



Head Teacher's Message

It was lovely to see so many of you at this week's Meet the Teacher sessions; we hope that these were informative. At Godwin, we know how important a close partnership between home and school is and hope that this was a good opportunity to begin to get to know your child's new teacher and the expectations that the school has now that your child has moved up a year. Thank you also to the Year 6 Parents and Carers who attended the secondary transfer meetings. The 'We Are Going To Secondary School' booklets arrived yesterday and are being sent home with Year 6 children today to those families who were not at Thursday's meeting.

This week saw the British Value of Democracy and Article 12 of the UNCRC (Every child has the right to express their views and have them taken seriously) in action at Godwin, with the election of our new School Councillors. A big thank you to all of the candidates who prepared and delivered their manifesto outlining why they would make a good representative. Congratulations to our new team of School Councillors; we look forward to you helping to make Godwin an even better school.

Our Sublime Science workshops this week were great fun - our Chair of Governors and link governor for science came in to school and enjoyed making slime with Year 4! From talking to the children, we know that they particularly enjoy practical learning and we have designed lots of opportunities across the whole curriculum for them to develop their Learning Power of Curiosity and embed their learning. UNCRC Article 29: Education must develop every child's talents and abilities to the full.

French lessons with our native speaker, Pascale, are in person once again this term. At Godwin we are committed to our children becoming truly global citizens who recognise the importance of learning other languages and demonstrate the British Value of Mutual Respect for others. Our language of the half term, which children and staff learn simple phrases in and complete the register in, is Pashto - one of the languages spoken in Afghanistan. Over the next few weeks we will be developing our ability to say simple words and phrases in Pashto; if your family speak Pashto at home, please support us by asking your child to let their teacher know so that they can assist!

UNCRC Article 30: Every child has the right to learn and use the languages and customs of their family.

We are so pleased that we can re-start our after-school club provision this term. I'm sure that you will have seen our brochure and hope that you will have looked at the variety of activities on offer and discussed them with your child. We know how much our pupils enjoy and benefit from taking part in a wide range of activities - it is one of the many things we are proud of and get positive feedback about. Please ensure that all completed brochures are returned school by 9:30 on Monday morning as clubs will be allocated early next week.

UNCRC Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a range of activities.

Supporting learning in their history unit, The Changing Power of the Monarchy, our Year 5 children will be participating in an online workshop hosted by the Houses of Parliament next week. We hope that this will be a great way for our pupils to find out more about how our country is governed and how this has altered over time. UNCRC Article 29: Education must develop children's talents and abilities.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend

School Councillors

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been elected as School Councillors for this academic year –



Atif & Charlotte – 3D
Aasiya & Mihran – 3K
Lucy & Ilyas – 3M
Elwood & Stanley – 3Q
Sofia & Ella – 4I
Mia & Frieda – 4K
Lilly & Aayat – 4M
Amelia & Karimah – 4V
Shyilo & Isaac – 5J
Mariam & Meghan – 5M
Susi & Tejas – 5T
Muneeb & Faisal – 5Y
Lia & Jonuz – 6B
Christos & Osayd – 6C
Digbijoy & Muhammad Ali – 6W
Maryam & Yusra – 6Z

Congratulations

We congratulate the following members of staff who have completed training recently;

First Aid – Ms Choudhury, Ms Siddika, Ms Alungulesei, Ms Selvaratnam, Ms Selina, Ms Bouaziz, Ms Grosvenor-Murray, Ms Rekhaye, Ms Koomson, Ms Piraklathan and Ms Madraszek.

Positive Handling – Ms Choudhury, Ms Siddika, Ms Alungulesei, Ms Selvaratnam, Ms Selina, Ms Bouaziz, Ms Collins, Ms Koomson, Mr Ramduth and Ms Khan.

We join with them in celebrating their success as they continue the path of lifelong learning.

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Covid-19 Coronavirus

Community transmission of COVID-19 remains widespread so it is important to remain vigilant for the three main symptoms: new persistent cough, fever or loss/change of your sense of smell or taste.

If your child shows symptoms they need to remain at home and they need a PCR test completed as soon as possible.

There are four ways to get tested if you have symptoms in Newham:

- Walk through testing
 - Hilda Road, East Ham, E6 1DB
 - Kingsford Way, Beckton, E6 5JQ
 - Paul Street/Rokeby Street, Stratford, E15 4QB
 - McDowall Close, Canning Town, E16 1QY
- Drive through testing (Lea Valley Athletic Track and O2 Arena)
- Home testing kits
- Mobile testing unit (Gallions Reach - Details and availability on the online booking portal
<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-testing> or calling 119)

Booking is recommended for all testing options, and required for the drive through and temporary testing sites.

Once you receive the result of your child's test please forward it to info@godwin.newham.sch.uk

If the result is negative and your child is well enough, they may return to school. If the result is positive your child must continue with their isolation at home until they have completed the full ten days.



Parent/Carer Conferences

Wednesday 13th October

Thursday 14th October

Please keep these dates in your diary for the first of this academic year's Parent/Carer Conferences.

Further details as to how to book your appointment will be sent out very soon.

