# Godwin Newsletter - 22nd November 2024

**preparing pupils for lifelong success**

## Important Dates

**Friday 29th November**
Hot Chocolate Friday

**Friday 6th December**
Hot Chocolate Friday

**Friday 13th December**
PTA Winter Fair

**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

## Head Teacher's Message

Congratulations to our new Parent Governor, Anna Anstey-Goodhand, who was elected this week. Anna brings with her lots of experience and we look forward to welcoming her officially at our next Governing Board meeting. Thank you to the other candidates who stood, it is genuinely appreciated that we have parents/carers who are willing to volunteer their time and skills to support our school.

This week has been another one with lots of enrichment opportunities taking place to support children's learning across the curriculum. Please find out what Year 3 have been up to in this newsletter!

Today sees us launch a one week Christmas Foodbank appeal. For next week only, we are asking parents/carers who are able to, to donate items to support others over the festive season. Christmas is a time of year when increased expectations can put an extra strain on those who are struggling financially.

Families coming together can also make this an expensive time for the hosts. If you are able to donate festive items such as mince pies, gingerbread, biscuits (sweet or savoury), boxes of chocolates, Christmas puddings, cakes, hot chocolate, crisps, chocolate coins, candy canes etc next week, that would help bring a festive sparkle to another family's Christmas.

With best wishes for a warmer weekend!

We currently have a lot of expensive-looking coats, jumpers and hoodies in lost property. These items are not named. Please come and take a look in case any of them belong to your child.

We urge all parents and carers to write the child's name on the label of their clothing.

Earlier this week, 3K and 3M had the enriching opportunity to visit the Woodford Liberal Synagogue as part of their study of Judaism in RE. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed exploring a variety of Jewish artefacts, including the Torah (holy script), the Yad (a pointer used with the Torah), the Tallit (a shawl worn by Jewish people), and many others.

The children engaged in thoughtful discussions about the commonalities between Judaism and other faiths.

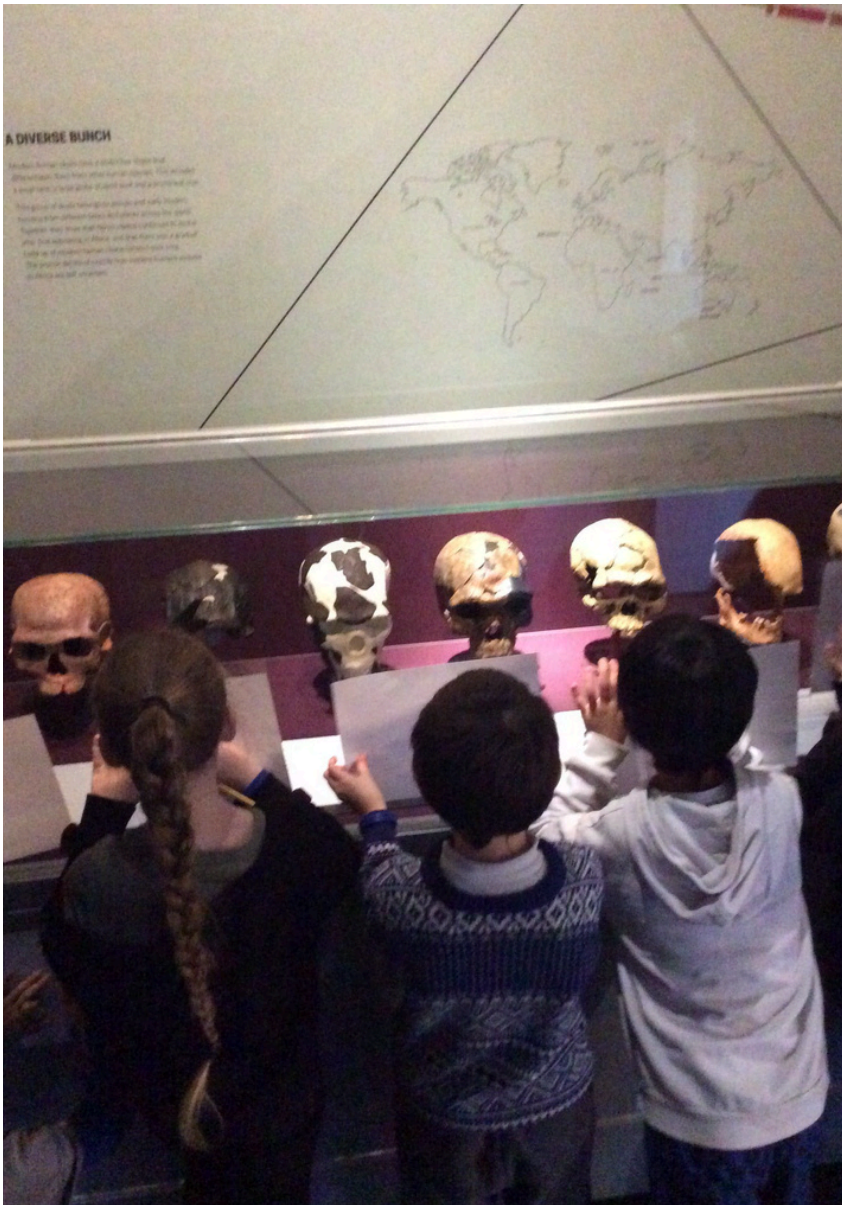
Additionally, they were privileged to observe the Rabbi and a synagogue member as they lit a menorah, demonstrating how Jewish families celebrate the festival of Hanukkah—an important topic Year 3 will soon be studying.

