

# **Godwin Newsletter 11th June 2021**

# **Head Teacher's Message**

We are very pleased to share news that the much-awaited revamp of our outside space will begin over the summer months. There are two parts to the process - firstly the local authority will replace all of the drains and pipes which run underneath the playground. We have been waiting for them to do this for a few years so it's great they are finally able to do it! The end product should mean no more huge puddles(!) and a flatter playground with a better surface to it.

Once this phase is completed, the exciting work on developing the playground can begin! The School Council were consulted in the design of the new playground pre-Covid and will be tasked once again with talking to their peers about what they currently like about the playground and what they would like to include in the new design. We feel confident that by being informed by best-practice play approaches, plus the preferences of our children, we are going to have something that will appeal to all of our children with space for formal and informal games and socialising. A large proportion of the funding for the playground is coming from our PE and Sports Premium Grant; the stated aims of which were considered in the redesign.

These include:

- providing targeted activities or support to involve and encourage the least active children
- encouraging active play during break times and lunchtimes
  As ever, we will be depending on our wider school community for your support in our efforts. If you would like to contribute any of your ideas, please email them to: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk and please note that we will start a fundraising drive in support of the redevelopment in the new academic year on which we'll need your help!

This links to Article 31 of the UNCRC: Every child has the right to relax and play.



#### Ice Pop Tuesdays/Fridays

As the weather is now set to be warm for the next few weeks we have suspended Hot Chocolate Fridays and are delighted to announce that we will now be having TWO Ice Pop days every week!!!!

Ice Pop Tuesdays AND Ice Pop Fridays

50p for 2 ice pops.

(All money raised will go towards the Year 6 end of year events)







## **School Mugs**

We still have a few Godwin Mugs - £5.00 each available. Don't miss out on your chance to own a Godwin mug. 'When they're gone, they're gone'.



To buy a mug, put £5.00 in an envelope with your name and class on the front, deliver it to the school office and we will get your lovely mug containing hot chocolate sachet and marshmallows(halal) to you!

They make a lovely gift for someone special or just a cosy treat for you!

(All proceeds towards Year 6 end of term events).

# Thank you!

Thank you to all who have supported our recent fundraising events – to date you have helped us to raise over £1000!

This is truly amazing and will go a long way to supporting our Year 6 pupils end of year summer events. Already, we have been able to secure places for them to go to Adventure Island, Southend with door-to-door transport.

We will be having more fundraising over the next few weeks – thank you in advance for your continued support.

Supporting UNCRC Article 31 'Every child has the right to relax and enjoy a wider range of activities'.

#### Warm Weather Advice

As the weather is now significantly warmer it is very important for every child to bring a water bottle to school to access during the day. Staying hydrated helps towards a more effective learning experience.

Also, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for school, cool, loose clothing is best, but please no skimpy shorts, spaghetti strap tops or flip flops.

A sun hat is another item your child can wear when out in the playground to help protect them from the summer sun.



## Refugee Week Book

World Refugee Day is 20<sup>th</sup> June, celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

We will be reading some beautiful picture books about the difficulties faced by refugees and using them as inspiration for class poems. These poems will become a book with proceeds going to Care4Calais, the charity that our School Council selected.

We would also like to invite children to write individual poems at home. All entries will receive a certificate and the top entries will be published as part of the book.

Entries can be written on paper and handed in at the gate or emailed to the school account (<u>info@godwin.newham.sch.uk</u>). In either case, please mark them as being for the attention of Miss Smith and ensure your child's name and class are included.

The theme of Refugee Week 2021 is "We cannot walk alone". During the pandemic, many of us felt lonely and isolated at times, and we know how difficult this can be. Your child might like to use this theme as inspiration.



