



Godwin Newsletter - 13th December 2024

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

Our Year 6 children have had a very busy week. Monday saw them work with spoken word artist Kimba to create and then perform collaborative pieces on the theme of 'counting'. The depth of our pupils' thoughtfulness, never ceases to amaze me as each group interpreted this broad idea to mean 'Who counts? What counts? How do we measure it?' The groups' articulacy, as well as their ability to convey meaning through their style of delivery meant that there were some very powerful pieces.

Yesterday afternoon, they also had the opportunity to watch an inspiring performance of 'Scrooge' at The Source in Stratford. The UEL drama students enthralled our pupils (and staff!), who were in awe of their talent. It was a stunning show, with live music and singing as well as acting - a truly fantastic festive experience for everyone who attended.

We look forward to Godwin pupils having the opportunity to impress you with their talents on Monday and Tuesday - please do come along and watch if you can!

Best wishes for the weekend.

Important Dates



Monday 16th December
class performances for Years 6 and 4



Tuesday 17th December
class performances for Years 5 and 3



Friday 20th December
last day of term



Tuesday 7th January
first day back for pupils

Spare Clothing

We keep a collection of spare clothing at school, which often comes in handy! If your child has borrowed any of these items, please remember to return them.



Lost Property

We will continue to display all lost property outside the main office at 3:25pm. **Any items still unclaimed on 20th December will be donated to charity.** Labeling items with your child's name can help to prevent these losses.



FOUNDATION

Forest Gate School

Address: Forest Lane, London E7 9BB

Free Girls' Football Sessions

Date: Mondays

Age Group: 8-18 years old

Time: 18:00pm-19:30pm

Please ensure you make contact prior to attending by emailing
CommunitySport@westhamunited.co.uk

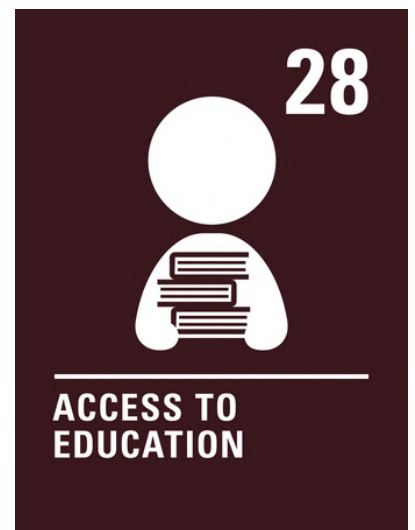
Reading Volunteers

Do you enjoy reading?

Do you like to read with children?

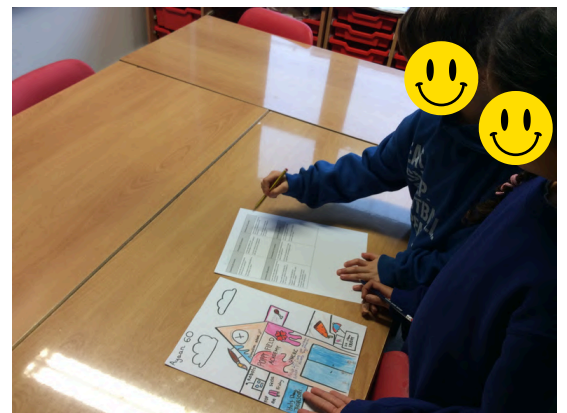
Do you have a couple of hours free each week?

We would love members of our local community to help us with our reading volunteer programme. Reading with a volunteer each week helps develop our children's ability to read, their confidence and their comprehension skills. It also promotes a love of reading for pleasure. If you are able to dedicate time each week, please email us with your details at: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk



A Big Thank You from the School Council

The School Council would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the children who participated in the Ideal School Competition. They were truly impressed by the creativity, thoughtfulness, and the effort that pupils put into their ideas. The submissions highlight how much the children care about improving school life for everyone. The Councillors engaged in deep discussions to ensure they judged the entries fairly, focusing on creativity and presentation. A special well done to all participants—each voice matters! Winners will be announced next Friday, and the Council cannot wait to share the results. Thank you for all the fantastic contributions!



Exciting Electrical Recycling Project at Godwin

On Thursday 12th December, Year 5 School Councillors received a brand-new pink recycling bin from East London Waste to recycle small electrical items like kettles, computer parts, cables, and 'phones, reducing landfill waste.

The equipment will be weighed to help us track our environmental impact and carbon footprint. Some Godwin pupils will also participate in a gadget repair workshop later on in the year.

This project supports SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production and SDG 13: Climate Action, while promoting a healthy environment in line with UNCRC Article 24.

Let's work for a greener future!





