this week surprised us with some lovely chocolates treats! It was a very kind gesture and greatly appreciated.

Food Bank Collection

There is still opportunity to donate to our collection of items for the Food Bank – Usual items welcome... tins, packets, toiletries, household products. Please place in the red bins at the gates by end of school Monday. Thank you!



<u>Mayor of London</u>

This week the Mayor of London sent thanks to all Godwin pupils who took part in the competition to design his Christmas card. He also sent a special Highly Commended certificate to Ella (4I) for her entry to the competition!

Sports Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received certificates today in assembly for the inter-class sports competition – Beatrice, Arsalan, Mihran, Antonio, Taif, Abu-Dujana, Rhea, Denikel, Nevaeh, Muneeb, Junior, Tamim, Leslie, Leo, Yazel, Elwood.

Special class commendation to – 3Q, 5T & 6B.



Achievement Awards

3M – Karo for embracing mistakes to help her learn.

3D – Sherwin for making excellent progress on his target to consider choices.

3K – Aliza for persevering in her learning.

3Q – Yunus for always trying his best and considering his choices.

4I –Altion for displaying an enthusiastic attitude towards his learning and trying his best.

4K – Alilah for persevering and reflecting on her performance whilst practising for the Christmas show.

4M – Beau for showing perseverance whilst performing his role in the Christmas show.

4V – Suraya for persevering and putting her all into our class dance.

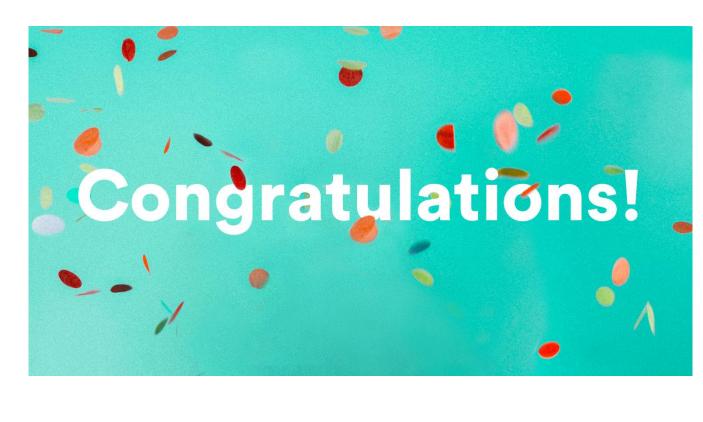
6B – Aryaan for impressive collaboration and sportsmanship during the Year 6 PE competition.

6C – Elizabeth for collaborating well with her peers in all aspects of school life.

6W – Zuzanna for persevering with the editing process to improve her writing.

6Z – Forest for being an excellent role model.

6Z – Zarif for his commitment to doing his best during Assessment week.



Godwin Stars

The following pupils have been awarded this term's Godwin Stars for their efforts and achievements this term.





Adela - 5Y Ahnaf – 3M Aida – 3K Alicia – 4I Amanah – 5J Arsalan – 6Z Ashley - 4M Ayaan – 3M Ayan – 4K Azizah – 4M Bing – 4V Borislav - 4I Braccha - 3Q Chanel – 6Z Dominykas – 6C Eloise - 4I Esme – 6B Faatimah – 5T Fahima – 4M Furio – 5J Gabriela - 5J Harpreet - 5T Humera – 4K Isaac – 5Y Isabelle – 5T Ishaq - 4V Isla – 6B Jannatul – 4V Kayden – 5M Marlon – 6Z Mihran – 3K Olivia – 6W Penelope – 3Q Rocky - 5T Safa – 3D Sandev - 3M Saoirse – 3K Sarah – 3Q Shazfa - 3D Taniya – 6W Tasin – 6B Yusuf - 3D Zayan – 5Y





Hot Chocolate Friday

Thank you to all who supported our Hot Chocolate Fridays. Last week we made a fantastic profit of £102.00 All money raised goes towards educational visits.



Bags of Joy

We are delighted to inform you that, in partnership with St. Mark's Church, 110 'Bags of Joy' were given out in the local community last Saturday. Those who received the bags were amazed to receive such a lovely free gift from the church and school – and there were definitely lots of smiles! Thank you to everyone who donated – you have brought 'joy' to others at this special time of year!



Christmas Holiday Club

Newham Council is offering free places at holiday clubs during the Christmas holiday primarily for children aged 4 – 16 who are eligible for or in receipt of free school meals. Go to www.newham.gov.uk/haf

to access up to date information about the programme.

