



Godwin Newsletter - 11th November 2022

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

To mark Remembrance Day, Godwin pupils created a field of poppies at the school entrance. We hope that you have the opportunity to view this visual tribute. Assemblies have provided the opportunity for our children to reflect on why we should continue to commemorate this occasion and say 'thank you' to those who were prepared to defend our freedoms by risking their lives. We respectfully observed a minute's silence this morning, taking time to think how different Britain would be without the sacrifices made by others.



Next week we will be asking for nominations to be a Parent Governor at Godwin as the term of one of our current Governors will soon be expiring. Being a Parent Governor is a really important way of ensuring that the perspective of parents and carers is considered when strategic decisions are made about school priorities and how the school is organised. It is a rewarding role, working towards a shared goal of providing a high-quality education for our children. It also provides an opportunity for personal development, building your skills and experience in areas such as project management, budgeting and working as part of a senior team. Please do think over the weekend whether this is something you are interested in doing and please do email if you have any questions before you decide to stand for the position. Further details will be sent to all parents and carers on Monday.

Next week is anti-bullying week at Godwin, with odd socks day on Monday and an assembly delivered by a drama company on Friday...

Best wishes for a peaceful weekend

Bringing History to Life

At Godwin, our pupils' understanding of the past is enhanced by regular enrichment activities. Educational visits, workshops and expert guests all help the children to immerse themselves in different periods of history, grasping the realities of life at that time. This week we'll take an in-depth look at what these trips and sessions offer to our children.

competitions



We know our pupils at Godwin love to be creative. Because of this, we often run artistic competitions as a means of engaging the children in particular areas of historical study. The photo on the left shows entries for our London History Day contest in the summer. Our recent request for Black History Month projects is another great example.

Educational Visits

One huge benefit of growing up in London is free access to some of the world's leading museums, not to mention famous historical sites. On these days out, pupils often ask us, "Is this real?" and we are always delighted to say yes! TfL provides schools with free transport for such outings, so the city really is our oyster.

Since September, Year 4 have visited the British Museum to explore Ancient Egyptian artefacts and the Docklands Museum for their local area study. Year 5 enjoyed inspecting the Houses of Parliament and Year 3 classes are now set to tour the Natural History Museum. Next term they will head out again to learn about Roman Britain at the Museum of London.

"There's lots of history inside the museum. It made me excited." *Caspar* (3B)

"To look at the actual things feels like going back in time." *Charlotte* (4Z)

"I like trips because I get to look at interesting objects." *Douglas* (4Y)

"You can learn so many things on trips; it helps with the subject." *Lily* (4Y)

"It was fun to find out how everything worked [at the Houses of Parliament].

I'm glad I go to Godwin." *Ridwaana* (5M)



Immersive Workshops



Each year group takes part in a 'history day' for one of their areas of study. This involves staff and children dressing up in era-appropriate clothing to welcome experts into school. They help the children to explore life at the time in an active and engaging way.

Year 6 recently participated their WWII-themed day.

In Spring, Year 3's Roman day and Year 4's Vikings day will take place. Year 5 can look forward to their Ancient Greek day during the summer term.

Teachers will provide more detail in advance of each event.



"I find it strange that some children actually lived in those times. It's fun to see what happened and what they used to deal with." *Eddi 4Y*
"Other schools only learn maths and English. It's good to explore different subjects." *Sarah (5M)*

Outdoor Learning

The beautiful green spaces on our doorstep also provide excellent opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. The City of London Corporation provides School Engagement Officers to help teachers make the most of the resources around us. In particular we work with SEO Katie Richmond, who recently led Blitz Detectives workshops in West Ham Park for our Year 6 pupils.



This month she will meet each of our Year 3 classes on Wanstead Flats for a 'Stone Age Life' workshop where children are guaranteed to get their hands dirty and their minds full of new knowledge.



"I enjoy learning with nature all around me." *Alicia* (5V)

The workshops make you curious. You might want to learn more as an adult." *Kayden* (6W)

Exploring Artefacts

Within school, we have beautiful, high-quality collections of replica artefacts, each centred around a different time in history.

Our children love deducing what each item was used for, although some are trickier than others!

We know physically handling these items is memorable in ways that text and photographs could never be.



Silver for Godwin



This week, Godwin Junior School received yet another award. This time it came from Healthy Schools Newham. The silver award was presented in a ceremony on Thursday afternoon and is in recognition for our outstanding contribution to improving wellbeing in our school. Huge thanks go to Ms Kamalee who has worked hard to make this a reality.

Black History Month Competition Winners



Congratulations to the winners of our Black History Month Competition, who turned in excellent projects. Ms Ouellette was very impressed by the standard of entries.

