



# Godwin Newsletter - 10th November 2023

preparing pupils for lifelong success



## Head Teacher's Message



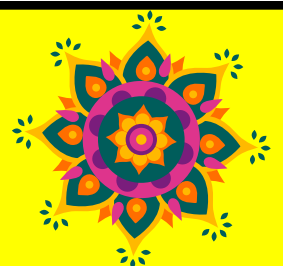
In assemblies this week we have been discussing why it is important to mark Remembrance Day and how different our lives would be without others being prepared to protect the British Values of Individual Liberty, Democracy, Mutual Respect, Tolerance and The Rule of Law. Our display is a small token of our gratitude to those who have ensured that we are able to enjoy the Rights enshrined in the UNCRC.

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in a very exciting show debate through our partners Debate Mate this week. Particular congratulations to Eloise who participated brilliantly in front of a very large audience.

Our Year 5 children explored the play Macbeth through a drama workshop. This enrichment activity was an engaging way to help them understand the characters and their motivations and will support their writing in the coming weeks.



Happy Diwali to all those who celebrate in our school community. We wish you peaceful and joyful festivities.



# MEET OUR GOVERNORS

Our school governors play an important role in leading Godwin, helping to determine strategy and ensure our pupils have a happy and successful education with us. Each week we will introduce you to a different member of the team.

**Name:** Ifeoma Ejuh

**Age:** 23

**One important fact about you is:** I've recently gotten into fitness and enjoy running and boxing.

**What's your day job?** I am a Product Governance Analyst within insurance.



**Why did you become a Governor?** I became a Governor because I know the impact education has had in my life and want to ensure children in my local community have positive learning experiences.

**What is one thing you appreciate about Godwin?** Godwin tries to create links between subjects to show the connectivity of what children are learning, I am passionate about this because I think it's important to have a true understanding of a topic and an understanding that can be practically applied.

# Mathletics

Monday sees the start of the annual 'Maths Week England'. In addition to our weekly Times Tables Rock Stars tournament, pupils have been collecting sponsorship for our Times Tables Rock Star event.

During their maths lessons next week, pupils will spend some time learning about a significant mathematician and the impact that their work continues to have on modern day life.

At Godwin we also use Mathletics to encourage our pupils to develop their mathematical skills at home. The online portal recently launched some updates and enhancements, including an Avatar Maker, a new Student Centre and new Student Certificates. If you wish to learn more about these exciting updates please ask your children - they will be more than happy to show these to you. You can also visit <https://www.mathletics.com/uk/parent-portal/> to experience Mathletics first hand.



## Monday is Odd Socks Day!

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, starting with Odd Socks Day on Monday. Children are encouraged to wear mismatched socks as a symbol of uniqueness and to promote acceptance of diversity. It is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness about social issues such as bullying and prejudice.

On Friday, each year group will watch a special assembly presented by Bigfoot Arts Education. Pupils will explore why some children may be bullied, why some may bully others, what unkind behaviour and discrimination looks like, as well as how we can work together to ensure everyone feels respected, no matter who they are.

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAYS ARE BACK!

FRIENDS OF GODWIN PTA WILL BRING A CHOCOLATEY GRIN TO YOUR CHILD'S FACE ON FRIDAY 10TH, 17TH & 24TH NOVEMBER AND FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH £1 AND THE HOT CHOCOLATE WILL BE DELIVERED TO THEIR CLASSROOM

THE MONEY RAISED WILL BUY CLASS READING BOOKS



# BAG 2 SCHOOL

## FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



## Godwin Junior School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

*We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:*

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

*(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)*

*The more we weigh the more we pay!*

*Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

*Please return your Bag2School on:*

**Tuesday 21st November 2023**



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[helpdesk@bag2school.com](mailto:helpdesk@bag2school.com)

**Please only bring the bags to school on Tuesday 21st.**



**Be an active part of your child's school community**

**Hear about events and opportunities to support your child's school  
and education**

**No minimum commitment, any amount of involvement is welcome!**

We have a whatsapp group where events are discussed. Please use [this link](#) or the QR code to join

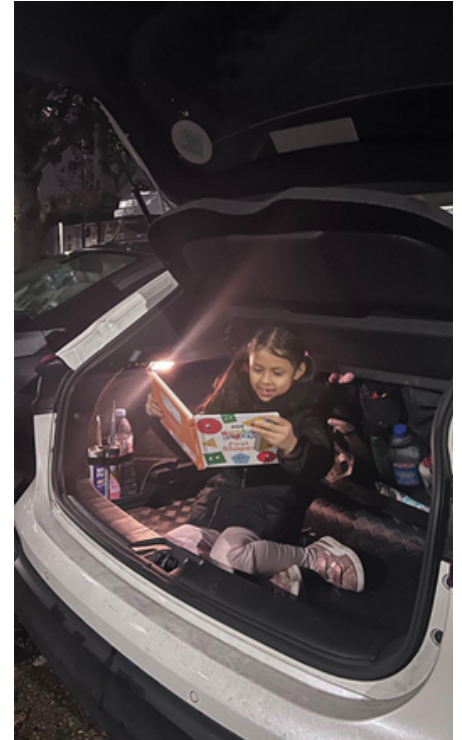


# Get Caught Reading

Our first winners are Adam from 4K and Inaya from 3Z. Hooray!

