

Head Teacher's Message

We have had another really busy week at Godwin; lots of fabulous learning across the school, educational visits to the Natural History Museum, Wanstead Flats and a local Hindu temple. Added to that we have had visitors in school delivering a Macbeth workshop and volunteers from Faith in Schools leading some RE lessons.

The After School Clubs have settled into this second half of the term with the children enjoying enrichment in sports and creative pursuits.

Also, some of our Year 5 & 6 pupils have begun meeting after school with the mentors who are delivering this year's Debate Mate programme.

On Thursday morning the school became silent whilst observing the National Armistice Day act of remembrance. Special thanks to the pupils and staff who created our focal 'Godwin Poppy' by the main gate.

It is great to see and experience life at Godwin in what would appear to be near 'normal' circumstances but we still need to be aware that transmission of the Covid-19 virus is still high and we must remain careful in order to protect ourselves and others.

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend, hoping that you will be able to enjoy some relaxation to recharge and refresh in body and mind.



Attendance

Last week's attendance percentage across the whole school was 94.4%.

This is lower than our target attendance of 97%.

Please help us to improve on this percentage by ensuring that your child attends school regularly.



Remembrance at Godwin

We hope that you have paused to look at our lovely Remembrance display by the main gate this week.

Our pupils spent time painting pebbles to create the 'Godwin Poppy' as a mark of respect to those who lost their lives during conflicts across the years



Children in Need

Friday 19th November

Wear a bandana for the day and donate £1 to raise funds for Children in Need.

How will you wear your bandana????



Influenza Immunisation

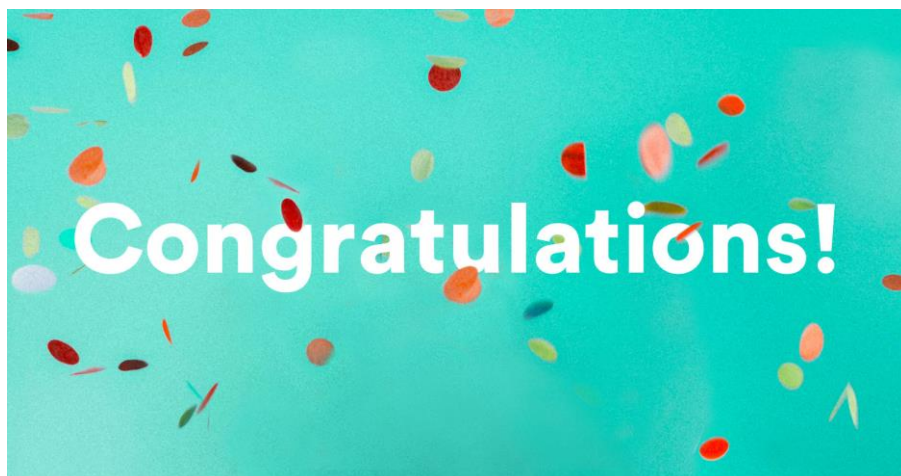
Thank you to all who have returned their influenza immunisation forms, if you haven't done so please return your form by Thursday 18th November to the school office.

The immunisations are due to be given in school on Friday 19th November by Newham Health Service nurses.



Achievement Awards

- 3D – Alina for collaborating and being an excellent learning partner.
- 3K – Samir for considering his choices and embracing his mistakes in every lesson.
- 3M – Fahim for becoming a more curious learner by asking lots of questions.
- 3Q – Alycia for trying her best when reading with an adult.
- 4I – Ella for working collaboratively with others and creating a wonderful piece of work in Maths.
- 4K – Istiaq for considering his choices and improving his learning behaviour.
- 4M – Fabio for being a supportive learning partner and collaborating well.
- 4V – Nathan for persevering with the presentation in his books.
- 5J – Luca for understanding the choices he can make to become the best learner.
- 5M – David for fantastic collaboration and articulation during the Macbeth workshop.
- 5T – Crystal for persevering in her English work and demonstrating much improved sentence structure.
- 5Y – Ruben for considering his choices to improve his learning and behaviour in class.
- 6B – Martin for considering choices when making suggestions for content in writing.
- 6C – Clem for considering his choices while playing hockey and positively encouraging his classmates.
- 6W – Abu-Bakr for demonstrating excellent collaboration during PE.
- 6Z – Daniyaal for considering choices and demonstrating a sustained improvement in behaviour.





Community Advent Trail

Would you be willing to decorate a front window / front garden of your home for a day during the countdown to Christmas?

We are looking for 25 volunteers to take part in our Advent Trail so that every day in December, a new decorated house will be revealed.

For every home of a Godwin child that takes part, St. Mark's Church will donate a book to the school library.