The visit inspired many insightful questions from the pupils, reflecting their curiosity and enthusiasm.

Upon returning to school, the children were eager to share their reflections and positive feedback about the experience.

This week, 3Z and 3J visited The Natural History Museum to say "Hello" to The Cheddar Man.

The Cheddar Man  lived around 10,000 years ago and is the oldest almost complete skeleton of our species, Homo sapiens, ever found in Britain.




To support their current History learning, pupils sketched different artefacts held in the museum's Human Evolution zone and were able to see what historians and archaeologists imagine The Cheddar Man actually looked like.

It was a busy day with time also spent learning even more about volcanoes and earthquakes (studied last term in Geography) and different rocks (our current Science unit of study).

We are sure 3M and 3K are very excited about their visit next week!

## First Newham Pupil Parliament

On Monday, Rita and Penny from Year 6 proudly represented Godwin Junior School at the inaugural Newham Pupil Parliament session. The event was an incredible opportunity for young voices from across the borough to come together and discuss important matters impacting on children today.

Rita and Penny were a credit to our school, speaking eloquently and passionately about the importance of children's right to be heard. Their thoughtful contributions highlighted their dedication and leadership, reflecting the values we hold dear at Godwin Junior School. We are honoured to have had such outstanding ambassadors represent us at this important gathering.

Michael Rosen is an award-winning children's author and poet. He is one of the best-known figures in the children's book world, renowned for his work as a writer, poet, performer and broadcaster.

Entry forms are available from all classrooms now, but can also be downloaded here.

Please ensure that your poem is no longer than one side of A4, then bring it to school for Ms Smith to submit.

Michael Rosen will read his favourite three poems during a Scholastic Schools Live event in spring 2025. The winning children and their schools will also receive book bundle prizes. Additionally, one entry per week will be printed here in the Godwin Newsletter.

All entries must be handed in to Ms Smith by 13th January 2025.

The annual **Love Letters to London** competition is now open. As 2024 represents the 60th Anniversary of Martin Luther King's sermon at St Paul's, the theme this year is: **DREAMS FOR LONDON.**

**The winner of the '11 and under' category will receive £500 as well as £250 of books for the school.** There will also be runner-up prizes of £150.

Entries can be fiction, essays, reportage or poetry, and must be no longer than 500 words (or 40 lines of poetry) Entries must be typed on a Google Doc or on Word, and can be submitted by emailing the document/link to Ms Smith at info@godwin.newham.sch.uk. They can also be printed and handed to Ms Smith in person.

**Closing date:** Entries must reach Ms Smith by Wednesday 18th December.

**Key information**: at the top of your document, please type the title of your entry, your name, address, parent/carer telephone number and parent/carer e-mail address.

Alternatively, visit *LondonSociety.org.uk* for information on submitting directly.

# 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**

# SAVE THE DATE

FRIENDS OF GODWIN PTA
INVITE YOU TO THE

# Winter FAIR

Join us for a magical afternoon of fun and festivities at our annual Winter Fair!
Stay tuned for more details.
We can't wait to see you there!

**FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

Follow us on Instagram @godwinpta

## WINTER FAIR RAFFLE NOW LIVE - TICKETS JUST £1!

WIN ONE OF OUR AMAZING HAMPERS PACKED WITH WINTER TREATS.
PRIZES INCLUDE:

LUXURY BEAUTY HAMPER WORTH +£300
HOME LOVERS HAMPER WORTH + £300
FOOD LOVERS HAMPER WORTH +£300
FACIAL WORTH £175 AT A CENTRAL LONDON SALON
CLASS COLOURED HAMPERS

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENTER THE RAFFLE!**

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 |
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| 9:10 - 9:30 – 6K | 9:10 - 9:30 – 5W |
| 9:40 - 10:00 – 6M | 9:40 - 10:00 – 5V |
| 10:10 - 10:30 – 6O | 10:10 - 10:30 – 5I |
| 2:00 - 2:20 – 4Y | 1:50 - 2:10 – 3K |
| 2:30 - 2:50 – 4K | 2:15 - 2:35 – 3M |
| 3:00 - 3:20 – 4T | 2:40 - 3:00 – 3J |
| | 3:05 - 3:25 – 3Z |

# Whole-Class Attendance

| CLASS | ATTENDANCE |
|---|---|
| 3K | 95% |
| 3Z | 97% |
| 3M | 97% |
| 3J | 98% |
| 4K | 94% |
| 4T | 94% |
| 4Y | 93% |

| CLASS | ATTENDANCE |
|---|---|
| 5V | 96% |
| 5I | 89% |
| 5W | 98% |
| 6K | 93% |
| 6M | 98% |
| 6O | 94% |
| average | 95% |

This attendance data is for the week beginning Monday 11th November.

