



Godwin Newsletter - 16th June 2023

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Governors' Message

As governors, we are focused on supporting the school to further develop our community links and improve opportunities for stakeholder engagement. These commitments are part of Godwin's School Development Plan. With your help, we'd love to help the school to do more. Please think about how you can help:

We want to support the re-establishment of the Friends of Godwin – a group of parents, carers, family members, staff and the local community who can form a Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This group would meet regularly to plan events and activities to raise funds for the school and it would be a great way to be more involved in our thriving school.

More information on what a PTA/Friends of Godwin might involve is here: <https://www.pta.co.uk/running-a-pta/community-engagement/should-i-join-the-pta/>

If you're interested in finding out more, please email: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk

We'd love to have a Godwin stall at the Woodgrange Infant School Fete on 1 July and are hoping to secure one at the Forest Gate Festival on 8 July.

Can you help?! As well as an opportunity to engage with our local community, it's also a chance to raise money for Godwin, with a particular focus on money for the library.

Can you:

Woodgrange Fete – Saturday 1 July

- Donate good quality books for a second hand sale
- Donate good quality used/new Godwin uniform for sale
- Help on the day?

Forest Gate Festival – Saturday 8 July

- Donate good quality books for a second hand sale
- Donate handmade crafts for us to sell - this was really successful last year
- Donate plants for us to sell - these were very popular last year
- Help on the day?



PLEASE start donating books and uniform for Woodgrange fete now. These can be brought to the main entrance of the school from next week.

Let's get the Friends of Godwin up and running and aim to host a Godwin Winter fete to showcase the brilliance of the school and local community. All ideas welcome!





On Thursday, Year 3 received a visit from a member of the London Beekeepers' Association. This expert brought along some of his bees in an observational hive. Needless to say, the children were captivated!

Everyone was able to get up close and personal and learn about these extraordinary social animals. The beekeeper was able to talk about bee anatomy, the social life of a hive and how new queens are created. The role of bees in food production was also an important part of the discussion. We want to ensure that children understand why these tiny creatures are so important.

As well as supporting our science curriculum, we believe it's vital for our pupils to understand the impact of the food they eat on their health and the environment, and have the food skills to live a healthy life after they leave us.

"It was really crazy to learn that the food I like needs bees to grow." - Harris

"It was fantastic! I loved seeing how the bees moved." - Eva





At Godwin, we teach RE across a whole day each half term. Year 4's recent RE day answered the question 'What happens when someone gets married?'

The children reflected on the importance of vows or promises in everyday life. They learnt about the events within Hindu weddings and what they symbolise as well as the Nikah ceremony found in the Islamic tradition.

In the afternoon, we were joined by visitors from St Mark's Church, including Reverend Ben King. He was able to show the children what a Christian wedding ceremony would look like, complete with Year 4 pupils playing the roles of ushers, bridesmaids, best men, witnesses and more! They really enjoyed seeing our volunteers get married, and loved the reception we held afterwards, complete with dancing and refreshments.

Activities like this really bring the curriculum to life, deepening children's understanding of the concepts they are learning.





Congratulations to the Year 3 pupils who took part in Newham's Primary Panathlon this week. This was a team competition where children collaborate to complete a series of physical games and challenges.

Melisa, Goldie, Sultan, Idris, Ahmad, Ivor, Matei, Masud, Adam and Usman were all excellent ambassadors for Godwin and had a really enjoyable day. We are sure they will treasure their medals.



People Powered Forest Gate & Maryland



Make your ideas happen, join your local 'Our Solutions' event to improve your neighbourhood.
Our solutions: Monday 3 July 2023, 6-8pm | The Gate Library, 2-6 Woodgrange Road, E7 0QH



This event is hybrid. Scan QR code for details or just turn up.
 For more info, call 020 3373 0856
<https://OurSolutionsForestGateMaryland.eventbrite.com>

**YOUR VOICES.
 YOUR CHOICES.
 YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD.**

After-School Club September 2023

Due to sufficient Expressions of Interest from parents and carers, we are pleased to inform you about a new provision for an afterschool “wrap-around” club starting in September 2023. The Ofsted-registered care facility will be delivered by Premier Education and based on the premises at Godwin Junior School.

Premier Education have been supporting the physical education and extra-curricular provision at Godwin for almost 10 years, delivering curricular PE lessons, lunch-time supervision and after-school sports clubs. Premier Education will offer “wrap around” child-care from 3.35 – 5:45pm each day at a cost of £14 per session (minimum booking 2 days per week).

Due to the Expressions of Interest we have received, Premier has started the process of applying for Ofsted registration for this setting. We hope this will be ratified in time for the beginning of the Autumn term.