#### **Achievement Awards**

- 3Q Blaze for being a curious learner in Maths.
- 3K Esa for considering his choices and concentrating on his learning.
- 3B Eden for showing great perseverance in class.
- 3M Manraj for representing fractions with a plate.
- 4I Adam for his fantastic ball control in football.
- 4V Rocky for working collaboratively and being very patient with his learning partners.
- 4T Guste for putting tremendous effort into her Maths work.
- 4B Kymani for using his imagination to find creative features in poems.
- 5K Altin for persevering in English and attempting to use a wide range of poetic devices in his writing.
- 5T Zuzanna for persevering with her Maths this week.
- 5S Shah Hussain for contributing to class discussions and showing creativity in lessons.
- 5Y Huda for consistently persevering in her class work and learning from her mistakes.
- 6Z Elijah for always going the extra mile.
- 6W Nabeel for persevering with his understanding of how to use the four operations with fractions.
- 6J Kader for choosing to participate and give 100% to everything he does.
- 6B George for outstanding contribution in Brilliant Club, demonstrating evaluation and curiosity.



# **Summer Afternoon Music**

Thursday 17th June

After school, on the patio area some of our musically talented pupils will be busking.

Bring some loose change to throw in the bucket as you pass by on your way home.

(All monies raised towards year 6 end of year events)

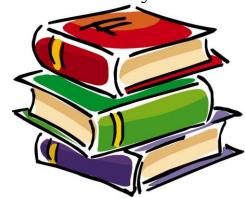


#### **Book Amnesty**

We have noticed that we have a large number of 'Godwin' library books missing.

This weekend please have a look around your house; under beds, down the side of the sofa to see if you have any school books to return.

Please bring them to school next week as we would like to restock the shelves! Thank you.



#### **Book Donations**

While you are looking for school books to return, if you have any books in good condition that your child no longer reads please donate them to the school.

Thank you!



# **Newham WORD Festival**

# 21 June - 4 July 2021

A vibrant celebration of the written and spoken word, Newham Word Festival returns for its third year in summer 2021 with events online and in person. Join poets, authors, artists, performers, musicians and more to be part of this inspiring tribute to all things word. There will be creative workshops and live art, debates and discussions, author talks and poetry breakfasts and much, much more.

Newham Word Festival proudly celebrates artists from near and far, those at the peak of their careers or those just starting out. This year some socially-distanced events will be held in venues across the borough, whilst others will be online.

Newham Word Festival is funded by Newham Council.

# For more information and event bookings please

visit www.newhamwordfestival.org



# **Covid-19 Vaccination**

This weekend (Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 June), East Ham Leisure Centre will be opening up as a walk-in vaccination centre for 18-39 year olds for those in East Ham and the wider Newham community (anyone who lives or works in Newham) from 8am-7pm. No booking required, residents simply need their NHS number.

The centre will be administering the Pfizer vaccine only. For more information, visit www.newham.gov.uk/vaccinedrive



## **Community Project Funding**

£100,000 funding is available to spend on community projects that will make local improvements in the Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood.

The Forest Gate Assembly launched last month and since then the top three priorities that have been voted on and chosen for the local area are:

- Priority 1: Public spaces and Buildings
  - Priority 2: Nature and Bio Diversity
    - Priority 3: Cleanliness and Waste
- We are looking for residents and the community to apply for funding and submit ideas for exciting projects that will help address at least one of these local priorities.
- £30,000 is available for local residents to submit project proposals and
  - £70,000 is available for Voluntary, Community and Faith sector partners to submit proposals.

All project proposals will be reviewed by your local Community Assembly Working Group. Projects which meet the spending criteria will be announced on the <a href="Newham Co-create platform">Newham Co-create platform</a> and will go forward for wider voting in the summer.

To access the funding criteria and initial application form please visit your local Community Assembly page on Newham co-create <a href="here">here</a> or pick up a copy from your local library.

# The deadline to submit an initial project proposal is 15 June 2021.

If you require assistance with using the platform or for more information about the process, please contact the Community Neighbourhood team on email CN.forestgate@newhwam.gov.uk

