



Godwin Newsletter - 13th January 2023

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

What a great start to 2023!

Our Year 4 children and teaching team surpassed even our own high standards with their Viking costumes for their history-themed event today. Thank you to everyone for this great effort! At Godwin, we highly value enriching opportunities such as these as we recognise their impact on children's understanding and love of learning. Our expert visitor really brought the topic to life through his use of drama, role play and artefacts. We can't wait to share the photos with you in next week's newsletter, along with the ones from next Tuesday's Year 3 Roman day!

Our Year 6 children are really excited about their upcoming residential visit to Fairplay House later this month. This is another memorable experience which we know supports our children to develop their independence and confidence in advance of the transition to secondary school.

Due to our close relationship with Forest Gate Community School, next week our Year 5 pupils will start to make use of the expert facilities which only a large secondary school can offer. From previous years we know how inspired our children are by the specialist teaching and equipment and look forward to hearing their feedback.

With best wishes for the weekend

Supporting Good Causes



An important part of our School Vision is to open minds to develop responsible global citizens. We want all our pupils to be aware of the world around them, and aware of their power to create change.

One key strategy to achieve this is through our support of a range of worthwhile causes. Each year group contributes to a different charity by organising a fundraising day at the school. Crucially, the children themselves lead on this - advertising the event and promoting it to other pupils by visiting classes or speaking in assembly.

Each event will take place as follows:

Spring 1 - Year 6 (details soon!)

Spring 2 - Year 4

Summer 1 - Year 3

Summer 2 - Year 5

Additionally, the whole school contributes to regular donation drives for our local food banks and to national events such as Comic Relief and Children in Need.

Contributing to such events can create a sense of hope for our pupils; they are learning first hand that those in need can be helped and problems have solutions. They need not feel disheartened or defeated by the issues they hear about. Additionally, they are finding out that they themselves can take steps to affect change or support their fellow human beings, rather than waiting for someone older, someone more knowledgeable... someone else!

We are so glad that our pupils are a force for good in the world, and thankful for everything you do as their families to support them in their endeavours.

Below is a message we recently received from Reverend Tim West, who runs the Woodgrange Baptist Foodbank. It is in response to the School Council's recent collection of Christmas treats.

Dear Godwin Junior School,

This is just a brief note to say thank you for your recent donation to our foodbank. I was able to pick it up in time for our last foodbank before Christmas, and as we handed out your extra treats there were plenty of smiles all round, especially from our families in need. Please know we are very grateful to your staff and children who gave so generously.

Warm regards,

Tim West

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preparing children to thrive online

Parent/Carer Workshop

Wednesday 8th February

3:40pm - 4:40pm

At Godwin

The workshop is designed to support parents with the the following five main concerns:

- preparing for social media and use of social media
- the importance of privacy settings
- avoidance and how to address inappropriate content
- how to navigate group chats
- discuss the pros and cons of gaming

Come along and benefit from the advice of our expert visitor.



SEND SURGERY

Your space to ask advice about SEND services.

Please book an appointment at SEND Surgery if you are a Newham parent or carer of a child or young person, aged 0-25 years, and you need advice and guidance about the following;

- EHCP plan
- Social Care
- Therapies
- SEND Travel Assistance
- Family Support
- General Info

To attend, please book 1 ticket only via the eventbrite links below so that we can continue to support as many families as possible.

Dates for this term are:



- **Wednesday 18th January 2023**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/414597390957>

- **Wednesday 8th February 2023 - Evening Surgery**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/513848112537>

- **Wednesday 22nd February 2023**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/510568172147>

- **Wednesday 22nd March 2023**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/510569205237>

Our General Info sessions are a great option if you are unsure about the different services available. Sessions are 15 minutes and run between 10am- 12pm.

Representatives from Newham Parents Forum are available to support parents and offer further information about their role.

If you would like additional support in requesting an appointment, please contact: **07495 021 062** or info@newhamparentforum.co.uk

Future Writers' Competition

This half term our competition invites each pupil to think of themselves as future writers. All they need to do is think about a book they'd like to write and present their idea to Miss Smith.

There are two ways to enter:

- The 'drawing' entry form asks children to create the cover art for the book.
- The 'writing only' entry form asks them to write a short synopsis of the book.

Both ways of entering are valid and a winner will be chosen every Friday. Entry forms can be obtained from all class teachers.



Article of the Week



*The beginning of a **new year** is frequently a time when we reflect on our life and make resolutions for ourselves. The **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child** is a collection of commitments made by world leaders to all children and young people around the world.*

***Article 29** declares that education must fully develop each child's individuality, talents, and capacities. It must instil in children a respect for human rights, as well as for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.*

Why do you believe education is such an important component of that promise? Why is it so important?

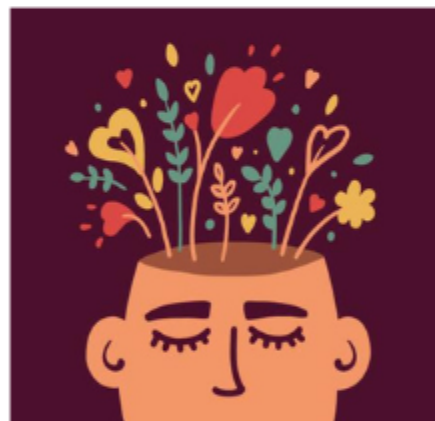


This year, to mark **Children's Mental Health Week**, we would like you to **design a poster that helps children** (and adults too!) **maintain positive mental health.**

What can we do to keep our mental health healthy?