Please be aware that the after-school club can only run if it is financially viable and unfortunately will have to close if the bookings fail to materialise.

Parents/Carers who have expressed an interest will receive notification that bookings can be made via our portal and there will also be an announcement via the school newsletter:

www.premier-education.com

We are looking forward to providing a safe, secure and fun environment for the children at Godwin Junior School.

Michael Johnson

Area Director

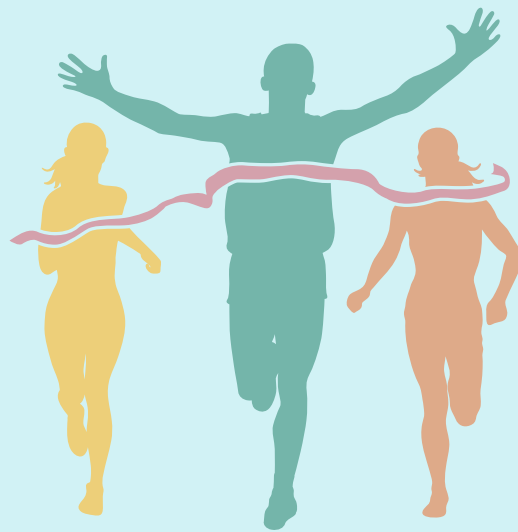
Dates for Your Diary.

Parent/Carer and SLT
Coffee and Chai meeting
- Mon 19th June 9am



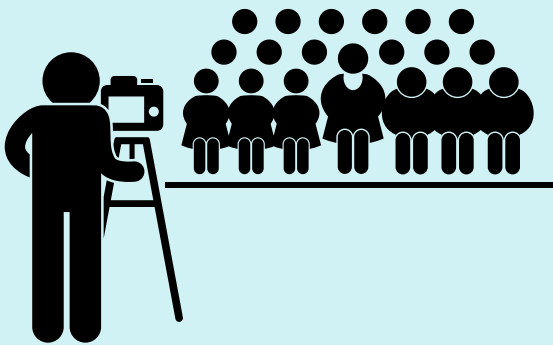
Please come along and let us
know your thoughts.

Year 3 sports day - Weds 19th July pm
Year 4 sports day - Mon 17th July pm
Year 5 sports day - Mon 17th July am
Year 6 sports day - Weds 19th July am



Join us on
Wanstead
Flats to
cheer the
children
on!

Class Photographs -
Monday 26th June



Year 6 production -
Mon 17th and Tues
18th July (evening)



Year 3 - 5 music
assemblies - Tues 11th
July times TBC



Year 6 disco -
Weds 19th July
(evening)

Summer Reading Challenge

After half term, each class will be visiting The Gate Library to kick off the summer reading challenge.

Please ensure your child brings their library card to school that day. If they have lost their card, we will issue them a new one.

3B - Monday 5th June ✓

3I - Monday 12th June ✓

3K - Friday 16th June ✓

3Z - Friday 16th June ✓

4Z - Thursday 8th June ✓

4T - Thursday 6th July

4Y - Thursday 22nd June

4K - Friday 7th July

5J - Tuesday 13th June ✓

5V - Monday 26th June

5M - Friday 30th June

6O - Monday 26th June

6B - Monday 19th June

6K - Monday 19th June

6W - Monday 3rd July





Teachers2Parents - Apps on Google Play

Keeping parents & guardians updated with important updates from schools.

The Teachers2Parents App is a free-to-download messaging app for viewing messages received from your child's school and providing additional information about the school. The app is divided into three main sections: Messages, Term Calendar and Noticeboard:

- **Messages** contains all the messages that you have received from the school and will notify you when you receive a new one.
- **Term Calendar** includes the term dates the school has posted.
- **Noticeboard** contains general announcements to inform app users like you about important school events and information.

How to Download and Register

1. Go to Google Play (Android) or App Store (iPhone)
2. Search for 'Teachers2Parents'
3. Download the free Teachers2Parents App
4. Enter your mobile number e.g. 07532542423.
5. It will send you a Verification Code which you enter on the next screen
6. You will then see a welcome message providing information on each section
7. Once completed (or skipped), you can now use the Teachers2Parents App.

If you receive the error message "The number you have provided was not recognized" then you should double-check with the school that the mobile number you are entering is the one saved for your child in their Teachers2Parents Text Service.

Once you have downloaded and registered with the Teachers2Parents App, you will no longer receive SMS messages from the school. Instead you will receive messages directly to the app via your phone data or Wi-Fi connection.

This half term, our weekly competition invites children to create a poem of their own. Entry forms are available in all classrooms and can be handed in to Ms Smith.

This week's winners are Braccha from 4Z and Eloise from 5J. You can read their poems below.