BETTER POINTS CHALLENGE

Join Now and Help Godwin Junior School

Win Big!

WHY JOIN?

Earn vouchers and prizes for yourself (shopping discounts and more!). Help our school win fantastic rewards. Build an active and connected school community.

PRIZES FOR THE SCHOOL:

Histrionics workshop

£250 for PE equipment

£150 for PE equipment



HOW TO SIGN UP:

Download the BetterPoints App.

Use the code newhamschools (or add it via the menu if already signed up).
Find the challenge, click "JOIN CHALLENGE," and select Godwin Junior School as your team.

Current Leaders: Approximately 60 sign-ups—we can do better!

Let's rally together, win prizes, and show that Godwin Junior School is the best in Newham!

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SCAN HERE

to join now!



DOWNLOAD the BetterPoints app
with the special code **newhamschools**



PICK your school team



WIN and earn BetterPoints to spend
on shopping **vouchers or donate**
to charity - your choice!



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EDUCATION

3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING





Dear Parents/Carers,

You are invited to your child's end of term performance. Please come along and support your child. Refreshments will be available.

Monday 16th December Tuesday 17th December

9:10 - 9:30 - 6K

9:40 - 10:00 - 6M

10:10 - 10:30 - 6O

2:00 - 2:20 - 4Y

2:30 - 2:50 - 4K

3:00 - 3:20 - 4T

9:10 - 9:30 - 5W

9:40 - 10:00 - 5V

10:10 - 10:30 - 5I

1:50 - 2:10 - 3K

2:15 - 2:35 - 3M

2:40 - 3:00 - 3J

3:05 - 3:25 - 3Z



Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	94%
3Z	93%
3M	95%
3J	94%
4K	95%
4T	97%
4Y	92%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5V	90%
5I	97%
5W	98%
6K	90%
6M	96%
6O	96%
average	94%

This attendance data is for the week beginning Monday 2nd December.



So far, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 96.1%, just above our target. Please help us stay above 96%.

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 4T, 5I, 5W, 6M and 6O for meeting or exceeding the school attendance target of 96%. Keep it up!



Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 4K who had only one late mark, and to 6K and 6M, who had none.



Times Table

Rock Stars

6M and 4Y take the trophies this week. Keep it up!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 3J and 6O.





Article 14 states that children have the right to think, believe and practise their religion without infringing on the rights of others. Governments must recognise and respect parents' and carers' rights and duties in raising and guiding their children. Who or what influences the way you think about the world and shapes your thoughts and beliefs? November and December are important months for many religions. Can you think of some festivals and events that take place at this time? See how many you can think of. You could write a sentence, draw a picture, or write a story about a child celebrating a festival or special day.



Mindfulness Corner

Every Friday we will highlight a different group or organisation with resources for mental health and wellbeing. (We are not endorsing any particular site nor are we ambassadors for it - we are simply providing pointers towards sites that might be interesting/helpful).

This week we feature mental health support from Supportline:
<https://www.supportline.org.uk/>

"A negative mind will never give you a positive life."
Ziad K. Abdelnour





Achievement Awards

- 3K - Zainab: for always considering her choices and being a magnificent role model
- 3J - Maya: for always persevering and trying her very best
- 3M - Connie: for always persevering and for being an outstanding role model
- 3Z - Fred: for persevering and asking for help with his learning
- 4Y - Mae: for persevering in her learning and always wanting to do her best
- 4T - Ayla: for showing great perseverance and grit in all subjects
- 4K - Margot: for showing dedication and persevering with her performance in the Christmas show
- 5W - Kingsley: for persevering to improve his writing
- 5V - Aliyah: for being an excellent role model and persevering in all areas of the curriculum
- 5I - Liam: for being an excellent role model at all times and working extremely hard
- 6O - O'Neil: for excellent perseverance in maths
- 6M - Umar: for fantastic perseverance and efforts in his reading
- 6K - Lily: for carefully considering her choices throughout the week



Godwin Junior School 2024-25

School Holiday	Bank Holiday	Pupil Day	INSET Day
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SEPTEMBER 2024							OCTOBER 2024							NOVEMBER 2024							DECEMBER 2024						
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MAY 2025							JUNE 2025							JULY 2025							AUGUST 2025						
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Total:
Autumn Term: 72 Pupil Days
Spring Term: 58 Pupil Days
Summer Term: 60 Pupil Days
Grand Total: 190 Pupil Days

75 Staff Days
60 Staff Days
60 Staff Days
195 Staff Days

Godwin Junior School 2025-26



School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

SEPTEMBER 2025							OCTOBER 2025							NOVEMBER 2025							DECEMBER 2025						
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