

Head Teacher's Message

We are really looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Parent Carer Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

This is a great opportunity to see the learning that your child is focussing on and talk to their teacher about how they are setting in their new class (and for Year 3, their new school!) Please can we ask you to arrive punctually so that you can look through your child's books before meeting with the teacher. Please also note that these meetings are only 10 minutes in length so that all parents and carers can have an appointment.

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing weekend.



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.

BIG Book Bash

On Tuesday, we celebrated our love of reading with the Big Book Bash! Children across the school dressed up to fit the theme of their year group's book, joined in with some creative activities and dived into reading the book. Please ask your child about the book they read – maybe they've found a new favourite author.

The children were all fantastic but some lucky winners received prizes based on their fabulous costumes or their wonderful contributions in class that day:

class	best costume	amazing participation
3Q	Sophia	Mahib
3D	Ibrahim	Hanna
3M	Lucy	Joachim
3K	Saoirse	Sid
4I	Ella	Altion
4M	Liyana	Inaaya
4K	Forest	Humera
4V	Blaze	Uworth
5J	Amanah	Rayan
5Y	Zainah	Esme
5T	Susi	Megan
5M	Arwen	Luca
6B	Esme	Aiza
6W	Adam	Mariam
6Z	Marlon	Yusra
6C	Rayne	Salar



Cycle Proficiency

A big well done to the following pupils who have passed their cycling proficiency this week: Digbijoy, Ibraheem, Francisco, Yunus, Arsalan, Michelle, Dominykas, Joyous, Iijah, Micah, Osayd, Levi, Lucy, Muhammad Zakariya, Kasparas, Sylvester, Awais, Sahib, Haroon and Talha.

Congratulations and safe cycling!



Sports News!

Congratulations to the Year 6 pupils who attended the Newham School Sport Partnership Football and Basketball Festival this week. Our children played with exceptional commitment and team spirit and were well-placed in both competitions. They were also brilliant ambassadors representing our school!



Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2021 is 'Proud to be'. At school we will be celebrating the achievements and contributions of Black people to the UK and around the world.

We would like all of our pupils to take part in a competition to design and create a poster to inspire and share the pride they have in their own heritage and culture. The poster could include a poem, a picture, a photograph, a piece of writing or anything which allows children to express themselves – let's get creative!

This will support our learning in school and promote the British Values of Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. It also demonstrates our commitment to UNCRC Article 30: Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religions of their family. Deadline for entries is Wednesday 20th October. Prizes will be awarded on Friday 22nd October in Achievement Assembly.



Festival of the Girl

Your child has received a journal and stickers to participate in the International Festival of the Girl, which launches on Sunday 10th October. This is a positive way for everyone in the Godwin Community to reflect on and participate in a series of online events that celebrate girls.

Every child is getting one so that they can and indeed you may like to participate in the events which will all be held online at: <https://www.festivalofthegirl.com/> Boys too are encouraged to gain an understanding of some of the issues that girls and women in their families may face and how they can help bring about change.

The festival will take place on World Mental Health Day and the UN International Day of the Girl on 10th October 2021.

Here is a link to some of the activities that the children can participate in: <https://www.festivalofthegirl.com/2021festivalandlineup> (Article 24 - wellbeing, Article 29 - a quality education and SDG 5 - Gender equality).



Teachers2Parents App

The Teachers2Parents messaging App is free to download.

1. Go to Google Play (Android) or App Store (Apple)
2. Search for 'Teachers2Parents'
3. Download the free Teachers2Parents App
4. Enter your mobile number
5. It will send you a verification code which you enter on the next screen
6. You will then be taken to the welcome message
7. Once completed (or skipped) you can use the App

We hope this will help you to receive our communications more efficiently and readily.



Achievement Awards

3D – Bilal for explaining reasoning well during PSHE.

3K – Will for persevering in English and using fantastic adjectives in his Rama and Sita story.

3M – Sandev for persevering to include adjectives in an opening paragraph.

3Q – Saxon for always thinking carefully about his choices.

