



Godwin Newsletter - 18th October 2024

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Important Dates



Tuesday 23rd October
Bring in unwanted clothes for our PTA's 'bag2school' appeal



Wednesday 23rd October
Year 3 Gamelan Performances

3K - 1:50pm

3M - 2:10pm

3J - 2:30pm

3Z - 2:50pm



Thursday 24th October at 3:40pm
Fairplay House meeting for Year 6 parents and carers

Head Teacher's Message

How quickly the Autumn Term is whizzing along!

It was lovely to see so many of you at this week's Parent/Carer Conferences. We hope that talking to your child's class teacher and looking at your child's learning was informative. If you weren't able to attend this week, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient date.

The Vaccination Team visited Godwin to administer the 'flu vaccine on Wednesday. If your child missed it this time because you hadn't completed the online form or they were absent on that day, the Team will be returning in December - more details nearer the time.

Our Year 3 children will be performing for their parents and carers on Wednesday afternoon - a gamelan experience which showcases their learning across our integrated curriculum. This is an experience that Godwin children remember for years to come, so we hope lots of family members and friends will be able to attend - please see separate email to Year 3 parents and carers.

Thank you to everyone who donated sweet treats for today's Friends of Godwin's Bake Sale - when our community comes together it is great to see what we can do! Thanks also to those who bought the cakes - money spent in a very good cause!!!

Please remember that we have one more week of learning before half-term - please see the calendar at the back of the newsletter for term dates.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Child Sickness

We would like to remind parents and carers that if a child vomits or has diarrhoea, they cannot attend school for 48 hours after the last episode of illness. This follows NHS advice ([found here](#)) and is to help prevent an infection spreading.

We appreciate that a child may look well, but in order to reduce the risk to other children, please can we ask all parents and carers to support us with this.

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!



BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



Godwin Junior School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second- hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

***The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit***

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 22nd October 2024 by 9:00am



01609 780 222



www.bag2school.com



helpdesk@bag2school.com

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Reclaiming Narratives

CALLING ALL HISTORIANS!

WE INVITE YOU TO RESEARCH AND RETELL THE NARRATIVE OF A REMARKABLE BLACK BRITISH INDIVIDUAL (PAST OR PRESENT) WHO HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY. THIS COULD BE AN ARTIST, INVENTOR, ACTIVIST, SPORTS PERSON, OR EVEN SOMEONE WHO SERVED IN THE WAR.

YOU CAN SHOWCASE YOUR RESEARCH IN ANY CREATIVE FORMAT YOU LIKE—WHETHER IT'S A STRIKING POSTER, AN INFORMATIVE FACT-FILE, AN ENGAGING VIDEO PRESENTATION. THE CHOICE IS YOURS.



THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR ENTRY
IS MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER.





Last week, a group of Year 4 pupils was invited to represent our school in a ten-pin bowling tournament at the O2.

They were excellent ambassadors for Godwin Junior School through their enthusiasm, perseverance and consideration for others.

All seven pupils received a medal and certificate for their efforts. Congratulations!



Food Drive

St Mark's Church on Lorne Road runs a well-established Food Bank, providing support to those in need across the Forest Gate Community. You can donate non-perishable food items at our school gates until next Wednesday. These donations will go a long way in helping to feed those who may be struggling to put food on the table. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	98%
3Z	98%
3M	98%
3J	95%
4K	98%
4T	95%
4Y	96%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5V	99%
5I	93%
5W	96%
6K	93%
6M	96%
6O	98%
average	96%

This attendance data is for the week beginning Monday 7th October.



So far, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 96.6%.

Thank you for your support in this.

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 5V for 99% attendance last week. Keep it up! 3K, 3Z, 3M, 3J, 4K, 5W and 6O also reached 97% attendance or above!



Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 3K, 3M, 4K, 4T and 6O, who had just one late mark each last week.



Times Table

Rock Stars

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



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 3J and 5W.



Article of the Week



Black History Month celebrates the achievements and stories of Black people around the world. This year's theme, "Reclaiming Narratives," helps us correct the past by sharing overlooked stories.

Celebrating Black History Month promotes an understanding of the right to learn about our own and others' histories (Articles 29, 30) and to enjoy cultural activities (Article 31) while ensuring everyone is treated equally (Article 2). Anti-Slavery Day on 18th October reminds us of the fight for freedom and the importance of human rights.

Ms Michael, our History Lead, is running a school-wide competition. You are invited to research and retell the story of a remarkable Black British figure who has made a significant contribution to society. You can present your work as a poster, fact file, podcast, film, or any other format. The deadline is 4th November 2024, and completed work should be handed in to your teacher for collection.



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 Good Thinking:
<https://www.good-thinking.uk/>

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

Eleanor Brown



Achievement Awards

- 3K - Brooke: for persevering in her writing and including a range of writing devices
- 3J - George: for making good choices, especially choosing to always try his very best
- 3M - Innes: for working collaboratively with his learning partner
- 3Z - Yaqub: for considering his choices in all lessons
- 4Y - Izzy: for always demonstrating the learning powers and supporting her peers
- 4T - Milou: for consistently considering her choices
- 4K - Radiah: for being a curious learner during our visit to the British Museum
- 5W - Isaac: for persevering to write an effective setting description
- 5V - Adam: for collaborating well within a group and making great word choices when writing
- 5I - Saif: for considering his choices and making the right ones for his learning
- 6O - Yaseen: for making careful evaluations to help up-level his spy story
- 6M - Sara: for articulately explaining her reasoning in RE
- 6K - Sam: for fantastic collaboration with his peers during a hockey match



Godwin Junior School 2024-25

School Holiday	Bank Holiday	Pupil Day	INSET Day

SEPTEMBER 2024							OCTOBER 2024							NOVEMBER 2024							DECEMBER 2024						
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Total: 75 Staff Days
Autumn Term: 72 Pupil Days
Spring Term: 58 Pupil Days
Summer Term: 60 Pupil Days
Grand Total: 195 Pupil Days

Godwin Junior School 2025-26



School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

SEPTEMBER 2025							OCTOBER 2025							NOVEMBER 2025							DECEMBER 2025						
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