Godwin Newsletter 21st October 2022

Head Teacher's Message

This week has been a wonderful conclusion to the first half term of our academic year. All our Year 4 pupils have now visited the British Museum to further their understanding of Ancient Egypt. They made excellent choices and collaborated well; their teachers are very proud of them.

Today, each Year 3 class staged their own play about Rama and Sita for parents and carers, accompanied by traditional Gamelan instruments from Indonesia. From writing the script to creating the shadow puppets and playing the instruments, the children have created every aspect of this performance themselves. We would like to thank all those who came along to watch and support them.

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

We hope that the half term holiday will be a relaxing break for all our families and look forward to seeing our pupils again on Monday 31st October. A very happy Diwali to everyone who will be celebrating it during the break.

UNCRC Article 14: Every child has the right to practise their religion.

Year 2 and Reception Tours

We have been welcoming prospective parents and carers of Year 2 and nursery-aged children this week to show them our fantastic school. Our first tour provided lots of really positive feedback, with our visitors being impressed with our approach to learning and facilities. Please share the following dates: 1st November. 15th November, 29th November, 13th December and 10th January.

Black History Month 2022



It's October so that means that people around the UK will be celebrating Black History Month. It's a time for people from all backgrounds to explore and acknowledge the significant achievements of Black people in the past and present. The theme this year is *Time for Change: Actions not Words*.

For Black History Month, you are tasked with researching key individuals who have prompted change throughout history. While these individuals do not need to be British, it would be nice for you to research someone you do not already know a lot about.

Ideas could include: Olaudah Equiano, Mary Seacole, Walter Tull, Claudia Jones, Diane Abbott - the list goes on! Once you have a better understanding of the person you have chosen, it is time to get creative. Come up with a unique way of showcasing the individual you have chosen and explain the change they are responsible for. You could:

- Draw or paint a portrait
 - Write a poem
- Create a fact file or poster

Or, come up with your own idea to display your learning! Entries must be submitted to your teacher and have your name and class on them by 31st of October. Winners will be announced in assembly and the pieces will be displayed in school.

One winner from each year group will receive their own copy of Black and British: an Illustrated History.

UNCRC Article 17: every child has the right to reliable information. UNCRC Article 30: Every child has the right to learn about their heritage.

Half Term Projects

Today, each pupil has been given an information sheet about an optional homework project for the half term week. This task looks forward to the learning they will complete in Autumn 2. It would be wonderful for parents and carers to discuss this with their child and encourage them to participate.

POETRY COMPETITION!

We joined in with Greenpeace's **Poems for the Planet** competition. Children wrote original poems on the theme of hope and the environment.

The competition is now at an end but all entries have been submitted to the national competition.

UNCRC Article 31: Every child has the right to take part in cultural activities





This week winner is Zayan M in 3B **Planets**

Planets are in our solar system

Love the planet and protect it

Animals live on planet Earth

Nature matters

Everyone should keep the planet clean

There are eight planets in our solar system

Save our tremendous planet

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Can you help?

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.

Could you help with: selling cakes?

designing fliers? selling raffle tickets?

asking for raffle prize donations? helping organise a quiz night?

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

From time-to-time there are small things which need doing around the school that we would really like help with.



Two of our 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: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk

Reading Volunteers

Do you enjoy reading? Do you like to read with children? Do you have a couple of hours free each week?

We are looking to re-start our reading volunteer programme and would love members of our local community to help us. Reading with a volunteer each week helps to develop our children's ability to read, their confidence and their comprehension skills so that they can explain what is happening in a story or predict what might happen next. 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

Article of the Week



Article 16 states that every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.

Why is privacy important to you?

You have the right to privacy. Think about a two-year-old, a 10-year-old and a 16-year-old. What are the similarities and differences in the types of privacy that should be respected at these ages?

Green Art Project

Eco7 is a group of local residents who want to encourage people to live more sustainably. They have a regular stall in Woodgrange Market in order to have conversations about the little adjustments that everyone can make to make our area (and our planet) greener, cleaner, and safer.