4I – Sofia for consistently articulating her ideas well in all lessons.

4K – Aleesa for always persevering and trying her best across all subjects.

4M – Isaac V for continuously being a curious learner in all subjects.

4V – Stanley for persevering with his learning especially in Maths.

5J – Nat for taking the time to evaluate his work so that it can be improved even further.

5M – Mariam for working collaboratively and being a fantastic learning partner.

5T – Isa for his enthusiasm during learning and perseverance when tackling challenges.

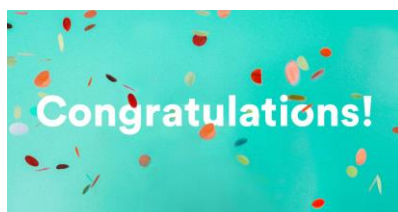
5Y – Zayan for being imaginative and using imagery in his writing.

6B – Tasin for effort and participation, particularly in French lessons.

6C – Arif for great improvements in spelling, demonstrating great perseverance.

6W – Digbijoy for explaining his reasoning in Maths.

6Z – Humaira for making good choices and always giving 100%.



Music at the Woodgrange Market



16th Oct – 1.00pm Justin & Lucky Steel Pan Drums

30th Oct – 1.00pm Violinist (Gypsy Music)

27th Nov – 2.00pm Xine - Opera Singer

11th Dec – 1.00pm King Toad Fish

Come and join us all for some amazing entertainment.

Food Collection

Please remember our collection for the Refugee and Migrant Project.

The project organisers are always immensely grateful to the Godwin Community for the support shown and your kindness helps to support others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Suggested items; Rice, pasta, tinned vegetables or fruit, cereals, longlife milk, tinned fish, baked beans, spaghetti hoops.

Donations can be placed in the collection bins at the school entrances.
Please be generous!



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>



(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 collaboration – the ability to work with others towards a common goal. This can be a difficult skill for children to master; they need a lot of opportunities and support from adults to do this effectively. Why is it worth the effort?

Embedded learning: Collaboration embeds knowledge more powerfully through listening and sharing. A student is more likely to remember something learnt with and from a peer, than something broadcast from the front of the classroom. The dialogue and discussion over new ideas and approaches to solving the task set make it more memorable and require a deeper level of skill.

Confidence building: Well-planned collaboration allows all students to recognise and value the importance of their own contributions. It emboldens them with the confidence to teach and learn from others – not only their peers, but their teachers too.

Improved psychological health: There has been found to be a strong correlation between cooperativeness and psychological health. A more collaborative approach could lead to better emotional maturity, well-adjusted social relations, a strong personality identity, an ability to cope with adversity, a basic trust and optimism about people as well as greater independence and autonomy.

Inclusivity: There is no such thing as an 'average' child, and collaborative learning plays to this. It can give 'outlier' pupils unique ways forward. They bring their own strength and skills, which are recognised and valued by other students. Effective collaboration recognises the merit of everyone in the group, allowing each child to work to their strengths and gain support from others when needed.

Well-rounded citizens: This may seem a bold claim, but as mentioned at the beginning, what we learn in childhood, we take into adult life. Collaborative practice can become so inculcated in a person that they take their skills not only on to further education and work, but into their personal lives too. The more people are equipped this way, the more harmonious society can become.

Diary Dates

Wed 13th Oct – Parent/Carer Conferences
Thr 14th Oct – Parent/Carer Conferences
Tue 19th Oct – School Photographer in school (individual photographs)
Fri 22nd Oct – Last day of half term
Mon 25th Oct – Fri 29th Oct – Half Term Holiday
Mon 1st Nov – School resumes
Fri 12th Nov – Children in Need Day
Tue 21st Dec – Last day of term
Wed 22nd Dec – Wed 5th Jan – Christmas Holiday

Please make a note of these important dates and watch in future newsletters for more dates.....



Holiday Camp

Monday 25th – Thursday 28th October
9.00am – 4.00pm
Sandringham Primary School
£18.50 per day

For more details or to book a place go to:
premier-education.com/holiday-camps

