



Godwin Newsletter - 2nd February 2024

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Important Dates

Monday 5th February

- Raised Voices - Whole School Finals

Thursday 8th February

- Coffee morning with the senior leadership team (9:00 to 9:45)

Wednesday 7th to

Friday 9th February

- Y6 Fairplay House Week 1

Friday 9th February

- last day before the half term break

Monday 19th February

- Children back at school after the half term break

Wednesday 21st to

Friday 23rd February

- Y6 Fairplay House Week 2

Head Teacher's Message

Our School Councillors have had a busy week, representing the school very eloquently to our Local Authority School Improvement Partner during her termly visit and at our annual Governors' morning. Both sets of visitors were impressed by how articulately these pupils were able to talk about how our integrated curriculum provides opportunities to consolidate learning across different subjects. They also explained how global citizenship is embedded throughout school life. Thank you to the teachers and pupils who helped to showcase everything that we do at Godwin. Another group of School Councillors met with their counterparts at Star Primary School today to look at how another UNICEF Rights Respecting School incorporates children's rights. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and we look forward to the reciprocal visit next half term.

This week also saw us host a debating competition attended by nine schools. Our teams thoughtfully discussed issues such as whether violent video games should be banned and were a credit to Godwin. Well done to everyone who participated - we eagerly await our league positions!

NO NUT OR SESAME PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Please never send food containing nuts or sesame to school with your child. This includes lunches for educational visits and after-school snacks.

The only acceptable snacks for break time or before clubs are fresh fruit and vegetables. Please do not allow your child to bring other items.



Immediately after half term, a rather sad creature will be visiting Godwin Junior School.

While we don't want to give too much away, we think we can give you a little 'taster'...

Over the week, Wolfy will learn that her voice matters, and that speaking to a trusted adult really can help 'huff and puff' the worries away.

Our work with Wolfy is our continued effort to support children's mental health and recognises our very own 'Godwin Junior Children's Mental Health Week 19th-25th Feb 2024'.

At the end of the week, look out for Wolfy's gift to all pupils - huffing and puffing worries away to a trusted adult really does make you feel as light as a balloon!...





JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP

BOYS &
GIRLS

5-15

Years Old

Venue

Stratford Park

West Ham Lane, Stratford, E15 4PT

Valentine's Park

Holcombe Road, Ilford, IG1 4XE

Action packed holiday camps
with team challenges, tennis
skills, games and prizes.

All equipment is provided, no
prior experience necessary.

9.00am - 11.30am

*Times may vary so please check the website

13 - 16 February

£17.50 per day



nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/london
hello@nationaltennis.org.uk

Fantastic Foxes Writing Competition

This week we have three winners! Firstly, Rose from Year 3 won with a beautiful story. Melisa from Year 4 and Hanna from Year 5 also won, with very different opinions on the presence of our foxes.

Hanna sent eleven entries this week, all part of a letter campaign to the foxes, asking them to move and fining them for pooing in the playground. Here is one of the letters:

Dear Fox Family,

I urge you to leave. Haven't you had enough of the noisy children whilst you're sleeping? Then go next door, it's a simple answer. If you're worried about the move, don't be because it will be fine. If you mind children being loud then move to our neighbour's garden.

P.S. Please put the £60 for the fine on Ms Brown's desk.

Yours sincerely,

Hanna - 5V



Melisa thinks very differently:

Dear Foxes,

You have the right to be in our playground. It's not only our playground, it's everybody's. As in our UNCRC articles, everybody is equal, even animals like you. Dear fox families, I'm sorry that some people say that you are bad and disgusting. Even when you poop everywhere, it's still fine. You are the animals that live here and we have no right to hurt you and take your home away from you.

You have very fluffy tails and your fur feels nice.

From Melisa - 4I

Fantastic Foxes Writing Competition

How the Foxes Found Their Food

One day, Mummy Beaver (called Alice) was making breakfast. "Rose Fox! Hyla Fox! Breakfast time!" called Alice Beaver.

"Coming!" said Rose Fox and Hyla Fox.

"Aghhhhh!" screamed Rose Fox.

As fast as lightning, Alice Beaver ran up the stairs. "What's wrong?" asked Alice in worryment.

"Oh, hi mum. Did you just hear my scream? I'm practising for the play at school."

Mum went down the stairs crossly and opened the oven to see that the breakfast had been burned! Hyla and Rose appeared on the stairs. "You have burned our breakfast." screamed mum.

"Oh," said Rose, "Can't we just buy some more?"

