Godwin Newsletter - 23rd October 2026

preparing pupils for lifelong success

Head Teacher's Message

As part of the London Children's Flower Society's '80 Year of Growing Together' celebration, we received a grant to support our children participate in a greening and biodiversity programme. Pupils have been busy brightening up our school grounds during gardening sessions, planting a variety of perennial, sensory and pollinator-friendly plants, including lavender, rosemary, wild strawberry, calendula, verbena and echinacea! Through this project, pupils are learning to care for nature, work together and enjoy outdoor learning. This links to SDG 15: Life on Land, SDG 4: Quality Education and UNCRC Article 29, which encourages children to develop respect for the natural environment.











We are hoping to organise a cake sale to raise funds for additional topic books and would love your support.
We are looking for parent and carer volunteers who would be willing to organise and help run the event. Once we know who is available to support us, we can agree on a suitable date.
If you are interested in volunteering, please email the school on info@godwin.newham.sch.uk.



Any help would be greatly appreciated, thank you for your continued support.

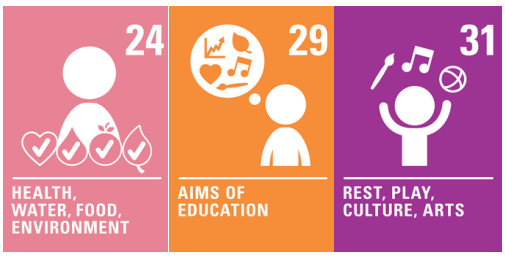
IMPORTANT DATES

- Mon 2nd Nov - Y5 FAB Science Workshop
- Tues 3rd Nov - flu vaccine in school
- Tues 3rd Nov - Y6 anti-smoking/vaping workshops
- Fri 6th Nov - Diwali Lunch
- Mon 9th Nov - SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
- Fri 13th Nov - Children in Need Day
- Fri 20th Nov - Anti-Bullying Workshops
- Mon 7th Dec - Y5 London Fire Brigade Workshops

At Godwin, we know how important it is that children's opinions are listened to and taken seriously. As part of this pledge, this week our pupils participated in The Big Future - the largest survey of children's views ever conducted. The Children's Commissioner for England is asking children about the changes that they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns and their hopes for the future. She will share this information with the government to ensure that the perspective of children shapes what it's like to grow up in England. We hope that the politicians listen! UNCRC Article 12.



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We are delighted to share that we have been reaccredited with the Primary Science Quality Mark. This is a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to developing excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning. It also demonstrates the high-quality provision in science that our children enjoy. Helen Sizer, PSQM Director said: "Our congratulations go to the whole school community on this achievement and particularly to the school's science subject leader, who has led this process through participation in the PSQM professional learning programme and by driving a cycle of reflection, development and improvement across the school. Their leadership helps to ensure that all children benefit from high-quality science teaching and learning." Thank you and well done to Ms Ouellette for leading our science provision with such dedication.

It has been a very busy half-term with lots of exciting learning taking place. We are incredibly proud of how well our children focus on developing their Learning Powers and hope that you saw this reflected in the conversations you had with teachers at our recent Parent/Carer Conferences.

We wish everyone a happy half-term break! School reopens on Monday 2nd November.



Pupil Parliamentarians

A massive thank you to all the pupils who ran for office. Your hard work, speech-making, and wonderful ideas made this a brilliant election. By taking part, you have beautifully demonstrated Article 12 of the UNCRC by using your voice, while contributing to SDG 16 by participating in a fair, democratic process. You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves.

A very special thank you goes to Agnes, Alice, Anayah, Ayaana, Billie, Isaiah, Jasper, Karamdeep, Livy, and Saul. They painstakingly counted the votes to ensure that this was an entirely fair, accurate and transparent process for everyone involved.

The votes have been officially verified and our new Pupil Parliament representatives are:

3K	Toby
3K	Juno
3L	Maxine
3L	Levi
3Y	Monty
3Y	Harriet
3Z	Sam
3Z	Lily
4I	Martha
4I	Thea
4K	Max
4K	Solomon
4M	Edie
4M	Ray
4V	Kamsi
4V	Sharish
5B	Madeeha
5B	Nicholas
5O	Luke
5O	Dami
5T	Lyra
5T	Zainab
6J	Harzan
6J	Kaisan
6W	Gabriel
6W	Fenley



Drawing competition



The local policing team within Forest Gate invites Godwin Junior School pupils to take part in a special drawing competition to celebrate the opening of the newly refurbished Forest Gate police station, following its closure after a devastating fire in 2024.

