



# Godwin Newsletter - 14th July 2023

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## Head Teacher's Message

Our school garden has undergone quite a transformation in the last few weeks and we are delighted! Our successful bids for a number of grants have meant that our children now have a large greenhouse to work in if it is raining during sessions and we will have lots of new gardening equipment to enhance learning ready for the new school year. This is all due to our amazing gardening teacher, Sonya Patel Ellis, who has worked tirelessly to make her vision become a reality. A big thank you also to those parents and carers who have volunteered to help over the last months - we hope that you are as pleased as we are with the collective effort.



As we come to the end of the school year, we would like to remind parents that children must not take term time leave. There will be certificates and badges for pupils with 100% attendance this term, as well as certificates for anyone who reached 96% or above.



The winners from our poetry slam had a wonderful time on Thursday, browsing the bookshelves of Foyles and choosing their prizes. Afterwards, they were able to relax and read whilst sipping on a nice cool drink.

We don't know who will win next year but we are so pleased to see the poetry slam going from strength to strength.



# Dates for Your Diary.

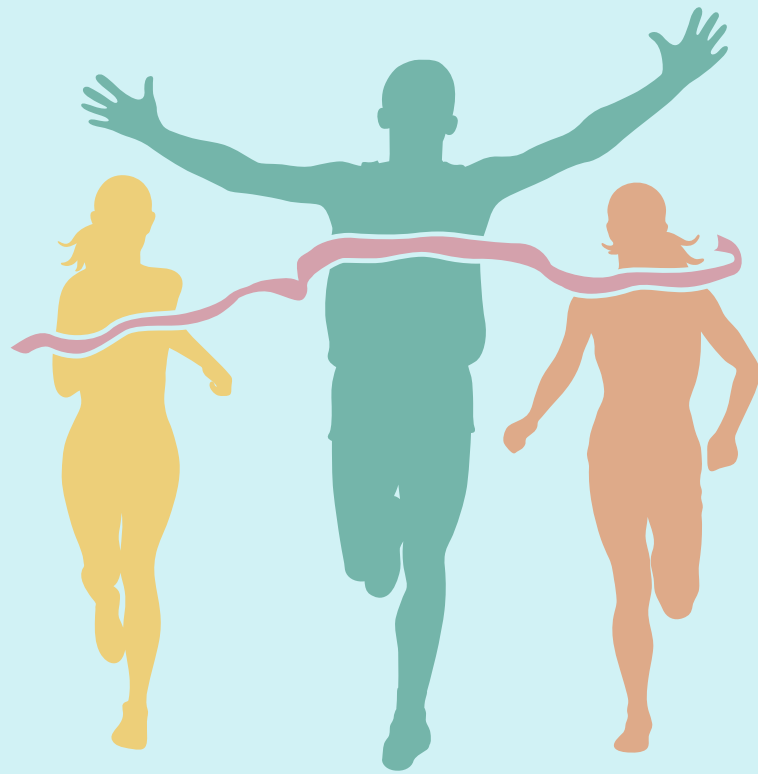
Class	Colour
3B	green
3K	red
3I	blue
3Z	yellow
4K	green
4T	blue
4Y	yellow
4Z	red
5J	blue
5M	red
5V	yellow
6B	blue
6K	green
6O	yellow
6W	red

Year 3 sports day - Weds 19th July 1:15pm

Year 4 sports day - Mon 17th July 1:15pm

Year 5 sports day - Mon 17th July 9:30am

Year 6 sports day - Weds 19th July 9:30am



Year 6 production

- Mon 17th and  
Tues 18th July  
5pm - 6pm



Year 6 disco -  
Weds 19th July  
5pm - 6:30pm



We are incredibly proud of the 14 Year 6 children who graduated from The Brilliant Club's Scholars' Programme this week. The Learning Powers of Curiosity and Perseverance which they demonstrated during their studies and when writing their 1000 word assignment demonstrate our school vision of instilling a love of learning, seeking and encouraging talent and inspiring resilient learners. Thank you to their parents and carers and Ms Collins for supporting them through this exciting experience.





# Goodbye and Well Done!



We said goodbye to our School Councillors this week following their recent trip to City Hall at the end of June. The City Hall trip was a thank you to the hardworking School Council members who dedicated themselves to various initiatives and of course the smooth running of our school. They helped planned fundraisers like Children in Need, and came up with the idea for our first Culture Day, as well as encouraging classmates to engage with Articles of the Week. Further, they successfully ran the Throne Competition, represented the school at the Newham School Council Conference, and gathered data for the Big Battery Hunt, stopping almost 3,000 batteries entering landfill. Their feedback improved school policies and their ideas made a difference. Additionally, they played a crucial role in deciding the language of the half-term and involving classmates in the process. Their inclusive approach and commitment to student voices created a supportive environment and fostered pride. The City Hall trip was a well-deserved reward for their contributions. Thank you School Council 2022-23!

