



Godwin Newsletter 29th January 2021

Head Teacher's Message

As you will know, the Prime Minister announced this week that schools in England will not re-open to all pupils until at least March 8th. It may well be later than this.

Obviously this prolonged absence from 'normal' schooling makes it all the more important that all children are accessing the full curriculum with content as similar to the one that they would receive if they were in school. Our teachers are working hard to plan engaging lessons which all of our children can enjoy and experience success in. Thank you to all of those parents and carers who are doing everything they can to work with us and make this happen. We know that it isn't always easy for you and appreciate your support. If you are having any issues, please contact the school and we will do our best to help - we know how important it is for the children that we work in partnership to minimise the disruption to children's learning.

UNCRC Article 29: Every child has the right to an education that develops their personality, talents and abilities to the full.

To help ensure the success of remote learning, we have produced a protocol which outlines expectations and procedures. The full document is available on the Home Learning page of our website: <https://www.godwin.newham.sch.uk/home-learning>

Please can we ask the following:

Pupils will:

- Follow the normal expectations for behaviour and learning as if in school.
 - Be appropriately dressed – clothing suitable for a school day.
 - Ensure they are muted at the start of every session.
 - Only use the chat function if and when the teacher permits.
- Angle their camera so other members of the household cannot be seen as this can be distracting for the rest of the group.

Parents/Carers and other Household Members will:

- Not be permitted to take screen shots or photographs of the screen during the session-this is to safeguard everyone.
- Not be permitted to document sessions in any way and share any part of sessions on social media platforms-this is to safeguard everyone.
 - Be dressed appropriately if they are in view (or potentially could be in view) during online sessions.
 - Ensure their child is logged in on time and ready for learning for every session.
 - Not intervene in the session e.g. by asking questions
- Contact the school directly to ask any questions or raise any concerns - by emailing info@godwin.newham.sch.uk

We are very conscious of the importance of promoting online safety at all times, but now, more than ever, we have a responsibility to ensure that children know how to be safe online and how to get help if they see or hear something which makes them feel uncomfortable. There are some simple things that you can be implement, such as ensuring that your child is not online in their bedroom if this can be avoided, that they always leave the door wide open if they are online in a room alone and that you have spoken to them about letting you know if they are concerned about anything. Our website has lots of links to expert organisations, as well as an Online Safety workshop we ran for Parents and Carers in the Autumn term with tips on how to set the security settings on your home devices: www.godwin.newham.sch.uk/e-safety

Please also see our Online Safety Policy, particularly the Covid-appendix on p16 onwards:

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NCRC Article 17: Children have the right to be protected from material that could harm them.

Our hard-working support staff have continued to make pastoral calls this week and will have spoken to you and your children. They are in constant communication with class teachers, so are able to say 'well done' or to let you know if there are any issues with your child's work. They are also able to support you if you are experiencing technical issues, if your child is struggling emotionally or if you are having difficulties motivating your child. If you see a call from a withheld number, please do answer as it could well be one of our staff calling you!

The online daily registration and weekly 'catch-up' sessions continue to be really popular, as do our Friday Celebration Assemblies. It is great to have those links with our children. Please ensure that you check on Google Classroom for the links to these live sessions so that your child can benefit from seeing their classmates and teacher on a regular basis. We all appreciate how isolating home learning can be.

UNCRC Article 15: Every child has the right to meet with other children.

Best wishes for the weekend

Achievement Awards

- 3B – Inaaya for persevering to include good punctuation and speech in her story.
- 3K – Ayla for making good choices about her home learning and creating an excellent story board in English.
- 3M – Alilah for commitment to her online learning.
- 3Q - Fahad for persevering on google classroom even when difficulties arise.
Uworth for evaluating his work effectively to make improvements.
- 4B – Mihran for uploading good quality work on GC and persevering when he finds tasks challenging.
- 4I – Nusayb for persevering with google classroom and trying his best to complete his learning.
- 4T – Neveah for persevering and giving all the work that she does 100% effort.
- 4V – Isa for being so committed to and persevering with his learning.
Isaac for settling well into lockdown school, for communicating well and using full sentences.
- 5K – Afrin for consistently persevering and putting in fantastic effort to every subject especially in English.
- 5S – Jordan for making good choices and having a positive attitude towards his learning.
- 5T - Zaina for continuous effort towards her learning and persevering with online tasks.
- 5Y – Wassim for showing perseverance and enthusiasm in home learning.
Hussain for showing dedication to his learning, as well as embracing his mistakes and improving his work.
- 6B – Mahah for embracing mistakes to improve her writing.
- 6J – Monet for being such a valuable friend to so many - we will all get through this together!
Ryan for persevering with his learning and putting maximum effort into every lesson.
- 6W - Oliver for choosing to use his learning time wisely in order to produce high quality pieces of writing.
Gia for her responsible and mature approach to home learning - such a good role model.
- 6Z – Elijah for always taking teachers’ online marking comments on board and for consistently working to a high standard.