Pupils can draw a police-themed picture, which could include police officers, police vehicles, helping the community, the police station, a familiar place in Forest Gate or anything else that inspires them. This competition can take up as much or as little time as permits.

Winning pictures will be displayed in the police station for visitors, officers and staff to enjoy.

The winning students and their teachers will be invited to attend the official grand opening of the station to meet with officers and see their artwork on display.

METROPOLITAN POLICE



ALL ENTRIES NEED TO BE A3 SIZED AND COMPLETED BY MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER.

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 explaining reasoning. What do we mean by this? Essentially, we mean that children can share what they think. This includes articulating their ideas clearly as well as constructing good arguments to show that their answer or idea is right.

1. Firstly, when children talk through their ideas, it gives adults valuable knowledge about what they know. In class, it also shows us their misconceptions and gaps in learning. This information helps us tailor lessons closely to their needs.

2. Explaining their reasoning to others also helps children to spot mistakes. Even those who are sure they've understood, spot problems and errors when they start to speak aloud. When a child pauses halfway through explaining and says, "Oh no, wait…" we know some great learning is occurring.

3. According to research, humans learn 98% of what they teach. By talking through an idea or problem, children grasp the skills and concepts much more clearly themselves. Their understanding is more robust and they are more likely to remember the ideas long-term.



4. Additionally, we know that this kind of purposeful talk aids the development of language and provides opportunities for children to strengthen their social skills – this is needed to connect to their peers, their teachers, and other individuals in their life.

For all these reasons, we work hard to encourage all pupils to take an active and vocal role in their lessons.

Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	98.1%
3L	95.0%
3Y	96.7%
3Z	95.4%
4K	99.6%
4M	96.5%
4V	96.4%
4I	99.1%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5T	97.4%
5O	95.0%
5B	98.1%
6W	97.1%
6J	97.5%
average	97.1%

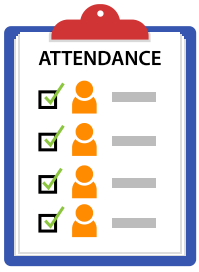
This attendance data is for the period 16th October to 22nd October



Our whole-school target for the year is 96%. At the moment, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 97%. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 4K and 5B who won the attendance cups this week.



Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 3L, 3Y, 5O and 5B who had no late marks at all. Well done!



Times Table Rock Stars

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



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 4K and 5O.



Article of the Week



World Food Day takes place on 16th October and this year's theme is "Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow". It reminds us that everyone deserves healthy, nutritious food. Sadly, not every family has enough to eat, which is why our local church food bank is so important. We are asking for donations of dried foods such as tins, pasta and rice to help support families in our local community.

Good food links to Article 24, the right to health and nutritious food, and Article 27, the right to a good standard of living. Sharing what we have helps us reach SDG 2: Zero Hunger and SDG 1: No Poverty.

Time to reflect...

1. Why is nutritious food so important for growing and learning?
2. How could you or your class support our local food bank?
3. What does SDG 2: Zero Hunger mean to you?

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).

THE SAMARITANS
https://www.samaritans.org/



There are always flowers for those who want to see them.
Henri Matisse

Achievement Awards

3K - Lily: for collaborating with her peers and being an excellent learning partner

3L - Felix: for persevering with his work and being a good collaborator to his Learning Partner

3Y - Harriet: for always persevering to do her best in class being a good role model for her peers

3Z - Samuel: for persevering in science and explaining his observations

4K - Musa: for persevering with his adventure story in English

4M - Olive: for evaluating her writing, acting on improvements and producing a fantastic piece of writing

4V - Logan: for persevering in his writing and making better choices in class

4I - Edith: for her excellent perseverance when writing her Ancient Egypt adventure story

5T - Subhan: for demonstrating curiosity and collaboration all week

5O - Araf: for making excellent choices when drafting a balanced argument

5B - Dilly: for persevering in all her learning this week and making good choices

6W - Eliel: for excellent evaluation of his learning in history

6J - Cherry: for persevering with her writing in order to produce a detailed and descriptive spy story



HONOURING OUR COMMUNITIES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

2 ARTICLE 2 NON-DISCRIMINATION

30 ARTICLE 30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES





THE CHALLENGE

Research and retell the story of a Black British person connected to Newham whose story you wish to share.

This could be someone famous, or someone who helps in our community, such as a nurse, teacher, faith leader or activist.

YOUR TASK

Make sure your work includes the following details:

- Facts about them
- Their connection to Newham
- What they are known for
- Important things they achieved
- Any challenges or barriers they overcame
- How they helped make the community stronger

CAN YOU INCLUDE A SOURCE?

