



# Godwin Newsletter - 12th January 2024

preparing pupils for lifelong success



## Head Teacher's Message

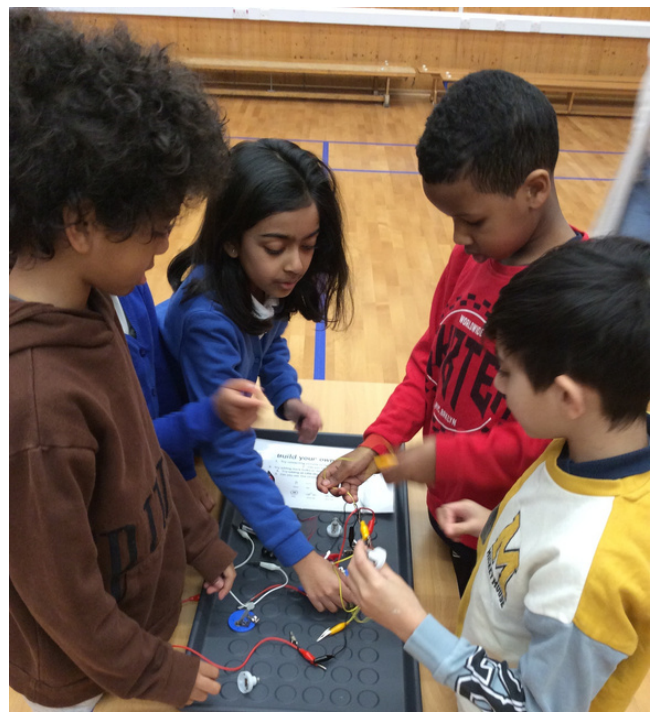
Happy New Year!

While the brief flurry of snow earlier this week caused some excitement, the children have returned to school really focussed on their learning. Year 4 had a fantastic start to their science topic of Electricity, with workshops delivered by Fab Science. Year 3's Romans day provided by Portals to the Past today was a fantastic immersion experience. We know how much our pupils gain from these opportunities to learn in different ways.

You will already have received your child's Curriculum Newsletter for this half term - we hope that this helps you to have conversations with them about their school day.

Your child will be bringing home information today about the Parent Carer Conferences, which are scheduled to take place w/c 29th January. Please let us know your preferred timeslots as soon as possible.

Best wishes for the weekend.



# Autumn Term Attendance Update

- Our whole school attendance was 94% which is 2% below the school target of 96%.
- 137 children achieved 96% and above attendance - well done!
- 83 children achieved 100% attendance - an outstanding achievement!
- Congratulations to Angela in 5V who won the 100% attendance raffle.

Please ensure your child attends school on time and every day.

## Cookery Club - Spaces Available



There are spaces available in our fantastic cookery club. The club runs every Thursday until 5pm at Forest Gate Community School. The children get the amazing opportunity to learn from a specialist teacher and always have delicious food to show for their efforts.

The cost is £55 for the whole term.

If your child is interested, please email us at [info@godwin.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@godwin.newham.sch.uk).

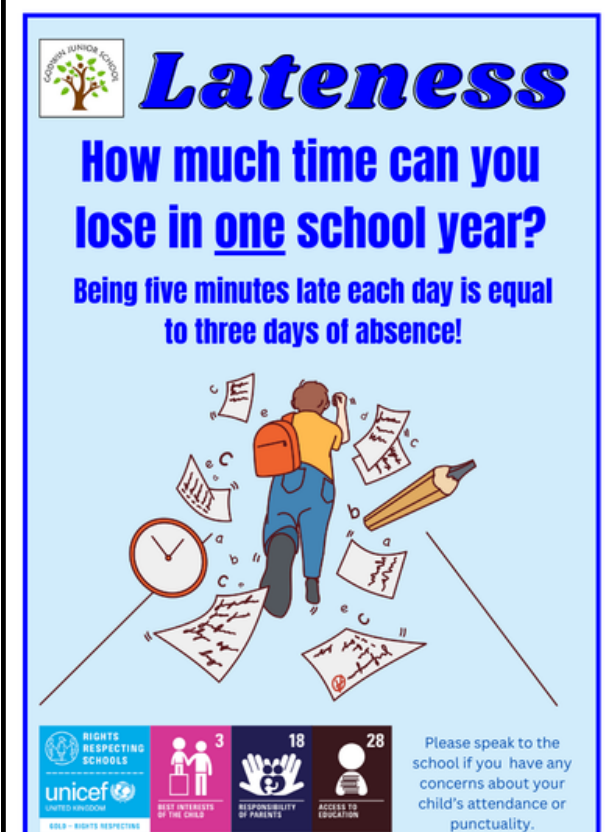
# Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality can help children later on in life. Evidence suggests that pupils who attend school more regularly achieve better outcomes than those with poor attendance (Working Together to Improve School Attendance: DfE May 2022). In addition, children may miss out on the social side of school life, affecting their ability to make and maintain friendships.

**At our school, we expect pupils to achieve 96% and above attendance and have fewer than 10 late marks across the academic year.**

To encourage good attendance, we must ensure that children want to be here: that the school is a place where they are treated with respect and feel valued; a place where their needs are recognised and are being addressed; a place where all learners experience success within a rich, relevant and inclusive curriculum.

We rely on parents and carers to work with us to remove any barriers to attendance. Please support your child by ensuring they attend every day unless they are unwell or have another authorised absence. Ensure they arrive on time every day – the school gates open at 8:45am so that children can begin their learning before the register is taken at 8:55am. Children can arrive 10 minutes before their registration times and begin their learning. Please avoid arranging medical and dental appointments in school time wherever possible, and ensure holidays are booked outside of term time.