Friendship

**Her shiny brown eyes and dazzling smiles,
She can take me higher than a hundred miles.
Being with her feels like I am in heaven.
Who would know? This could come true.**



Braccha

KEEP MOVING FORWARD

Frederick Afrifa came to our school.
He's twice gold medalist and seems real cool.
When we first saw him wildness did unfold,
The challenges he set were only for the bold.

5J, my class', time came,
And we all felt the same.
Excitedly, we answered the call
And were escorted to the PE hall.

Without further delay
Frederick's assistant did say,
"Do spotty dogs, get to it!" to our group,
And we hopped to the music in a tidy loop.

We started the exercise
And were soon very surprised
That some were ready to drop
Well before we were asked to stop.

Again and again we were ordered,
"KEEP MOVING FORWARD!"
Frederick Afrifa would continue to reiterate,
In our heads the words echo and reverberate.

BANG! On the mats now we realise:
It's time to start doing leg drives.
We're tired and exhausted but we persevere
Bring it on Frederick - we can take more here!

Leg drives behind us,
We continue on with little fuss.
Any minute now some thought they'd be dead,
But again, "KEEP MOVING FORWARD!" he said.

We readied ourselves for the ominous task
How long could we possibly last!?
Push ups for a minute -
Would he finally break our spirit?

"Touch the ground with your nose and up again!
"KEEP MOVING FORWARD!
"It's the way to success!"
He shares his message clearly with us.

Some sniffers touched the ground
And couldn't get up.
Others managed to do it,
But generally, we were left in a flop.
In the end, as the last person dropped,
The whistle blew as the timer stopped.
We lined up, single file, at the front of the hall.
The last exercise was the easiest of them all!

The music blared out of the speakers,
With some people panting and others holding on
We started the star jumps obediently
But this just gave us stitches quickly!

Stretching and easing, we left the hall,
Going past Frederick, we tried not to fall.
"The secret a coach told me summers ago
"Never stop trying and always KEEP MOVING FORWARD, y' know!"

Eloise

LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNITY WEEKEND

Celebrating Diversity in FOREST GATE

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Live Music, Food and family activities

FOREST GATE COMMUNITY GARDEN

136 Earlham Grove, E7 9AD

Saturday 24th June
11.30 - 2.30

info@fgcommunitygarden.org
www.fgcommunitygarden.org

 **COMMUNITY
GARDEN**
Forest Gate



Article of the Week



*This week, we highlight **SDG 6** and **UNCRC Articles 24** and **27**, addressing the pressing issue of inadequate access to clean water. With 2 billion people lacking access to this essential resource, urgent action is required. **SDG 6** aims for universal access to safe drinking water, while **Articles 24** and **27** recognise children's right to **health** and a **decent standard of living**, including access to clean water.*

*Take action: support Year 5's "**What Can You Do with Blue?**" charity theme day on **Friday 16th June**, to fundraise for **WaterAid**, promoting collective action to conserve water, protect water sources, and ensure **clean water for all**.*

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 NHS:

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

"Wellbeing is attained by little and little, and nevertheless is no little thing itself." *Anon*

Punctuality and Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3B	88%
3I	93%
3K	94%
3Z	95%
4Z	98%
4K	99%
4T	98%
4Y	95%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5M	98%
5J	96%
5V	90%
6O	99%
6K	90%
6B	91%
6W	97%
total	95%

for the week
beginning 5th
June



Congratulations to 4K and 6O on their 99% attendance, and well done to 4Z, 4T and 5M for reaching 98%. Good job also to 6W with 97%.

We would love to see more classes at 97% or above next week.

6K won the punctuality cup with everyone on time all week. Fantastic!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are:

4T and 5M

Congratulations!





Achievement Awards

- 3B – Sultan: for persevering in his maths learning this week
- 3K – Viktor: for persevering and writing a poem about Ukraine
- 3I – Bonnie: for being a fantastic learning partner and always working well with others
- 3Z – Goldie: for persevering when representing the school at a sports competition
- 4K – Aasiya: for persevering to show a deeper understanding of poetry in English
- 4T – Ayaan: for consistently considering his choices
- 4Y – Eddi: for demonstrating a deeper understanding of poems read in class and explaining the effects of poetic devices
- 4Z – Shahriyar: for trying to articulate his ideas in English
- 5J – Karimah: for her willingness to collaborate and learn with others
- 5V – Nathan: for persevering and being more independent in Maths
- 5M - Aleesa: for persevering when producing a poem on undersea volcanoes
- 6W – Aleena: for excellent collaboration in Geography
- 6O – Harry: for perseverance with his writing
- 6B – Jaziel: for perseverance in writing
- 6K – Nevaeh: for explaining her reasoning during PSHE