Perhaps it is...

- Exercise
- Reading in a quiet space
- Spending some time playing games
- Watching TV
- Hanging out with a pet
- Connecting with friends and family



Your poster should be bright, bold and burst with simple ideas that can help all people keep happy and mentally healthy.

All posters to be submitted to your class teacher by:

Thursday 2nd February

Remember, there are prizes to be won!

Don't forget to write your name and class on the back.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

THE BIG BATTERY HUNT IS BACK!

Start collecting your **AAA, AA, C** and **D** batteries! Great prizes to win!

Only collect these batteries:



AAA



AA



C



D



UK Parliament would like YOU to design your own tower.

You could win a VIP trip to the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye* and a voucher for a family tour of the Elizabeth Tower.

Construct your own tower, inspired by the Elizabeth Tower. You can use *any medium* you like – matchsticks, building blocks, clay, Minecraft, or even cake!

The competition is open to UK residents aged 7-12. There are 4 categories: individuals aged 7-9; groups (of up to 5) aged 7-9; individuals aged 10-12; or groups (of up to 5) aged 10-12.

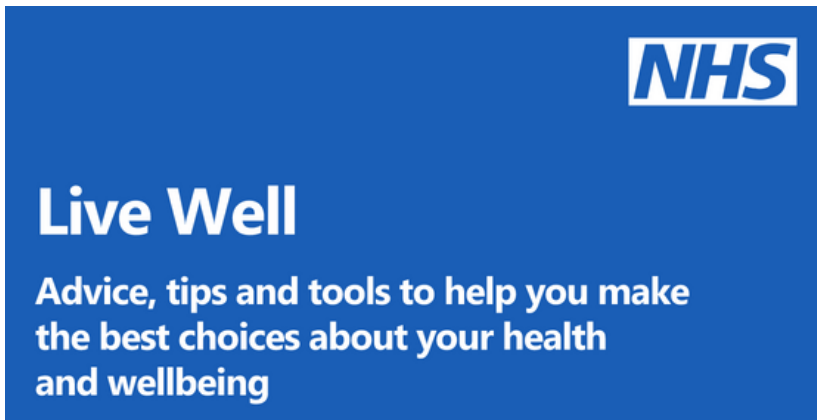
Entries should be given to Ms Valle by Monday 23rd January 2022

**The winners' day is planned for 21st April 2023 and is non-transferable*

Fourth Plinth Schools Awards 2023



Feeling artistic? Design an artwork inspired by the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square, and you could win a national prize! Entries can be in all art forms including drawing, painting, sculpture, collage and digital designs. Entries must be handed to Ms Taylor by 10th March 2023.



NHS

Live Well

Advice, tips and tools to help you make the best choices about your health and wellbeing



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. Nobody wants their child to miss out on learning unnecessarily. Luckily, the NHS website has advice about a range of different ailments, which you can read [here](#).

If your child does need to be away from school, we would ask you to please keep us informed by emailing info@godwin.newham.sch.uk or calling the school office that morning.

Thank you.

Well Done!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners
are:
4Z, 4T and 5V
Congratulations!

Mindfulness Corner

Every Friday we will be sharing with you a link to a different group or organisation that have resources for mental health and wellbeing.

(Please Note: we are not endorsing any particular site nor are we ambassadors for it - but we are merely providing pointers towards sites that might be interesting/helpful).



This week we feature Mind:

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

"Beauty is everywhere. You only have to look to see it." Bob Ross

EasyFundraising



Please consider raising funds for the school when you shop online. Just go through the Easyfundraising website or App and we'll receive a % of your spend as a free donation. Best of all, this will cost you nothing.

So far, our total is £579.99. One parent has already raised £321.29 this year. Imagine what we could do if everyone took part!!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofgodwinpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e1

We use this money for enrichment activities such as educational visits and special guests, so every penny benefits the children directly.





Achievement Awards

- 3B – Mayeda: for embracing her mistakes and having a positive attitude to her learning
- 3K – Masud: for persevering and trying his best in every lesson
- 3I – Sharleez: consistently making the right choices that help her learning
- 3Z – Adam: for considering his choices and improving his learning behaviour
- 4K – Shazfa: for collaborating with her peers
- 4T – Mujahid: for persevering and considering his choices
- 4Y – Umar: for persevering in learning his 9 times tables
- 4Z – Fahim: for persevering during swimming lessons
- 5J – Ashley: for choosing to return to school with a 'can do' attitude
- 5M – Jacob: for demonstrating curiosity in his science learning
- 5V – Kourtney: for demonstrating a positive attitude and considering her choices during the Year 5 football competition
- 6B – Crystal: for perseverance in developing her writing skills
- 6K – Alex: for displaying curiosity in science lessons
- 6O – Harry: for considering his choices and showing maturity
- 6W – Aleena: for clearly articulating her ideas in PSHE