

### **Godwin Newsletter - 20th October 2023** preparing pupils for lifelong success



### Head Teacher's Message

Firstly, a HUGE thank you to the Friends of Godwin, who organised yesterday's Bake Sale. It was incredibly successful, raising £392 which we will spend on bulbs for our Year 3 and Year 4 children to plant in their gardening sessions and a set of class reading books for Year 6. The remaining money will go towards a set of class reading books for Year 5. It is fantastic to have our PTA up and running again and thank you to everyone who either contributed treats to sell or bought goodies after school.

How quickly the half term has gone!

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 boys football team who demonstrated excellent collaboration and perseverance in their tournament this week. Despite the dreadful weather they had a great time!

Our Year 3 children really enjoyed presenting a taste of what they have been learning across a number of subject areas today. The gamelan performance gave them the opportunity to showcase their learning in English, science, geography and design technology as well as their work with our gamelan tutor, Mr Daryono. It was lovely to invite our Year 3 parents and carers in to watch the spectacle.

Godwin is closed for the half -term break next week. We welcome children back to school on Monday 30th October.





### **Learning Powers**

At Godwin Junior School we promote and encourage seven different learning powers: being curious, persevering, evaluating, collaborating, embracing mistakes, explaining reasoning and considering choices.

This week, we'll focus on evaluation, which is the process of looking carefully at something to figure out its strengths and weaknesses. Why should we do this?

1. Being evaluative improves your learning. It is very rare to be great at something the first time you do it. If you can look back at how you have done and find ways to improve, you will massively increasing the speed at which you progress.

2. Evaluation can help us grow as people. Everyone makes mistakes, and it is really tempting to forget about them or pretend they didn't happen. However, if you're brave enough to examine your mistakes you can make sure you avoid the problem next time.

3. Evaluation helps you notice your victories. Sometimes, you don't notice that you've been improving, because it happens little by little. It could be a change in your behaviour, confidence or learning – ask your teachers and I'm sure they've noticed a lot since September! Being evaluative can help you see these improvements and give yourself a deserved pat on the back.

So don't be afraid to evaluate yourself or your learning. Take a good look at your strengths and the things you want to improve; it could help you make some big changes!





Godwin Junior School recently applied for funding through People Powered Places for our project 'Godwin Wellbeing for All'.

We are happy to say that we have been shortlisted!

The next stage is now the voting phase, where anyone who lives, learns or works in Forest Gate or Maryland will vote for their favourite proposal. We hope you will take a look at our project details (<u>https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/ideas/godwin-wellbeing-for-all</u>) and consider voting for us.

Our wellbeing-focused project would include the creation of a large, brightly coloured mural by local artist and illustrator Angry Dan (www.angrydan.com) and the use of poetry to engage both children and adults on issues surrounding mental health. This will run in tandem with the installation of a mature bush fruit orchard and enhanced herb garden located near the back entrance of the school and onto Godwin Road, providing healthy produce, sensory and uplifting planting for wellbeing and volunteering opportunities.

Here's what to know about the Big Vote: Voting will be open from the **21st of October to the 12th November** - both in person and online:

**In person:** The in-person event will take place at **Stratford Library on Saturday 21st October**, with Forest Gate and Maryland scheduled between 13.30 and 15.30.

**Online:** residents can use Newham Co-create (<u>https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/peoplepoweredforestgate?hasAccess=true</u>) to vote for their favourite project.



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### Enter the London Mayor's Christmas Card Competition 2023

The theme this year is 'Together at Christmas'.

The card should show how the festive season can unite and highlight the sense of belonging, support and shared joy that define a welcoming community.

The winning design will be the Mayor's official Christmas card! The winner will receive a certificate, copies of the card to send to their friends and family, have their Christmas card personally signed by the Mayor and a £100 art gift voucher.

The deadline for submission is Thursday 2nd November, so please ensure all entries are in school by Thursday morning.







### Join the challenge and win big prizes!

The Mayor is asking young Londoners to join the conversation about free school meals by creating a piece of work in any medium that tells us about the value of nutritious school dinners.

The theme is:

'The best thing about school lunches is...'

Children are asked to reflect on the following questions:

- does eating school lunch provide an enjoyable moment to spend time with friends?
- does lunch at school help you to concentrate in your favourite afternoon lesson?
- does lunch at school give you energy to play your favourite sport?

The competition will close on 20 November.

### institute of imagination



# My BIG Idea

### Saturday 28th October • East Ham Library



FREE family & children workshop day
\* Junk modelling, LEGO play activities, Virtual Reality (VR), a children's showcase, AND a goody bag of creative activities to continue the fun at home!

