



Godwin Newsletter 11th September 2020

Head Teacher's Message

It has been a really successful first week back and all of the Godwin team have been impressed with how positively the children have embraced their return to school. As you can imagine, there have been lots of new routines for us all to get used to alongside the learning which has been taking place. A huge well done to all of our pupils for such a fantastic start to the school year and a big thank you to all of our staff for making this happen.

This links to Article 29 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which states that education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

In addition to this week's Newsletter, you will also receive our half-termly Curriculum Newsletter which outlines what your child will be learning over the next few weeks. Research shows that when schools and families work in partnership children benefit immensely, so please do use this information to talk to your child about school.

As well as traditional subjects, we are also focussing on mental health and well-being. We appreciate that the last few months have been difficult and children may be anxious, feeling uncertain or find it difficult to adapt to change. Through opportunities to discuss how they are feeling and practising calming activities we aim to support them to feel better able to cope with potentially stressful situations.

Thank you for all of your recent support and best wishes for the weekend.



Update Forms

Many thanks to all who have completed and returned the Pupil Update forms this week.

If you haven't returned your form, we would ask that you do so by Monday 14th September.

The information you give helps us to keep in touch with you via email and phone and also ensures we have the correct details should we need to contact you in an emergency.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Jewellery

Just a reminder about children wearing jewellery to school. These items present a potential safety risk and cause upset if lost/broken. The only jewellery which can be worn in school are stud earrings. The one exception is if a Sikh child is wearing a Kara (bracelet). All other forms of jewellery are best kept for wearing and enjoying when not in school

This ban does not include watches, which are functional.

Reading Books

Please return all Godwin Reading books to school as soon as possible please.

Have a look over the weekend to see if you have any of our school books hiding under beds, sofas or lurking in the back of cupboards!

Thank you!



Summer Reading Challenge

There is still time to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. All Newham libraries are now open for limited browsing or for children to take away bags of books that have been selected especially for them by library staff.



Back to School

The Newham Council 'Back to School' video we advised you of earlier this week is now working properly. Please have a look at

<https://youtu.be/T94-iNbIimg>



Achievement Awards

3B – Xyion – For an excellent start at Godwin through showing great collaboration and considering her choices.

3K – Marwan – For working collaboratively with his learning.

3M – Ashley – For making great contributions to class discussions.

3Q – Uworth – For working well with his learning partner.

4B – Nayla – For persevering in her learning and being curious.

4I – Aleena – For sharing her ideas during discussions and being a curious learner.

4T – Tom – For showing perseverance through difficult tasks.

4V – Loic – For showing great collaboration by following class rules.

5K – Arif – For persevering in each lesson and setting in to year 5 very well.

5S – Aryann – For making great choices in the first week.

5T – Zaina – For considering her choices being organised and consistently reflecting on what helps them to learn.

5Y – Leslie – For consistently considering his choices in class.

6B – Yasmine – For considering choices: being respectful, thoughtful and modelling good behaviour.

6J – Zara – For being able to articulate the thoughts behind her answers.

6W – Amelie – For walking in, out and around the school sensibly.

6Z – Yusaf – For considering his choice of actions in a difficult situation.



Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

Godwin has enjoyed a long association with the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, who have provided after school drama clubs for us for several years.

Unfortunately, due to the current climate we are not able to have after school clubs on site but the Academy are able to provide online classes for Godwin children via Zoom.

The club will run for 10 weeks on Tuesdays from 5.00pm – 6.00pm and the first lesson is FREE!

The cost is £58.50.

If you are interested, please contact them on:

[07777 672284](tel:07777672284) or nlondon@helenogrady.co.uk



**HELEN O'GRADY
DRAMA ACADEMY**

Playground

In order to ensure the Health & Safety of the entire Godwin community we respectfully ask that parents/carers are mindful of supervising their younger children in the playground whilst waiting for siblings to be dismissed. We must ensure social distancing as well as make sure that no-one is knocked over by children who are running around!

The climbing frame and musical instruments cannot be used as these are on a rota for school use only due to Covid and we need to minimise the potential for cross-infection.

Thank you.

