



Head Teacher's Message

The theme for assemblies this week has been the conflict in Ukraine. Obviously we are dealing with this sensitively and using age-appropriate resources.

We initially focussed solely on whether we think it is a good or bad thing to know what is happening in the world. I was incredibly impressed by our children's thoughtful responses, as they identified that in order to make a difference, people need to know what is happening. Some pupils suggested that talking about this issue with their families would raise awareness; others felt that contacting decision-makers would mean that those in power would respond to public opinion; others identified that being aware of an issue could lead to a small personal action such as donating and that collectively this would make a big difference. It is heartening to hear our children demonstrate such a desire to help people they will never meet.

As we moved through the week, we related what is happening in Ukraine to the British Values of The Rule of Law, Democracy, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance. It is so impressive that through talking with a Learning Partner, Godwin children were able to draw direct parallels between these and the invasion.

The denial of Ukrainian children's rights, enshrined in the UNCRC, was also an area that our pupils felt very strongly about - in particular:

Article 22: Governments must protect refugee children

Article 38: Children have the right to be protected from war

Article 24: Children have the right to health care, clean water and nutritious food

Article 28: Children have the right to an education

Members of our School Council have asked that we demonstrate our solidarity with the children of Ukraine by wearing yellow and blue to school on Wednesday (16th)

Throughout the week we have constantly emphasised that if ever children are worried about what they hear on the news etc they should talk to a trusted adult. We will continue to do so during this unsettling time.

We are very aware that some children will be more affected by this topic than others and we are conscious that they may need additional support at school. Please let us know if you feel your child may need us to be extra vigilant at the moment.

As always, please do let us know if there is anything else which may affect your child's emotional state so that we can keep an extra eye on them.

The most important thing in any school is that the children feel safe and happy. Without those prerequisites, meaningful learning cannot happen.

As a community, our children demonstrate on a daily basis how respectful they are of each other and accepting of the fact that we are all unique. The British Values of Mutual Respect and Individual Liberty are demonstrated in the way in which children talk to and act towards each other.

This is one of the many things which makes Godwin so special.

Obviously, children will sometimes fall out with one another – growing up is about learning to navigate differences of opinion and the social skills which as parents and carers we try to model to our children in all that we do. The adults in the school are there not only to support with academic progress, but also to help children who may be experiencing difficulties with the social side of school.

It is reassuring that in a survey earlier this year pupils overwhelmingly responded that they were happy at school, they felt safe and well looked after and that any incidents of bullying were dealt with effectively. We work hard to establish good relationships with our pupils so this feedback from them is important. The online survey which we asked parents and carers to complete in the autumn term mirrors this.

Sometimes incidents which happen outside school are brought to our attention – particularly regarding online bullying. Please can we reiterate that age restrictions on social media sites are there for a reason – often children do not understand the harm which unkind words and images sent to their peers can have. Please can we also ask that parents and carers check their child's online accounts for inappropriate content – if your child is sending, receiving or in a group where others are messaging abusive comments you would obviously want to be aware of this immediately.

A recording of an Online Safety workshop we held for parents and carers can be watched via the school website. This includes areas such as how to set parental controls on devices so that children cannot access inappropriate content: <https://www.godwin.newham.sch.uk/online-safety>

Our Online Safety Brochure is also accessible via the the school website: <https://www.godwin.newham.sch.uk/online-safety>

Our Positive Behaviour Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy can be viewed on the school website: <https://www.godwin.newham.sch.uk/policies>

Support for Ukraine Day

Wednesday 16th March

Blue & Yellow Day

The School Council invite the whole Godwin community to show their solidarity for the children of Ukraine by wearing blue and yellow to school for the day.

UNCRC Articles 22, 24, 28, 38.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Friday 18th March

‘Cheap Laughs’ jokes need to be submitted by Tuesday 15th March. 50p per entry.

‘Wear Your Clothes Back to Front Day’ (or inside out!)