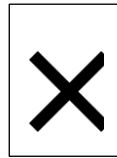
Art Competiton

'A View from my Window'

You are invited to take part in the Godwin Junior School Art Competition.
The theme is '**A view from my window**'.

This means you can use ANY media (pencils, crayons, pastels, paint, collage, clay etc.) to create a piece of artwork which represents the view from your window.

Your art work should be in landscape format not portrait



You could create a representation of:

- The **actual view** from your window
- An **imaginary view** from your window (e.g. a window into your dreams)
- The **view you want for the future** when you look out of your window
 - It is completely up to you what you want to create!
 - We are spending more time at home and there are so many different views from our windows, so we wanted to share these across our school community.
- **Please keep your artwork safe at home.**
- When it's finished take a very clear picture (of just the art work) and e-mail it to info@godwin.newham.sch.uk stating your name and class.
- We will create a Visual Art Gallery for you all to see each other's work online. Once we are back at school the artwork can be brought in and we will make an exhibition of all the entries!
- Once we return to school, the winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded!
- The closing date for submission is **Friday 19th February 2021.**

Help Still Needed!

Sincere thanks to all who have responded to our appeal for donations of laptops, tablets and similar devices to help those children in the Godwin community who are struggling to complete their home learning due to lack of access to a device.

So far we have loaned out 87 devices but still have 27 children on a waiting list!

If you have any type of device that you think may be useable, our technician will be in school again next week to have a look and ensure they are fit for purpose.

Please drop off to the school office Monday or Tuesday.

Many thanks.

Thank You From Barnado's

This week we received a lovely thank you certificate from Barnado's for the donations we sent before Christmas.

The community of Godwin donated over 50 gifts!

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children



Barnardo's

BIG Garden Birdwatch

29th – 31st January

Spend one hour over the weekend in your garden, on your balcony or at your window.

How many birds will you spot?

More details of how to take part are on the RSPB website at

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

You can submit the data via the google

form: <https://forms.gle/iwtriRMvLm2r5yCP6> or directly to the RSPB via their website.

This is a great opportunity to spend time finding out what is going on in your garden or outside where you live.....(maybe you could even use this time to create a piece of art work for our Art Competition?)

Happy twitching!



Big
Garden
Birdwatch
29-31 January 2021

Support for Parents/Carers

Need some support for yourself or your family during lockdown? Not sure where to start?

Newham Council are running

weekly workshops, taking place every **Thursday, 4pm-5pm** on **Zoom**.

They want to make sure that every family in Newham knows about the amazing support on offer, especially during this difficult time. This includes support for wellbeing and mental health, finances, housing, befriending and much more.

Phone one-
tap:

United Kingdom: [+442034815240](tel:+442034815240), [95579486838#](tel:+442039017895)

or [+442039017895](tel:+442039017895), [95579486838#](tel:+442039017895)

Meeting
URL:

<https://zoom.us/j/95579486838>

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Workshops

Supporting parents during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 28 th January 2021, 4-5pm
Supporting teenagers during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 4 th February 2021, 4-5pm
Supporting children during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 11 th February 2021, 4-5pm
Taking care of yourself during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 18 th February 2021, 4-5pm

Lockdown Heroes

Say a big thank you to your lockdown learning hero.

From superstar parents, to teachers who go the extra mile, to children who have been learning legends – the Oxford Owl Lockdown Learning Hero Awards are your chance to say a big thank you.

Oxford Owl are asking primary school teachers, parents and children to nominate someone they think has made a difference to learning during lockdown, no matter how big or small.

Our judging panel, led by Claire from playHOORAY!, will choose one inspirational nominee in each category who will win **£100 of Oxford University Press books** for their chosen school, and a **Samsung Tablet** for themselves (or a **Fire 7 Kids Edition Tablet** for our children's winner)!

Closing Date 14th February

Nominate at

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/oxford-owl-lockdown-learning-heroes-awards>

