

Head Teacher's Message

Well, it definitely feels like winter has arrived! Although Christmas is just around the corner, the children are still working hard and demonstrating great use of our seven Learning Powers: Curiosity, Perseverance, Considering Choices, Collaboration, Embracing Mistakes, Evaluating and Explaining Reasoning.

As a Senior Leadership Team, we are currently using the Learning Power of Evaluating to decide how we can safely share with you the children's end of term assemblies. The Omicron variant has made all schools re-think their original plans – I hope to be able to confirm with you early next week how we can ensure that the children have their favourite audience (you!) for their song and music recital. One way or another we will make sure that you get to see them have fun and celebrate the end of term!

Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents and carers who attended this week's meeting about the residential visit to Fairplay House. Please do ask if you need any additional information.

It was unfortunate that we did not have more parents/carers attend our Online Safety workshop. We plan to run this again when it is not so cold and dark!

Wishing you a warm weekend.

Lining Up Cup

This week's Lining Up Cup winners are:

3D, 3K, 3M, 4I, 4K and 5J.

Congratulations to all these classes!



Attendance

Our average attendance since the beginning of the school year is:
94.9%

This is obviously some way below our target attendance of 97%.
Please help us to improve on this percentage by ensuring that your
child attends school regularly.



Get Caught Reading Competition

This week's Get Caught Reading Competition winner is Aasiya (3K) whose
prize is a book of her choice!



UNCRC Article 29: Every Child has the right to an education which develops
their talents.

Erratum

In last week's bumper School Council issue of our newsletter we failed to
include the name of the author of the marvellous piece on Climate Change.

We offer sincere apologies to Charlotte (3D) for our error.

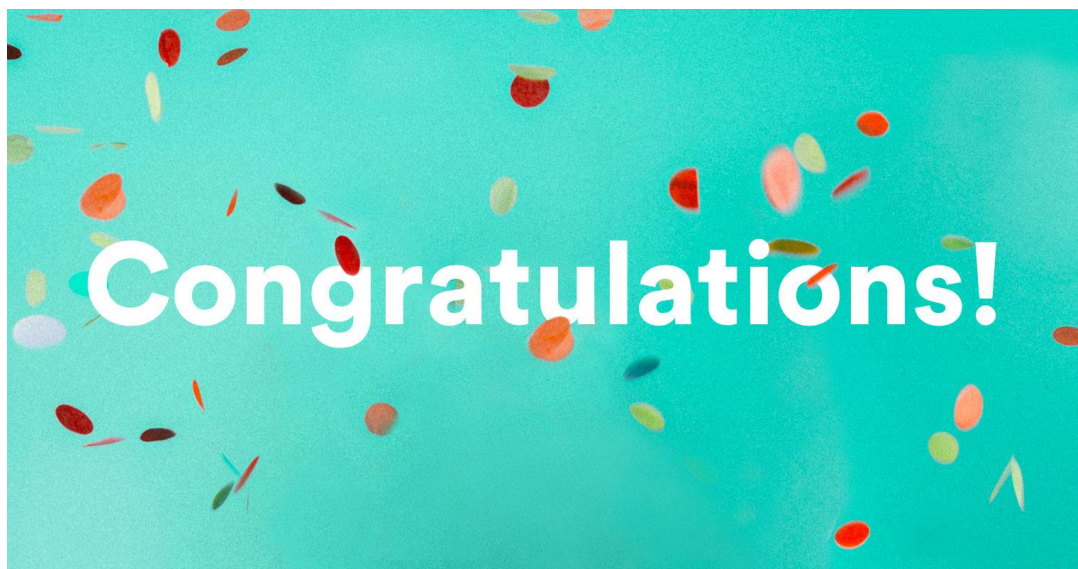
We were really impressed with your article and the accompanying
illustrations.

You have truly challenged us all to think more about our actions and the
impact they have on our planet.

Well done Charlotte!

Achievement Awards

- 3D – Eloise for consistently considering her choices and being an excellent role model.
- 3K – Mihran for always considering his choices and being a great role model.
- 3M – Ruben for persevering to complete tasks.
- 3Q – Alishba for being a curious learner.
- 4I – Fahad for making good choices about his learning and working extremely hard.
- 4K – Teleema for considering her choices and improving her learning behaviour.
- 4M – Marwan for consistently demonstrating perseverance in his learning.
- 4V – Aeron for persevering with his Maths learning in Mathletics.
- 5J – Ionut for considering his choices when writing so that he can produce his best work.
- 5M – Aida for explaining her reasoning in taught comprehension.
- 5T – Mariam for persevering with learning and embracing mistakes, particularly in Mathematics.
- 5Y – Isaac for preserving and considering his learning choices throughout the week.
- 6B – Aiza for collaboration – being an excellent Learning Partner and good team member.
- 6C – Rhea for considering her choices and making a positive change in her attitude towards learning.
- 6W – Gabriel for showing excellent collaboration in Maths.
- 6Z – Mehrin for asking some great questions and being curious in English.