<u>When:</u> Saturday 28th October 2023, 10am – 4pm <u>Where:</u> East Ham Library, 328 Barking Rd, London, E6 2RT

Scan the QR code for your FREE ticket







## OCTOBER HALF TERM PROGRAMME



Join us this half term for free activities in the parks for children and young people. This half term we will be based in our Multiuse Games Areas (MUGA's) across 5 parks. As part of our activity programme we want to hear your thoughts on how these great spaces could be improved. So come down and chat to us and try a variety of sports including Football, Basketball, Handball, Baseball/Softball, Cricket, Netball and Tennis! We will also be running fun mini activities for little ones, including: Mini Tennis, Mini Kickers and Mini Yoga!

Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October 11am-12pm - 3-5 years 12pm-2pm - 5-11 years 2pm-4pm - 12-16 years

- Central Park, High Street South, E6 6ET
- Plashet Park, Plashet Grove, E6 1BT
- Plaistow Park, Balaam Street, E13 0PE
- Canning Town Rec, FreeMasons Rd, E16 3PB
- Little Ilford Park, Church Road, E12 6HB



To book: tinyurl.com/OctoberHTactivity For more information: sports@activenewham.org or 07741 293506 WE ARE NEWHAM.

<u>Weekly Reading</u>	my book review PE
Competition	The Dragon snatcher (U)
This week's winners are Ishaq in Year 6 and Serenna in Year 3.	I rate this book <u>B/10</u> <u>The plot is a boy</u> <u>had a dragon and</u> <u>the dragon explained</u> <u>that some fing was</u> <u>Awrong So the boy</u>
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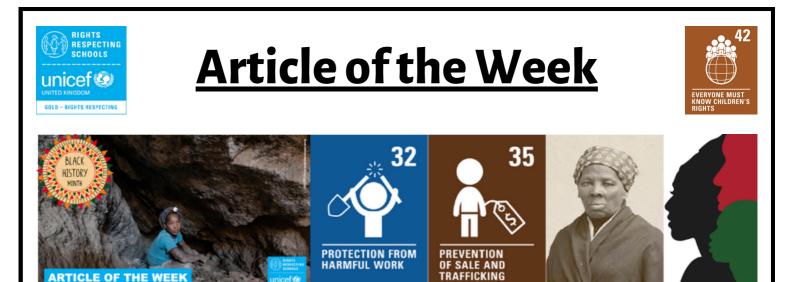
On Saturday 11th November, Leyton Orient will play Oxford United.

Thanks to a scheme set up by the club, Godwin has 50 tickets to sell to our school community. Half the proceeds will go to the football club and the other half to school funds.

Adults = £15 Children = £5

LLEYTON ORIENT

If you would like to purchase some tickets, please click this link: <u>https://www.eticketing.co.uk/leytonorient/EDP/Event/Index/200?position=14</u>



Articles 32 and 35 of the UNCRC protect children from harmful work and prevent their sale and trafficking, guarding them against slavery.

On October 18th, the UK observes Anti-Slavery Day, a time to remember those trapped in slavery worldwide. In 2021, the TLO estimated that 49.6 million people were victims of modern slavery, including 5.6 million children.

Harriet Tubman, an enslaved person from the USA, escaped in 1849 and helped over 700 others find freedom via the underground railway. She's a remarkable female figure to salute during Black History Month!



### <u>Mindfulness Corner</u>

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 Samaritans: <u>https://www.samaritans.org/</u>

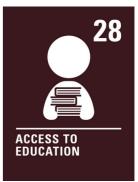
"Self-care is not selfish, you cannot serve from an empty vessel." - *Eleanor Brown* 

### Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
ЗК	100%
3Z	95%
3Y	94%
3J	92%
4K	95%
4B	92%
41	95%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5V	96%
50	93%
5T	97%
6W	90%
6K	96%
6M	93%
average	94%

for the week beginning Monday 9th October



### Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 3K on 100% attendance!

In many classes, attendance is below our target of 96%. Please help your child to be here every day so they can learn.



#### Times Table

Rock Stars

4I and 6K take the trophies this week. Keep it up!



### Punctuality Cup

3Z, 3Y and 5V all won the cup this week with every learner on time each day.

Congratulations to them!



### <u>Lining Up Cup</u>

This week's winners are 4B and 6K



**Congratulations!** 

**Achievement Awards** 

3Y - Muhammed Ahyaan: for persevering in his traditional story writing

3] - Isabel: for choosing to take part in 3]'s Gamelan performance

3K - Asala: for explaining her reasoning during a science investigation of shadows

3Z - Emily: for persevering in her Gamelan performance

4K - Ethan: for considering his choices and improving his learning behaviour

4I - Gabriel: for persevering with his reading and trying his best to complete his reading journal

4B - Freddie: for persevering in his writing this week and using inverted commas correctly in his story

50 - Laura: for demonstrating perseverance when writing her mystery story

5V - Samuel: for demonstrating incredible perseverance to improve his handwriting

5T - Shahriyar: for embracing his mistakes and persevering in Maths

6M - Ella: for demonstrating fantastic collaboration in Geography

6W - Shehreen: for always considering her choices and being an excellent role model

6K - Ashley: for persevering with reading



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