Red Noses available from the school office from Monday onwards
- £1.50 each



UNCRC Article 2

Today's Achievement Awards

3D – Taif for consistently making good choices and being an excellent role model.

3K – Mihran for always considering his choices and being a polite, positive role model.

3M – Maria for trying really hard with her learning behaviour and making positive choices.

3Q – Mahib for trying his best during English lessons.

4K – Nathanael for persevering with his reading and showing interest in a range of texts.

4I – Alexia for working collaboratively with her learning partner.

4M – Ashley for persevering with his Maths learning and all other areas of the curriculum.

4V – Bing for persevering with his Maths learning and collaborating following instructions.

5J – Madalina for choosing to take part in lessons.

5M – Maysha for fantastic collaboration in English this week.

5T – Lisa for exceptional behaviour in class and Phonics lessons.

5Y – Aisha for persevering and taking pride in her learning.

6B – Lia for persevering in Maths and making excellent progress.

6C – Zain for a wonderful display of collaboration during a Rounders game in PE.

6W – Adam for consistently being curious and extending his learning.

6Z – Emil for collaborating with his team during a Rounders game.



Lining Up Cup

Week Beginning 7th March –
3D, 4I, 4M & 5T

Congratulations to all these
classes!



Attendance

Our average attendance
since the beginning of the
school year is: 92.3%.

This remains significantly
way below our target
attendance of 97%.

Please help us to improve on
this percentage by ensuring
that your child attends
school regularly.



Book Review Winner

This week's winners are:

O'Neil (3D) who reviewed Diary of a Wimpy Kid
and

Tamim (6C) who reviewed Tom Gates.

Congratulations for such great reviews, we hope you enjoy your prize
books.



PINK BIN PROJECT



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**CARE 4
CALAIS**

DONATIONS

DONATIONS FROM THE LIST
BELOW WILL BE GIVEN TO
'CARE4CALAIS', WHO ARE
WORKING WITH REFUGEES IN OUR
AREA.

- SHOWER GEL
- SHAMPOO
- WET WIPES
- TOOTHPASTE
- SPRAY DEODORANT
- SANITARY PRODUCTS
- HAIR PRODUCTS
- MEN'S TRAINERS
(EURO SIZE 41-45)
- MEN'S T-SHIRTS
- MEN'S SWEATSHIRTS,
FLEECE & HOODIES
- NEW MEN & WOMEN'S
UNDERWEAR (S, M & L)
- NEW MEN'S SOCKS

FIND OUR PINK BINS

PLEASE PUT ANY DONATIONS IN
OUR PINK BINS AT:

GODWIN JUNIOR SCHOOL,
CRANMER ROAD
(MON - FRI, 8:30AM-4:30PM)

ST. MARK'S CHURCH,
LORNE ROAD
(SAT - SUN, 9:00AM - 6:00PM)

... BY SUN 3RD APRIL

GET IN TOUCH

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT THE PINK BIN PROJECT
PLEASE CONTACT:

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07741668495

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Mark's**
Forest Gate



Thank You

Thank you to all who have already donated items to the 'Pink Bin'.

We have been informed that 'Care4Calais' intend to work directly with Ukrainian refugees in Calais very soon and so would appreciate donations particularly of coats, gloves, hats and scarves for women and children – these do not need to be new but please make sure they are clean and in reasonable second-hand condition.

Maths News

Over the last few weeks, you may have noticed your child leaving school with a bronze, silver or gold wristband. This is part of our drive to promote fluency and recall of the times table facts.

Once a week, each class is spending dedicated time with adults to revise and demonstrate their knowledge of times table facts:

- If pupils are able to recite a particular times table they earn themselves a bronze award.
- A silver award is received for answering questions in random order about a chosen times table.
- Those pupils who demonstrate that they not only know the times tables facts, but the related division facts as well are presented with a gold award.

At Godwin Junior School, we encourage and support children in being able to recall times tables up to the 12 times table. By the end of Year 3, pupils should know the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 times tables. By the end of Year 4, the national expectation is that children should know all tables up to 12×12 , as well as the related division facts.