"The shops are closed because it's the weekend."

Meanwhile, Daddy Fox (called Tom) was at work doing his job (architect).

"Hmmm, next to Kaye Rowe Nursery is a big space. I wonder what to put there. Have any of you got ideas?"

"Daddy, Daddy! Mummy burned breakfast!" said the children.

"You must all be starving!" Daddy replied. He took a look inside the fridge but there was nothing left inside it! "Looks like we'll have to go shopping."

"But what about my screaming?" asked Rose.

"You'll have to do that when we get back," said Daddy Fox as he tied his coat buttons back up.

As quick as a flash, the family ran out of the door, straight to the market which was always open, even on weekends. "Come on, let's buy some bread and some nut butter." They went straight to the baker but they had run out of bread rolls. "Oh no!"

As the hungry creatures walked home, the hungry creatures walked past the open space by Kaye Rowe. "Ahhh! I know how we can get food!" said Rose

"How?"

"We could make a huge local garden in this space!"

"Great idea Rose Fox!"

As this joyful moment happened, they sat at the bus stop and went on the bus to a big building: Daddy's work. Daddy Fox ran inside and said, "I know what to put in that big space!"

The next day, Rose and Hyla got out of bed and went to the garden centre and had a lovely breakfast.

THE END

By Rose - 3K



Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year or the Spring Festival, is a significant Chinese cultural event determined by the lunar calendar. In 2024, it falls on 10th February.

Article 30 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) recognises the rights of children belonging to minority or indigenous groups to enjoy their own culture. Article 31 acknowledges children's rights to participate in cultural activities.



In 2024, the Chinese zodiac is the Year of the Dragon, symbolising qualities like strength and intelligence for those born in this year. These celebrations foster a sense of identity, promoting children's rights to engage in their heritage.



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 Young Minds:
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

"If you have only one smile in you, give it to the people you love."

Maya Angelou

Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	96%
3Z	92%
3Y	76%
3J	93%
4K	96%
4B	98%
4I	87%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5V	97%
5O	84%
5T	93%
6W	87%
6K	94%
6M	94%
average	91%

for the week
beginning
Monday 22nd
January



Whole school attendance for the year to date is currently 94%. This is 2% below our target. Please help us to reach our target by ensuring that your child is in school every day.

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 4B on 98% attendance last week. Fantastic!



Punctuality Cup

5T won the cup this week with every learner on time each day.



Times Table

Rock Stars

4B and 6W take the trophies this week. Keep it up!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 4B and 6K





Achievement Awards

3Y - Maysa: for persevering to include speech and similes in her writing

3J - Aishah: for using models to persevere with her own independent writing

3K - Felix: for always thinking about others and being a wonderful peer

3Z - Abdur Rahman: for persevering in his writing

4K - Idris: for beginning to challenge himself and persevering with his learning

4I - Adam: for persevering and trying his best during swimming lessons

4B - Zoe: for good collaborative working and having a positive attitude to her learning

5O - Abu-Dujana: for persevering with his persuasive letter on space exploration

5V - Aliza: for striving to be more independent and persevering in all areas of the curriculum

5T - Arslan: for excellent collaboration and explaining his reasoning in maths

6M - Iggy: for sharing his ideas articulately and respectfully during RE day

6W - Kourtney: for persevering to understand scale factors

6K - Alicia: for making fantastic progress in her independent writing and proofreading



Godwin Junior School 2023-24



School Holiday	Bank Holiday	INSET Day
Pupil Day		

SEPTEMBER 2023							OCTOBER 2023							NOVEMBER 2023							DECEMBER 2023										
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Godwin Junior School 2024-25



School Holiday	Bank Holiday	Pupil Day	INSET Day
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SEPTEMBER 2024							OCTOBER 2024							NOVEMBER 2024							DECEMBER 2024						
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18 Pupil Days							19 Pupil Days							20 Pupil Days							15 Pupil Days						
21 Staff Days							19 Staff Days							20 Staff Days							15 Staff Days						

JANUARY 2025							FEBRUARY 2025							MARCH 2025							APRIL 2025						
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MAY 2025							JUNE 2025							JULY 2025							AUGUST 2025						
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16 Pupil Days							21 Pupil Days							17 Pupil Days							16 Pupil Days						
16 Staff Days							21 Staff Days							17 Staff Days							16 Staff Days						

Total:
Autumn Term: 75 Staff Days
Spring Term: 60 Staff Days
Summer Term: 60 Staff Days
Grand Total: 195 Staff Days