Can you catch your child reading in a strange or unusual place? If so, email the photo to [info@godwin.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@godwin.newham.sch.uk) and they could be next week's winner.

Don't forget to include their name and class.



This Sunday is the final day to register online and take part in The Big Vote. Please back Godwin to help us win £20,000 of funding for our wellbeing project.

Click this link or scan the QR code <https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/peoplepoweredforestgate>

People  
Powered  
Places

The **BIG** Vote  
21 October -  
12 November





This Christmas, the cost of living crisis means that disadvantaged children need more help than ever. The Childhood Trust and The Metropolitan Police are working in partnership, aiming to provide a Christmas present to every vulnerable or disadvantaged child in London. This includes children in foster care, residential care homes, refuges, and those from very low-income families.

### **How does it work?**


You can donate presents and make donations for children from the online gift shop. Before Christmas, social workers will hand-deliver the presents directly to children's homes. Once all the children on their lists have been provided with gifts any remaining funds will be used to provide practical and emotional support for children in need throughout the upcoming year.

Please click the link below if you would like to contribute:

<https://metchristmastreeappeal.org/>





The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, is smiling and sitting at a table with several children in a school cafeteria. There are tables with food and drinks in the background.

## The Mayor of London's Love Your Lunch Challenge

### Join the challenge and win big prizes!

The Mayor is asking young Londoners to join the conversation about free school meals by creating a piece of work in any medium that tells us about the value of nutritious school dinners.

The theme is:

'The best thing about school lunches is...'

Children are asked to reflect on the following questions:

- does eating school lunch provide an enjoyable moment to spend time with friends?
- does lunch at school help you to concentrate in your favourite afternoon lesson?
- does lunch at school give you energy to play your favourite sport?

The competition will close on 20 November.



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

*People of all faiths, cultures, and backgrounds come together at memorials to honour those who fought for our freedom and democratic way of life. This year as we marked 75 years of the Windrush arriving in Tilbury Docks, we also acknowledge the 16,000 Black Caribbean men and women who volunteered to serve, motivated to contribute to the war effort and come to the aid of Britain.*

*Armistice Day has been celebrated in the UK since the fighting stopped at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918, marking the end of the First World War.*

*Article 38 says that governments can't let children younger than 15 fight in wars or join the military. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children who are hurt by war and armed conflicts.*

*Why is it important to remember and commemorate those who have fought in wars?  
 How does this link to Article 38 of the Convention?*



## 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 NHS - Every Mind Matters: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters>

"Life doesn't get easier, you just get stronger." Steve Maraboli

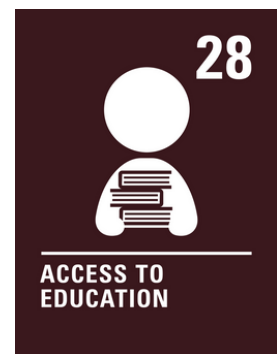


# Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	98%
3Z	88%
3Y	93%
3J	96%
4K	95%
4B	97%
4I	91%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5V	91%
5O	96%
5T	96%
6W	92%
6K	97%
6M	96%
average	94%

for the week  
beginning  
Monday 30th  
October



## Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 3K on attendance.

Please help your child to be here every day so they can learn.



## Punctuality Cup

3Z, 5O, 5T and 6K all won the cup this week with every learner on time each day.

Congratulations to them!



## Times Table

### Rock Stars

4I and 6K take the trophies this week.

Keep it up!



## Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are  
3J, 4K, 5V and 6W

Congratulations!





# Achievement Awards

3Y - Manaf: for explaining his reasoning clearly during maths lessons

3J - Roy: for learning to make choices that help him produce the best work possible

3K - Rajveer: for continuing to challenge himself and persevering in maths

3Z - Ralph: for considering his choices in maths

4K - Akam: for improving her attitude to learning and persevering across all subjects

4I - Melisa: for persevering with her learning and working extremely hard

4B - Isabel: for her positive attitude to learning this week and being a kind and considerate member of 4B

5O - Andreea: for demonstrating curiosity and collaboration during her FAB Science workshop

5V - Nameer: for explaining his reasoning well during a Shakespeare workshop

5T - Sara: for persevering during maths lessons about fractions

6M - Aayat: for fantastic curiosity in computing

6W - Alfie: for persevering with his writing

6K - Karol: for persevering in maths



# Godwin Junior School 2023-24

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

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**AUGUST 2024**

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