SAVE THE DATE

Meet the Author

Thursday 30th September

6.30pm (doors open 5.30pm)

Stratford Library

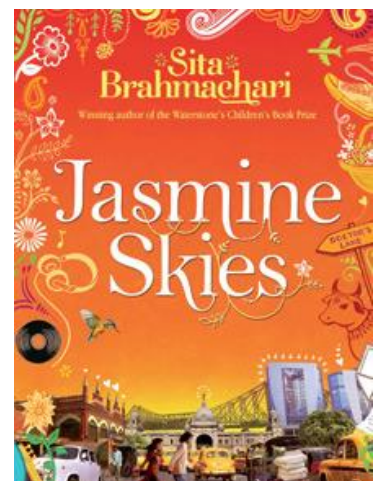
Onjali Rauf & Sita Brahmachari in Conversation

All are invited to attend this event to hear from these two giants of children's literature.

There will be refreshments, information stalls and Newham Bookshop will have a pop-up shop!

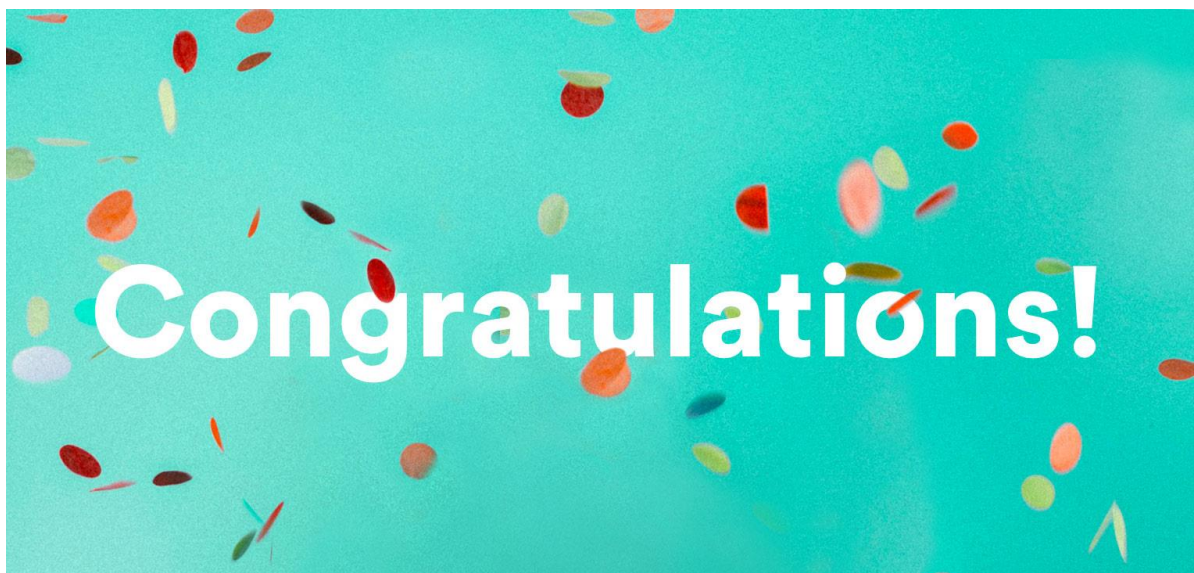
Tickets available on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-world-our-stories-tickets-168452282311>



Achievement Awards

- 3D – Yusuf for considering his choices and being a good role model.
- 3K – Sid for persevering in P.E. and performing his dance sequence in front of his peers.
- 3M – Ayaan for persevering to read silently.
- 3Q – Alishba for persevering and explaining her ideas in Maths.
- 4I – Stanley for persevering during his swimming lesson and being brave.
- 4K – Bilal for being brave and persevering during his first swimming lesson.
- 4M – Manraj for persevering and having confidence in his swimming lesson.
- 4V – Iggy for collaborating well with his partner and trying his best.
- 5J – Tom for persevering, even when learning does get challenging.
- 5M – Adam for always considering his choices and setting a good example.
- 5T – Susi for articulating her ideas confidently during her ‘School Council’ presentation.
- 5Y – Kitarah for evaluating her work and making a good effort at improving what she does.
- 6B – Lia for considering choices and demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning.
- 6C – Lucy for making the most of her learning time and for using her Learning Powers consistently.
- 6W – Olivia for showing perseverance in Maths to understand rounding.
- 6Z – Adil for considering his choices carefully and setting a great example.



'Clever Never Goes'

Next week Year 3 and Year 4 classes have a visit from the Metropolitan Police, who are delivering 'Clever Never Goes' workshops on staying safe. Parents and Carers will receive a letter about this on Monday.

Newham Unlocked Art Trail

17th September to 17th October

This post-lockdown art exhibition in front windows and front gardens around Plaistow and Green Street showcases over 30 local artists.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.newhamunlockedfestival.org/events/rosetta-arts-presents-newham-unlocked-art-trail/>

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Mindfulness Corner

This week we feature:

NHS - EVERY MIND MATTERS

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters>



(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).

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 evaluation, which is the process of looking carefully at something to figure out its strengths and weaknesses. Why should we do this?

1. Being evaluative improves your learning. It is very rare to be great at something the first time you do it. If you can look back at how you have done and find ways to improve, you will massively increase the speed at which you progress.
2. Evaluation can help us grow as people. Everyone makes mistakes, and it is really tempting to forget about them or pretend they didn't happen. However, if you're brave enough to examine your mistakes you can make sure you avoid the problem next time.
3. Evaluation helps you notice your victories. Sometimes, you don't notice that you've been improving, because it happens little by little. It could be a change in your behaviour, confidence or learning – ask your teachers and I'm sure they've noticed a lot since September! Being evaluative can help you see these improvements and give yourself a deserved pat on the back.

So don't be afraid to evaluate yourself or your learning. Take a good look at your strengths and the things you want to improve; it could help you make some big changes as we get ready for 2021!