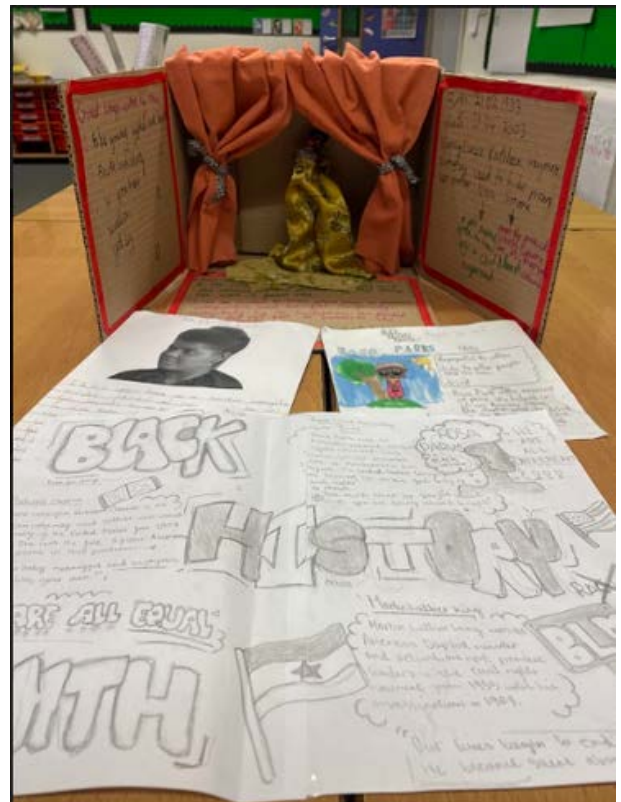
Well done:

Juana (3K)

Angela (4Z)

Ella (5M)

Adil (6K)



Reminder: Monday is Odd Socks Day



Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place from 14 to 18 November 2022 and has the theme Reach Out.

The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Children and staff are encouraged to wear their favourite odd socks (yes, this means picking a pair that doesn't match).



It's to symbolise that we are all different and that children should be themselves, accepting of one another and celebrating differences.

Year 2 and Reception Tours

We will be welcoming and touring the school with prospective parents and carers of Year 2 and nursery-aged children over the next few weeks. This will give them the opportunity to see at firsthand what a fantastic experience Godwin children have.



Please share the following dates: 15th November, 29th November, 13th December and 10th January.

Hilarious Hair - Friday 18th November



Next Friday, we will be supporting Children in Need by asking everyone to arrive at school with hilarious hair!

Anything out of the ordinary goes and we want everyone to join in!

If you can afford to made a donation, we recommend £1 and we will have collection buckets at the school gates.





News from the School Council

The councilors recently elected Chairs and Secretaries for each meeting (Years 3/4 and Years 5/6). Here are the results:

Year 3/4

Alex - 4T: Chair

Hattie - 4Y: Vice Chair

Mihran - 4K: Secretary

Stanley - 4K: Vice Secretary

Year 5/6

Aleena - 5M: Chair

Forest - 5V: Vice Chair

Susi - 6B: Secretary

Karol - 5J: Vice Secretary

Petition to Parliament



The cost of living crisis affects everyone and schools are no exception. A recent poll showed that 90% of Head Teachers in England believe their school will be in deficit within the year. This will be devastating for children's education as organisations are forced to find cuts in already tight budgets.

We would like to draw your attention to a current petition for the government to increase school funding.
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/627130>

COATS



The weather is now very cold and rainy. Please make sure your child always brings a coat to school so that they can enjoy their time outside - a hoodie is not sufficient.



WRITING COMPETITION



Do you love London? Do you like to write? If so, you could win £500 from The London Society. Enter their writing competition this month. You can write up to 500 words on any part of London's past, present or future - the theme is 'making connections'. It can be a report, an historical essay, a 'think piece', a story or even a poem. Visit <https://www.londonsociety.org.uk/page/loveletters> for more details.



As you can imagine, school budgets are very squeezed but at Godwin we firmly believe in providing a rich learning experience with lots of opportunities to make our curriculum 'come alive'. We desperately need to raise additional funding to ensure that we can continue to do this.

We would love to have an active PTA, with people giving as much or as little time as they are able to. Please don't feel that you need to make a huge commitment – many hands make light work and everything makes a difference.

**WE
NEED
YOU!**

Could you help with:

- selling cakes?
- designing fliers?
- selling raffle tickets?
- asking for raffle prize donations?



All help would be greatly appreciated – our children deserve the very best and we want to give it to them! Please email info@godwin.newham.sch.uk

Thank You!