HOLIDAY CLUB



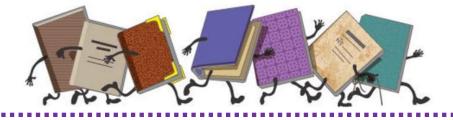
Book Wish List

We know how important reading is to children's development. Enhancing our selection of books and creating a library that our children can be proud of is a labour of love for us. Our aim is for all of our pupils to see themselves reflected and celebrated in the texts we choose, with stories and non-fiction to interest everyone.

However, school budgets often mean we are unable to buy all of the books we'd like.

If you are able to support the school's vision statements of Valuing Everyone and Instilling a Love of Learning, you can buy books from our wishlist here: <u>https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists+(All+Schools)=Godwin+</u> <u>Junior+School</u>

Acts of kindness such as this make a huge difference and enable us to provide our pupils with the resources and opportunities they deserve.



<u>Mindfulness Corner</u> This week we feature: THE SAMARITANS

https://www.samaritans.org/



<u>"Not all storms come to disrupt your life. Some come to clear your path."</u> <u>Paulo Coelho</u>

(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).

Covid-19

As transmission of the virus remain high, it is imperative that we all follow government guidelines as a minimum.

Please see:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-homeguidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possiblecoronavirus-covid-19-infection

for the latest information on what you need to do if some-one in your household has symptoms.

Part of the current guidance is below (this is subject to updates):

Even if you are vaccinated, you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others. If you are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 but you are not required to self-isolate, you can help protect others by following the <u>guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread</u>.

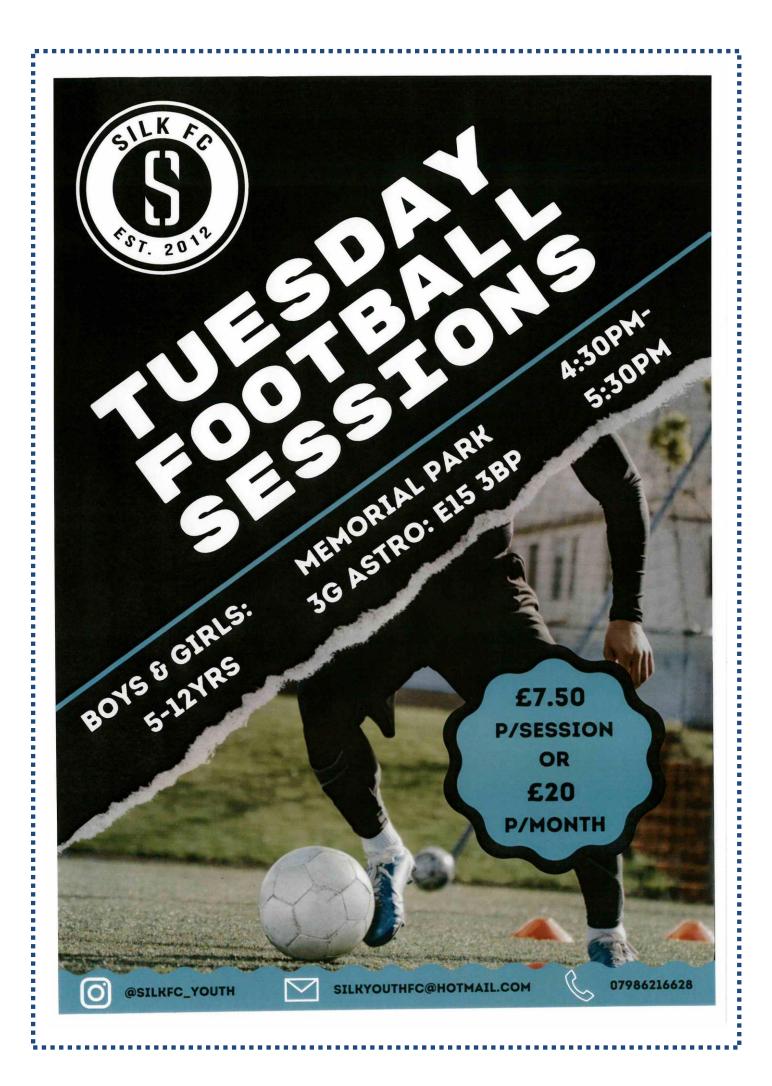
As well as getting a PCR test, you should:

- limit close contact with other people outside your household, especially in crowded or enclosed spaces – consider taking an LFD test beforehand if you do need to be in close contact with others
- wear a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing
- limit contact with anyone who has an underlying health condition that puts them at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19 – consider taking an LFD test beforehand if you do need to meet with them

This advice applies while the person in your household with COVID-19 is self-isolating.

Taking an LFD test before meeting with others can help to identify whether you are infectious with COVID-19. If your LFD test result is negative, it is likely that you were not infectious at the time the test was taken. However, you should continue to follow the advice above as it is still possible that you are infected with COVID-19.







WE ARE READING.



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