Can you include a source for your research? This could be:

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
- COUNCIL WEBSITE
- PHOTOGRAPH
- DOCUMENT

SHOWCASE YOUR RESEARCH YOUR WAY!

You can showcase your research in any way you wish, but it must include the details above.

- FACT FILE
- VIDEO PRESENTATION
- PODCAST
- ART

BE CREATIVE, BE PROUD, BE INSPIRED!

ENTRIES MUST BE HANDED IN AFTER HALF TERM

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

HAND THEM TO MS MICHAEL – 4M

FREE Dr Bike Event

Manor Park Library

Wednesday 28th October

12:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m

At Dr Bike sessions experienced mechanics check everything on your bike from wheels, brakes, gears and tyre pressure to lights, racks, pedals, saddles and more.

Any minor adjustments we can make to the bike we do there and then.

Anything we can't fix on site we will let you know exactly what the issue is so you can explain this at a bike repair shop of your choice.



Our Newham Streets

newham.gov.uk

WE ARE NEWHAM.

Woodgrange Infant School,
Sebert Road, Forest Gate

PRE-LOVED TABLE TOP SALE!

PTA Woodgrange

RAISING FUNDS FOR WOODGRANGE SCHOOL

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 11-3pm



Follow us on Instagram!
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BOOK HERE:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pre-loved-table-top-sale-in-forest-gate-e7-tickets-2003028396855?aff=oddtdtcreator

During the Autumn term, our school will be competing against others in the borough for a chance to win prizes for families and Godwin Junior School. To take part, download the BetterPoints app with the code **newhamwww** from your app store. Or visit the website to download the app.

The app will send you a welcome message and **instructions** on how to join our school team.

Please invite other family members (14+ years of age) and friends to join Team Godwin to help us win together!

BetterPoints

WELL NEWHAM

Newham London

Walk, Wheel & Win!

Newham Schools Autumn Challenge



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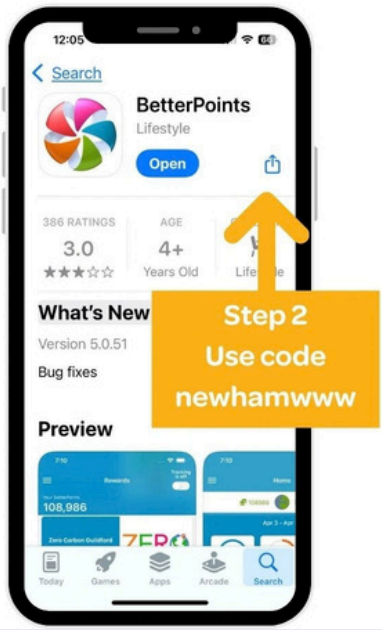
Win £500 for your school

Let's get active by taking part in a special challenge with the BetterPoints app

The top three schools can win great prizes.
Participants can win prizes, plus £5 and £10 vouchers for getting active.

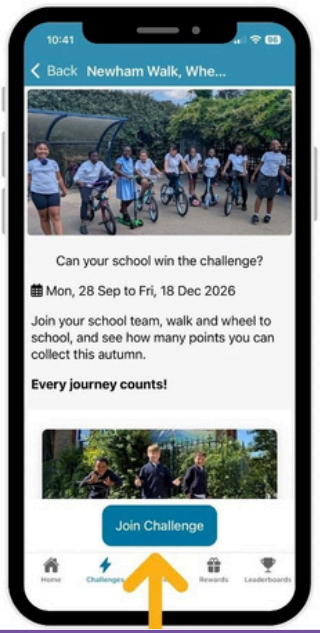
newham.betterpoints.uk

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Download the app

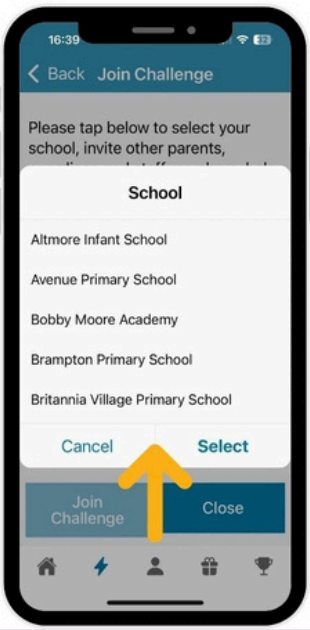


Step 2
Use code newhamwww

Step 3
Go to Challenges



Step 4
Join your School Team



Godwin Junior School 2026-27

School Holiday | Bank Holiday | Pupil Day | INSET Day

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