Hot Chocolate Friday

There are two more Hot Chocolate Fridays before the end of term!
Remember to bring in £1 on Fridays if you would like hot chocolate in the afternoon. Last week we made a fantastic profit of £153.08!
All money raised goes towards educational visits.



Coats

With the cold weather set to continue, every child needs to wear a coat to school every day. Additionally, wearing layers is advisable as we continue to keep a certain amount of doors and windows open for increased ventilation.



Woodgrange Market

Saturday 4th December

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Christmas Lights Switch On

All welcome to enjoy the usual range of market stalls as well as special craft activities, festive singing and refreshments.

Saturday 11th December

1.00pm

Special musical performance from King Toad Fish





'Bags of Joy' Community Pick-up

Join in this collaboration between Godwin Junior School and St. Mark's Church to bring Joy to those within our community.

Please donate items from the list below and St. Mark's will be match donating every donation.

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| • Coffee Sachets | • Savoury Snacks |
| • Hot Chocolate Sachets | (eg: crisp, cheese biscuits) |
| • Christmas Confectionary | • Mince Pies |
| (eg: candy canes, choc orange, choc coins, tube of sweets / choc) | • Christmas Cake bars |
| | • Biscuits |

Donate items in the pink bins at:
St Mark's Church, Lorne Road
Godwin Junior School, Cranmer Road
(Donations by Wednesday 8th December please)

The items will then be made up into 'Bags of Joy' which will be available to be picked-up at different pick-up points within the community on Saturday 11th December, 11.00am.

**St.
Mark's**
Forest Gate



For more info, get in touch:
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Special thanks to all who have already been so generous.
3 more days for donations.....
Let's work together to bring some festive 'Joy' to people in our community!

Book Wish List

We know how important reading is to children's development. Enhancing our selection of books and creating a library that our children can be proud of is a labour of love for us. Our aim is for all of our pupils to see themselves reflected and celebrated in the texts we choose, with stories and non-fiction to interest everyone.

However, school budgets often mean we are unable to buy all of the books we'd like.

If you are able to support the school's vision statements of Valuing Everyone and Instilling a Love of Learning, you can buy books from our wishlist here:

[https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists+\(All+Schools\)=Godwin+Junior+School](https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists+(All+Schools)=Godwin+Junior+School)

Acts of kindness such as this make a huge difference and enable us to provide our pupils with the resources and opportunities they deserve.



Mindfulness Corner

This week we feature:

PRINCE'S TRUST – MENTAL HEALTH

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/who-else/housing-health-wellbeing/wellbeing/mental-health>



"Make happiness a priority and be gentle with yourself in the process."

Bronnie Ware

(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).

Covid-19

As transmission of the virus remain high, it is imperative that we all follow government guidelines as a minimum.

Please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

for the latest information on what you need to do if some-one in your household has symptoms.

Part of the current guidance is below (this is subject to updates):

Even if you are vaccinated, you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others. If you are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 but you are not required to self-isolate, you can help protect others by following the [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#).

As well as getting a PCR test, you should:

- limit close contact with other people outside your household, especially in crowded or enclosed spaces – consider taking an LFD test beforehand if you do need to be in close contact with others
- wear a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing
- limit contact with anyone who has an underlying health condition that puts them at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19 – consider taking an LFD test beforehand if you do need to meet with them

This advice applies while the person in your household with COVID-19 is self-isolating.

Taking an LFD test before meeting with others can help to identify whether you are infectious with COVID-19. If your LFD test result is negative, it is likely that you were not infectious at the time the test was taken. However, you should continue to follow the advice above as it is still possible that you are infected with COVID-19.





Saturday 11th December, 9:30am-11:30am

Run Begins at 10am

Venue: Newham Leisure Centre, Prince Regent Lane, E13 8SD

All ages and abilities welcome

Walk, jog, or run up to 5k around the track and have fun with family and friends

All Runners Receive a Medal

PRIZE FOR THE BEST FESTIVE COSTUME

CONTACT/ BOOKING INFORMATION

Sports@activeNewham.org.uk

07741 292 893

Adults £4 (age 16+) Children run FREE

To Book - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festive-family-fun-run-tickets-209212118077>