Please sign up by THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER.

Please contact:
beth.yates@stmarksforestgate.org.uk
07741668495

...and you will be allocated your date.

Map of the trail will be published MONDAY 29th NOVEMBER.

**St.
Mark's**
Forest Gate



England Rocks Maths Challenge

Many congratulations to all pupils who took part in the Times Tables Rock Stars England Rocks challenge.

The Highest Scoring Band was.....4V
with 6W and 4K coming in second and third position.

The Most Valuable Player wasJannat 4I
with Uworth 4V and Araf 4V coming in second and third place.



New Age Curling

Congratulations to the team who represented Godwin at the Newham School Sports Partnership New Age Curling competition. They had great fun and were brilliant ambassadors for our school, demonstrating the Learning Powers of Perseverance, Collaboration and Embracing Mistakes.



UNCRC Article 31: every child has the right to take part in a wide range of cultural activities.

Get Caught Reading Competition

This week's Get Caught Reading Competition winner is Endijs in 6Z whose prize is a book of his choice!

UNCRC Article 29: Every Child has the right to an education which develops their talents.



Lining Up Cup

This week's Lining Up Cup winners are:

4K – 6 points

5J, 5T & 6W - 4 points each.

Congratulations to all these classes!



Online Safety Workshop

As part of our ongoing commitment to working in partnership with families to keep our children as safe as possible, we are delighted to be running an 'Online Safety at Home' workshop for parents and carers on Weds 24th November 2021 at 3:45pm

As part of this session we will be going through measures which you can implement at home such as setting security controls, so please do bring your device with you if you would like to.

Please use this link to watch a previously recorded Online Safety workshop we ran last year:

<https://youtu.be/bxaGe6wj5xY>

We hope to see you then!

Coats

Now that the weather is colder, it is vital that every child brings a coat to school every day.

Please note: hoodies do not offer enough protection from the chill when children are out in the playground so a suitable warm coat is needed.



EasyFundraising

Help raise funds for the school.

All you have to do is sign up to support us using the link below. Then every time you shop online, go through the Easyfundraising website or App and we'll receive a % of your spend as a free donation, at no cost to you to us. These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference!

You can find our Easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofgodwinpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e1



Safer Street Zone

Godwin Junior School pupils previously worked very closely with the local authority to introduce the School Streets initiative to reduce the amount of harmful pollutants in the air our children breathe on their way to and from school each day: UNCRC Article 24: All children have the right to clean air.

Most of our pupils live close enough to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Please consider this option. It's often faster than driving and looking for a safe and legal place to park. Walking is good exercise for children... and for you!

If you really must drive, please allow time to park safely and considerately and do not block entrances, driveways, junctions or stop on double yellow lines. Any cars stopped or parked in restricted areas can hide small children who are about to cross the road. These children may not see approaching cars and motorists may not see the children.

This is particularly a problem at the beginning of the Safer Streets zone, where some parents and carers are dropping off their children without considering the safety of others. Please help us to keep all of our children and community safe.

Thank you.

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)

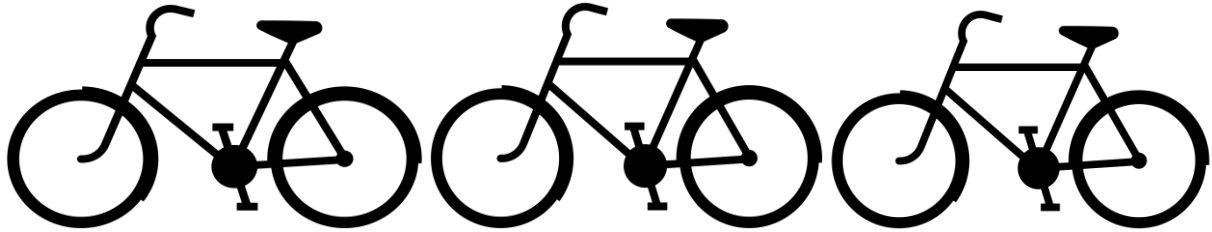
Acts of kindness such as this make a huge difference and enable us to provide our pupils with the resources and opportunities they deserve.



Free Family Cycling

Are you and your family keen on cycling?
Would you like to have some FREE cycle skills training?
Cycle Confident are offering training for families.
More details at:

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/family/>



Music at the Woodgrange Market



27th Nov – 2.00pm Xine - Opera Singer

11th Dec – 1.00pm King Toad Fish

Come and join us all for some amazing entertainment.

Mindfulness Corner

This week we feature:
NHS - EVERY MIND MATTERS

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



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

Steve Maraboli

(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).