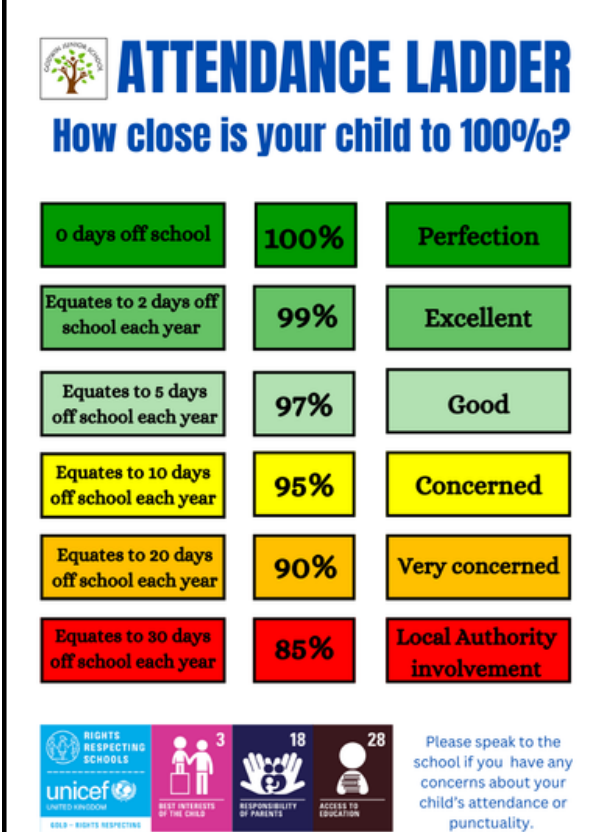
**Lateness**  
**How much time can you lose in one school year?**  
**Being five minutes late each day is equal to three days of absence!**

*(Illustration of a child with a backpack surrounded by papers, a clock, and a pencil)*

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**unicef**  
CHILD - RIGHTS RESPECTING

**3** BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD  
**18** RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS  
**28** ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Please speak to the school if you have any concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality.



**ATTENDANCE LADDER**  
**How close is your child to 100%?**

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Concerned
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Very concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Local Authority involvement

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Please speak to the school if you have any concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality.

It is important that the school celebrates excellent attendance and punctuality. We recognise this in a number of ways:

- Praising the individual pupil
- Positive comments to the family
- Recognition in weekly school celebration assemblies by issuing trophies for the best whole-class punctuality for the previous week
- Awarding 100% Attendance badges and certificates every term
- Presenting certificates to children whose attendance that term meets the school's target of 96%
- Pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for the whole year are entered into a prize draw.
- Entry in the Roll of Honour Attendance and Punctuality Book
- Providing individual pupils whose attendance is a cause for concern with weekly attendance charts to motivate them to attend school



In order to help us ensure that our children achieve the very best that they are able to, the Governing Board has agreed that all requests for holiday absence during term time will continue to be declined except in exceptional circumstances. Parents/carers who take their child out of school for this reason may be subject to a Penalty Notice, issued by the Local Authority.

The Attendance and Punctuality Policy is available on the school website.

<https://www.godwin.newham.sch.uk/policies>

# Fantastic Foxes Writing

## Competition

Our new competition is inspired by the family of foxes living in our playground. We only see glimpses of them during the day, but when the children have all gone home the playground is theirs!

Children can write a letter to the foxes, create a poem about them or even create a short story about their adventures.

Entry forms are available in every classroom and should be returned to Ms Smith when completed.

One winner will be selected each week.





## *Reflecting on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*

*The start of a new year is often a time of reflection and goal-setting. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child outlines a set of commitments made by global leaders to all children and youths worldwide. According to Article 29, education should nurture each child's unique individuality, talents, and abilities. It should also instill in them respect for human rights, their own and other cultures, their parents and the environment.*

*Why is education so crucial in fulfilling this commitment? What makes it such a critical component of this promise?*



## 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 MIND: MIND  
<http://www.mind.org.uk>

“Beauty is everywhere. You only have to look to see it.” *Bob Ross*

# Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	97%
3Z	88%
3Y	85%
3J	83%
4K	90%
4B	75%
4I	88%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5V	82%
5O	84%
5T	93%
6W	91%
6K	95%
6M	83%
average	87%

for the week  
beginning  
Monday 18th  
December



**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 3K on their 97% attendance. Fantastic!



## Punctuality Cup

5V and 5O won the cup this week with every learner on time each day.



## Times Table

### Rock Stars

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



## Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 3Y and 6K





# Achievement Awards

3Y - Gabriel: for starting the term with a positive attitude towards his work

3J - Izzy: for making superb choices that will result in a marvellous 2024

3K - Martin: for considering his choices and being such a supportive peer

3Z - Mirela: for explaining her reasoning in maths

4K - Fred: for having a positive attitude towards his learning and also persevering

4I - Ivor: for persevering in his learning all week

4B - Isaac: for working collaboratively with his peers this week

5O - Ismael: for demonstrating curiosity and collaboration while learning about space

5V - Scout: for fantastic collaboration and leadership during an orienteering session on Wanstead Flats

5T - Saxon: for consistently considering his choices and embracing his mistakes in maths

6M - Yusuf: for his perseverance in improving his handwriting

6W - Forest: for explaining his reasoning in maths

6K - Piersavio: for perseverance in maths this week





# Godwin Junior School 2023-24



School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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