**So far, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 96.4%.**

**Thank you for your support in this.**

## Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 3Z, 3M, 3J, 5V, 5W and 6M for meeting the school attendance target of 96%. Keep it up!

## Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 4K and 6K who had no late marks last week.

## Times Table Rock Stars

3Z and 5W take the trophies this week. Keep it up!

## Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 4K and 5W.

# Article of the Week

*On 20th November, we celebrate World Children's Day, a day to recognise the rights of every child. This year's theme, "For every child, every right," reminds us that all children deserve equal treatment and respect. According to Article 1 of the UNCRC, everyone under 18 has all the rights in the Convention. Article 2 emphasises that these rights apply to every child, regardless of background, beliefs, or abilities.*

*We also focus on British values like mutual respect, good decision-making, and our Godwin learning powers: good learners consider their choices, explain their reasoning, and embrace mistakes as part of learning.*

*This week, we are reminded of Article 3, which makes the best interests of children a top priority, and Article 4, which calls on governments to protect children's rights. Together, let's make choices that protect and uplift every child.*

## 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 The Mental Health Foundation: https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk

"You are strong enough to face it all. Even if it doesn't feel like it right now." *Marianne Williamson*

Newham London

# Join the Forest Gate and Maryland Neighbourhood Forum

We would like to invite residents and groups to the Forest Gate and Maryland Neighbourhood Forum on:

**Tuesday 3 December 2024, 6pm-7.30pm at The Gate Library E7 0QH**

- Take part in a joint Council and Police forum to hear updates and discuss, community safety and environmental issues
- Hear about our plans to improve street cleansing and reduce fly-tipping
- Take part in a Q&A panel session with Council staff and Police

For more information or to submit any questions you would like to ask during the forum, please email **CN.Forestgate@newham.gov.uk** or call **020 3373 0856**

# Achievement Awards

3K - Heba: for persevering in maths, even when it is challenging

3J - Jackob: for making lots of good choices

3M - Agam: for always choosing to listen and being an excellent role model

3Z - Zakariyya: for excellent contributions to class discussions

4Y - Safir: for persevering in his phonics sessions and applying this knowledge when reading and writing

4T - Raymond: for being an amazing role model to peers and consistently showing great curiosity and effort across all his subjects

4K - Arthur: for considering his choices and improving his learning behaviour

5W - Masud: for excellent collaboration in maths

5V - Maya: for persevering in all areas of the curriculum and being a collaborative learning partner

5I - Alex: for being an excellent learning partner and always working well with others

6O - Sidra: for an excellent display of collaboration and explaining reasoning in maths

6M - Uzayer: for excellent perseverance and reasoning in maths

6K - Lucy: for fantastic collaboration during PE

# Godwin Junior School 2024-25

School Holiday | Bank Holiday | Pupil Day | INSET Day

## SEPTEMBER 2024

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18 Pupil Days
21 Staff Days

## OCTOBER 2024

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19 Pupil Days
19 Staff Days

## NOVEMBER 2024

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20 Pupil Days
20 Staff Days

## DECEMBER 2024

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15 Pupil Days
15 Staff Days

## JANUARY 2025

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18 Pupil Days
20 Staff Days

## FEBRUARY 2025

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15 Pupil Days
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## MARCH 2025

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21 Pupil Days
21 Staff Days

## APRIL 2025

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16 Pupil Days
16 Staff Days

## MAY 2025

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16 Pupil Days
16 Staff Days

## JUNE 2025

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21 Pupil Days
21 Staff Days

## JULY 2025

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17 Pupil Days
17 Staff Days

## AUGUST 2025

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| Total: | | |
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| Autumn Term: | 72 Pupil Days | 75 Staff Days |
| Spring Term: | 58 Pupil Days | 60 Staff Days |
| Summer Term: | 60 Pupil Days | 60 Staff Days |
| Grand Total: | 190 Pupil Days | 195 Staff Days |

# Godwin Junior School 2025-26

School Holiday | Bank Holiday | Pupil Day | INSET Day

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## APRIL 2026

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## MAY 2026

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## JUNE 2026

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## AUGUST 2026

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