This half term, our weekly competition invited children to create a poem of their own. The entries have been amazing and we look forward to more competitions in the new school year. Our final winning poem is by Amy in 3Z.

### My Poem

My poem was short,  
My poem was calm,  
My poem was held  
in my shaking palm.

I carefully read it  
out loud to my friends.  
It sometimes feels so scary,  
then relieving when it ends.

But my mates enjoyed it,  
Not one of them laughed.  
Everybody claps and I sit down at last.

*By Amy*



## Mindfulness Corner

Every Friday we will share a link to a different group or organisation with resources for mental health and wellbeing. (Just so you know, we are not endorsing any particular site nor are we ambassadors for it - but we are simply providing pointers towards sites that might be interesting/helpful).



This week we feature mental health support from The Samaritans:

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

"Stay close to people who feel like sunshine." Anon



# CHESSFEST

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On Sunday 16th July, 11am-6pm, ChessFest is taking over Trafalgar Square for a day of free, family-friendly chess activities, including:

- Free chess lessons from a CSC tutor
- Simultaneous games against the top Grandmasters in the country
- Giant chess sets
- Test your chess skills in our Challenge the Chess Master tent
- See our actors replay famous games of chess on our living chessboard

ChessKid aficionados will be able to meet FunMaster Mike Klein, star of the online platform's excellent videos who will be taking part in the festivities.

We will also be joined on the day by England internationals: GM Michael Adams, GM David Howell, GM Gawain Jones, GM Stuart Conquest, IM Harriet Hunt, and many more.



# HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE



## MONEY TOWARDS CHILDCARE

Any **one** of the following schemes...

Age

**0-11**

Or 16 if disabled

Get up to  
**£2000** per child

For working families

**TAX-FREE CHILDCARE**

Age

**0-16**

Claim back up  
to **85%** of costs  
For working families

**UNIVERSAL CREDIT**

Age

**0-15**

Or 16 if disabled

Claim back up  
to **70%** of costs

For working families

**TAX CREDITS**



AVAILABLE IN UK

... **can** be used with

## FREE HOURS OF CHILDCARE

Age

**2**

For families getting  
**certain government  
support**

**15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE**

Age

**3&4**

For **all** families

**15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE**

Age

**3&4**

For **working** families

**30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE**



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For offers in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland check [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)  
Speak to your provider about any additional charges that may apply

For full details visit

[childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Getting childcare vouchers?

Go to GOV.UK to find out more

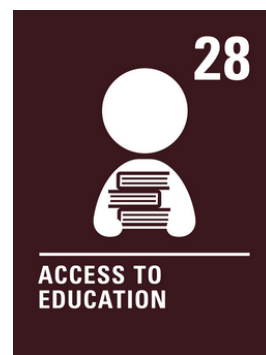


# Punctuality and Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3B	97%
3I	97%
3K	91%
3Z	99%
4Z	91%
4K	100%
4T	97%
4Y	94%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5M	97%
5J	100%
5V	94%
6O	99%
6K	92%
6B	85%
6W	99%
total	95%

for the week  
beginning 3rd  
July



Huge congratulations to 4K and 5J on their 100% attendance. Well done also to 3Z, 6O and 6W with 99% and 3B, 3I, 4T and 5M with 97%.

3K, 4Y and 6K won the punctuality cup with everyone on time all week. Fantastic!



## Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are:

4Z and 5J

Congratulations!





# Achievement Awards

3B – Jannatul – for being curious by trying new foods in DT and getting out of her comfort zone

3K – Jewana – for embracing her mistakes during Art Week

3I – Akam – for making the right choices which help her learning

3Z – Juana – for embracing mistakes during Art Week

4T – Ruby – for considering her choices and persevering during Art Week

4Y – Arham for considering his learning choices and making improvements in his reading

4Z – Yunus – for persevering during the class performance and learning someone else's part

4K – Sandev – for persevering across all subjects and having a positive attitude to his learning

5J – Aisha – for making kind and thoughtful choices

5V – Xyion – for persevering during Art Week and thinking deeply on the issue of climate change and racism

5M – Mia – for great collaboration during Art Week