We recently asked for help with finishing touches in our new music room. Dad Tom (who belongs to Nora in Year 5) answered the call, building and installing our ukulele rack. This will help to save space and keep the instruments in top condition.

THANK YOU
SO MUCH



Help Required



Two of the vinyl seating cubes in our library are in need of cosmetic repair so that we can continue to use them safely. If you would be able to help, please let us know at: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk





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EDUCATION



CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING COMPETITION

The design must incorporate the railway arches in some way and have a Christmas theme

The design must be done on paper in A5 size using pencil crayon (a folded A4 sheet is fine)

The pupil's full name should be included on the back of their design

Pupils are allowed to submit multiple entries if they wish

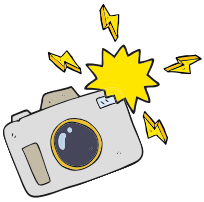
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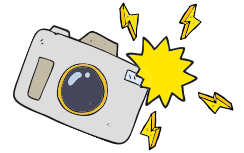
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**ENTRIES MUST BE HANDED TO
THE PUPIL'S TEACHER BY THE
END OF FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER**

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Get Caught Reading



Thank you for the many entries this week! Our winner is Zac from 4Y who found a way to combine reading and trampolining.

WONDERFUL!



If your child would like to enter, simply snap a photo of them reading in an unusual place and email it to: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk All entries will be uploaded to twitter, and the winner will receive a book of their choice.

Article of the Week



Anti-bullying Week is held every year in November, and it's a time for everyone to think about how to build good relationships at school based on respect and dignity, take action to stop bullying, and help people who have been bullied or are being bullied.

Article 2 of the UNCRF says that the convention applies to all children without exception. Article 12 says that children's opinions should be taken seriously in all decisions that affect them. Article 13 says that children have the right to say what they think and feel. Article 19 says that all children should be safe from violence and abuse.

What does bullying mean to you?

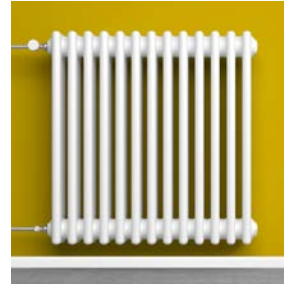
What different kinds of bullying can you think of?



Newham Warm Havens



The council have recently launched 'Newham Warm Havens'. These are non-judgemental spaces where residents can go, free of charge, for any reason. They're part of the response to the cost of living crisis.



For example, all libraries are currently open from at least 10am to 8pm Monday to Saturday and 12pm to 5pm every Sunday. The map of warm havens can be found [here](#)



The Magpie Project desperately needs women's coats to give to local ladies in need. If you are able to donate, please bring the coat to the main school gate by Wednesday 16th November.

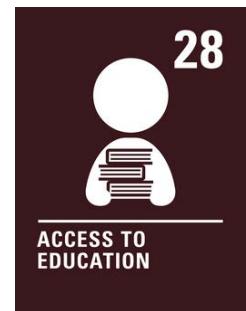
Reading Volunteers

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: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk



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



Well Done!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are:

3Z, 5J and 5M

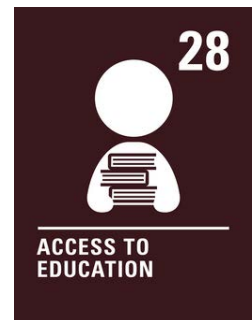
Congratulations!

Punctuality Cup

This week's winners are:

4T and 4Z

Well done for all coming to school on time!



Mindfulness Corner

Every Friday this half term we will be sharing with you a link to a different group or organisation that have resources for mental health and wellbeing.

(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).

This week we feature:

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

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

Steve Maraboli





Achievement Awards

3B – Zayan: for working hard in maths this week and challenging himself

3K – Ivor: for persevering in his art this week

3I – Sage: for articulating her thoughts well during class discussions

3Z – Mohammed Zayaan: for being a great learning partner and collaborating well

4K – Mihran: for collaborating with his peers and being a good role model

4T – Ruben: for considering his choices and being a valuable member of the class

4Y – Zac: persevering to form his letters more clearly and showing curiosity in science lessons

4Z – Saoirse: for always being a good role model and persevering in class

5J – Alain: for choosing to develop his writing both at school and at home

5M – Liyana: for considering her choices and maximising her learning time in lessons

5V – Theia: for using her evaluation skills and considering her word choices well in English.

6B – Isaac: for demonstrating the Learning Power of collaboration during the Blitz Detectives session

6K – Mohammad-Saeed: for demonstrating perseverance during PE

6O – Harry: for considering his choices during our PE competition

6W – Isabelle: for clearly explaining her reasoning in PSHE