It is important that your child can recall both the multiplication and division facts for each times table. Times tables play such a vital part in many areas of maths, so please help us by promoting this at home. Remember that every child in the school has access to Times Tables Rock Stars and Mathletics. If your child is unsure how to access these, please speak to their teacher.



Mindfulness Corner

This week we feature:
MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak>



You can have it all. Just not all at once.

Oprah Winfrey

(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).

Your School Needs You!

We would absolutely love to re-start our PTA - The Friends of Godwin. School budgets are increasingly squeezed and in the past The Friends of Godwin have been a fantastic support, fundraising to raise money for the enrichment activities which we believe Godwin children deserve.

Don't worry if you feel you don't have much time or aren't sure how you can help - the main thing is that you want to pitch in some way! We promise that however you can help, it will be appreciated!

If you are able to help in any way, please email:
info@godwin.newham.sch.uk



Book Hut

You may have noticed that the Little Book Hut has been relocated to the playground. This means children can explore the books at playtime, lunchtime and after school.

These are books for the children to take home and keep, free of charge. Perhaps take a look with your child at home time?



The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Happy International Women's Day 08.03.2022. Can you think of other articles that may link to International Women's Day?

WE ARE THE YOUTH

EMPOWERMENT FUND.



Calling Newham young people! Are you aged between 9-25?

Do you need financial assistance to help with your ambitions and career goals?

The Youth Empowerment Fund may be able to help you.

We provide financial assistance up to £2,500!

Check out our website for eligibility and an application form.

www.newham.gov.uk/children-families/youth-empowerment-fund

WE ARE NEWHAM.

People at the Heart
of Everything We Do

Young Artists' Summer Show

We would like to invite you to take part in The **Young Artists' Summer Show by Royal Academy of Arts**.

For more than 250 years, the Royal Academy has committed to leading the way in championing the importance of the arts and creative thinking in education. The Young Artists Summer Show is a free, open-submission annual exhibition for young people aged 5 – 19 years.

There is no specific theme for the show, you can use any form of art you wish, so you can be as creative as you like!

If you would like your child to take part, simply encourage them to create a piece of artwork and send it to the following email address:

info@godwin.newham.sch.uk

Each submission can include a short statement to accompany the work. This statement should add context to the work and often helps the judges understand the work better. Wherever possible, the statement should be written by the artist themselves and should attempt to include information about why they created the work and what it means to them.

The deadline of submission is Friday 18th March 2022.

Thank You for Not Smoking

Newham children aged 5-14 years are invited to design a poster to say 'Thank you for not smoking'.

Children and young people living in households with a smoker are three times more likely to smoke than children from smoke-free homes.

Help us make Newham smoke-free by 2030 by designing a poster to say 'Thank You for Not Smoking'.

Whether you are using pencils, computers or tablets - we want every child in Newham to be able to take part and design a poster.

The competition is open to all pupils in Newham (aged 5-14 years).

Entries must be emailed to publichealthenquiries@newham.gov.uk along with the following information: Name of school, Full name, age and school year of pupil.

Please also note the page layout of the poster must be designed in portrait, not landscape. The closing date is Friday 29 April 2022.



Community Assemblies

Apply now to join your local Community Assembly Working Group

This is an exciting opportunity to join your local Neighbourhood Working Group and be part of the next cycle of Community Assemblies.

Newham's Community Assembly programme gives residents greater influence over local decision-making and spending of local funds. The Working Group plays a vital role in this, working with residents, local stakeholders, and the Council, to get the best outcomes for the whole community.

Each of Newham's eight Community Neighbourhoods has a Working Group, and anyone who lives, works or studies in the area can apply to be a member. Working Group members will be part of the programme throughout the whole cycle, from April 2022 to March 2023.

Applications are open until 1st April 2022.

To find out more and download an application form please visit:
<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/projects/community-assemblies-working-group>