We will be working with them to create a mural out of plastic bottle tops! To do this, we need to collect an awful lot of them!. But that's the point. Eco7 want us to be aware of just how much plastic we are using Please wash them before you bring them into school, Further details to follow...

Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are: 3B and 5V.

Congratulations to them!



Punctuality Cup

This week's winners are 4T!

Congratulations for all arriving on time every day!



Food Collection

Please remember our foodbank appeal.

We know that now, more than ever, many parents and carers will be struggling to feed their families.

If you are in a position to help others, please donate any items in the collection bins by each gate.

Thank you.

Suggested items; Rice, pasta, tinned vegetables or fruit, cereals, longlife milk, tinned fish, baked beans, spaghetti hoops.

Donations can be placed in the collection bins at the school entrances. Please be generous! Last day for donations is Thursday 20th October.







St Mark's Church is asking for donations towards the Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal. Please look at the list of items opposite and if you are able to help, please place your donations in the pink bin at the front entrance to the school.

Thank you.



We are collecting items from the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal list.

The St. Mark's Youth will then package up completed shoeboxes which will go to people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.

Please only donate NEW items.

ITEMS FOR ALL BOXES

- Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)
- Sweets or Chocolates
 (BB June 2023 EU Origin)
- Soap & Flannel
- Toothbrush & Toothposte
- Tealights & Holders
- Playing Cards

ITEMS FOR ELDERLY BOXES

- Reading Glasses/Magnifier
- Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
- Lovender Bog
- Hot Woter Bottle
- Work Gloves
- · Pen/Paper
- Socks/Tights (adult size)
- · Wind-Up Torch
- Scissors/Noil Clippers

ITEMS FOR FAMILY BOXES

- Colouring Pads (A5)
 - Crayons/Pencils (with rubber and sharpener)
- Small Toys
 (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)
- Soft toy/teddy (with CE label)
- Tape Measure/DIY Tool
- Head Scarf (lightweight)
- Shampoo (max 300ml)
- Solar-Powered Calculator
- Safety Razors
- Hairbrush/Comb

PLEASE PUT DONATIONS INTO OUR PINK BINS AT

Godwin Junior School Cranmer Rd, E7 0JW & St. Mark's Church Lorne Rd, E7 0LJ

BROUGHT TO YOU BY



Please donate by Sunday 23rd October.

Achievement Awards

- 3B Elias: for working hard to use fronted adverbials in his writing
- 3K Junior: for persevering and independently writing a traditional tale
- 3I Bonnie: for always persevering with her learning, even when she finds things difficult
- 3Z Ethan: for persevering in his writing this week
- 4K Deniz: for considering choices and being a good role model on the educational visit to the British Museum
- 4T Abdullah: for persevering during Mathletics
- 4Y Sid: for being a good role model and always persevering to demonstrate all the Learning Powers
- 4Z Charity: for articulating her ideas on Ancient Egypt during the educational visit to the British Museum
- 5J Karol: for considering the choices he makes in order to become the best possible learner
- 5M Stanley: for demonstrating curiosity on RE day and responding to ideas in a thoughtful manner
- 5V Hannah: for collaborating by always lining up so well
- 6B Loic: for considering choices and demonstrating excellent behaviour for learning and participating well
- 6K- Jannatun: for persevering and working hard in maths
- 60 Zarah: for displaying curiosity and perseverance in maths
- 6W Zhaky: for excellent collaboration with his peers
- 6W Nusayb: for demonstrating excellent collaboration during PE



Youth Badminton

Friday, 3.45pm- 4.45pm

Newham Leisure Centre

281 Prince Regents Lane | Plaistow | London | E13

activeNewham are offering weekly FREE Badminton sessions for young people aged between 10-14 years.

CONTACT/ BOOKING INFORMATION

Sports@activeNewham.org.uk

07741 293515

https://tinyurl.com/CYPBadminton









Reading Books

We have noticed that we still have a large number of 'Godwin' reading books missing.

Please take time over the weekend to have a look at home to see if you have any school books from last term and return them to us on Monday please!



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: **SUPPORTLINE**

https://www.supportline.org.uk/

In a gentle way, you can shake the world.

Mahatma Gandhi

