



Godwin Newsletter - 20th July 2023

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

The end of the year is always a time to reflect on the school's successes and to thank those people who have contributed to them.

The first group to acknowledge are our fantastic pupils who demonstrate on a daily basis an unwavering commitment to developing Godwin's Learning Powers of Curiosity, Perseverance, Considering Choices, Collaborating, Embracing Mistakes, Evaluating and Explaining Reasoning in order to become better learners. Well done to them all for demonstrating such focus this year and giving us all lots to celebrate each week. A particular mention to our Year 6's who achieved well above the national average in their KS2 SATs:

Reading: 79%

Writing: 82%

Maths: 78%

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: 82%

Combined Reading, Writing and Maths: 69%

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated team to support our children's learning and make sure that the school runs smoothly. In every conversation that we have as a staff team it is clear that everyone is fully committed to our purpose of Preparing our Pupils for Lifelong Success and that the school vision permeates every decision that is taken. I know that you will join me in thanking them all for their incredible hard work this year.

Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support this year, which shows itself in so many ways, including your support with homework, projects, volunteering and fundraising. Thank you to our parent governors for organising and running stalls at the Woodgrange Fete and Forest Gate Festival. Thank you to Letizia, mother of Furio in Year 6, for her handicrafts which were very popular, and Ella and Mia for creating key rings to sell at these events.

We wish you all a very happy summer and will see you all on Tuesday 5th September!



An Update from Godwin's Governors

Our recent Godwin stalls at the Woodgrange Fete and Forest Gate Festival raised an incredible £500 for the school library. That's great work, especially as it was managed by just a couple of parents. With a fully functioning Parent Teacher Association (PTA)/Friends of Godwin we could achieve much more. The PTA at Woodgrange Infant School raises thousands of pounds each year. We can do the same!

There will be a meeting on Monday 18th September at 9am for parents and carers to discuss a new PTA, ideas for events etc. Please come - we need your help! Everyone is welcome; we want the PTA to be diverse and inclusive. We'll send more information nearer the time.



HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE



MONEY TOWARDS CHILDCARE

Any **one** of the following schemes...

Age

0-11

Or 16 if disabled

Get up to
£2000 per child

For working families

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Age

0-16

Claim back up
to **85%** of costs
For working families

UNIVERSAL CREDIT

Age

0-15

Or 16 if disabled

Claim back up
to **70%** of costs
For working families

TAX CREDITS



AVAILABLE IN UK

... **can** be used with

FREE HOURS OF CHILDCARE

Age

2

For families getting
**certain government
support**

15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

Age

3&4

For **all** families

15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

Age

3&4

For **working** families

30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE



AVAILABLE IN ENGLAND

For offers in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland check childcarechoices.gov.uk
Speak to your provider about any additional charges that may apply

For full details visit

childcarechoices.gov.uk

Getting childcare vouchers?
Go to GOV.UK to find out more

Reading volunteers

Are you able to spare some time to read with children who need extra support?

Reading volunteers make a huge difference to children who are not yet confident readers or who don't have an adult to regularly read with at home.

Cathy, who has been reading with our children this year, wanted to share her experience with you:

Many years ago, my local primary school appealed for adult helpers to listen to children read. Once a week I would pop around the front of the school, after seeing my own children in through the playground.

An hour of sitting listening to children read their reading book: children who, due to a variety of circumstances, did not have anyone to listen to them at home; children who stumbled through and just needed a patient, non-judgemental ear to let them make mistakes and learn to correct themselves; children who were growing in confidence and just needed the practice and encouragement to help them fly. It was an hour well spent – for them and for me.

Volunteering is always good for mental health (especially when you are home-based) and helping children can always bring a smile to your face.



I not only enjoyed it, it also allowed me to feel part of the school – always important when your own children spend so much time there. My children also directly benefitted – even now they still remember feeling proud that their mum was helping in the school (and the eldest is over 35!) and I think it helped the younger one settle in more happily.

The other benefit was – it gave me the confidence to change profession and work in schools myself! I became a mentor, then a TA and then took the plunge into university and teacher training – a career I loved!

I absolutely recommend that you give it a go – whether mum, dad, carer, grandparent or whoever. For not much outlay – perhaps just one hour a week – there is so much to gain ... and to give!

If you are able to make a regular commitment to helping Godwin children with their reading, please email us and we will be in touch: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT MONEY?

Do you know if you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to?

Do you have any questions about benefits that you are currently receiving?

Our Newham Money is Newham Council's financial wellbeing service and we are working in partnership with East London NHS Foundation Trust to provide free, confidential help and support to maximise your income.

We will check to see if you are getting all the help you are entitled to and resolve any outstanding benefit issues.

Our friendly knowledgeable team are ready to help with any queries in confidence.

**Thursdays PM (1:00pm-5:00pm)
Fridays AM (9:00am-1:00pm)**

West Ham Medical Centre
84 West Ham Lane
London
E15 4PT

To book an appointment: - Please scan the QR code or click on the link below and complete the referral form and we will then contact you to confirm an appointment time.

www.ournewhammoney.co.uk/nhs-referral



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WE ARE NEWHAM.

WE NEED YOU!



As you can imagine, school budgets are very squeezed but at Godwin we firmly believe in providing a rich learning experience with lots of opportunities to make our curriculum 'come alive'. We desperately need to raise additional funding to ensure that we can continue to do this.

We would love to have an active PTA, with people giving as much or as little time as they are able to. Please don't feel that you need to make a huge commitment – many hands make light work and everything makes a difference.

Could you help with:

- selling cakes?
- designing fliers?
- selling raffle tickets?
- asking for raffle prize donations?



All help would be greatly appreciated – our children deserve the very best and we want to give it to them! Please join us on Monday 18th September for cake and a conversation about how we can work together for our children.



School Food Matters have been massive supporters of our garden, providing us with a grant which aided in its recent transformation.

They exist to teach children about food and to improve children's access to healthy, sustainable food during their time at school. They provide fully funded food education programmes to schools. Their experience delivering these programmes informs and strengthens future campaigns, bringing the voices of children, parents and teachers to government policy.

Their latest crowdfunder aims to fund the delivery of 1000 gardening sessions across the country.

"We want children to know that food starts in the soil, not in the supermarket. That's why we want to help more schools to establish gardens, grow their own veg and plant forage for pollinators, connecting children to the natural world."

If this is something you would like to support, please click [here](#) to visit their fundraising page.

Attendance 2022-2023

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3B	94%	5M	93%
3I	93%	5J	94%
3K	94%	5V	93%
3Z	93%	6O	90%
4Z	93%	6K	91%
4K	95%	6B	93%
4T	96%	6W	94%
4Y	92%	total	93%

This attendance data is for the whole academic year.

Pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment' (Working together to improve school attendance DfE Sept 2022). Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.

Godwin Junior School aims for all pupils to attend at least 96% of the school year. Next year, please ensure your child attends school everyday by helping him/her get into a good routine and teaching your child that attending school is non-negotiable unless they are truly sick. Thank you for all your support.

Huge congratulations to the 69 children who achieved 100% attendance this term. They have received their certificates and badges today. Well done also to the 121 children whose attendance was 96% or above during this term; they have been awarded certificates.

12 children had 100% attendance for the whole year. Their names were entered into a special raffle, where Cezar from 3K won the prize of a £20 voucher.

Godwin Junior School 2023-24

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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