



Head Teacher's Message

Prior to Covid (that does seem such a long time ago now!) we used to hold regular coffee mornings at Godwin where parents and carers could meet up and chat to members of the Senior Leadership Team. Although we see many of you at the school gate each morning and afternoon, this was a lovely way to have a bit more time to talk. I'm delighted to say that we will be re-starting these – our first one is Thursday 20th October 9:00 – 9:45. We hope to see lots of you there!



Schools!
Register Interest Now

When: October 6th 2022
Format: Virtual
Time: 7pm

FREE Online safety webinar for parents

As a school, we take teaching our children about **online safety** very seriously and would like to support you to reinforce this at home. Within the computing curriculum we use Natterhub, an excellent online safety and digital literacy tool which we will be telling you more about in the coming weeks. Next Thursday at 7pm Natterhub will be hosting a virtual webinar on online safety which aims to:

- Give you invaluable tips for keeping your child(ren) safe online
- Support online safety activities at school
- Link you to helpful resources

We will email joining details next week – save the date!

UNCRC Article 24: Every child has the right to be protected from harmful materials

ENTER OUR POETRY COMPETITION!

We are joining in with Greenpeace's **Poems for the Planet** competition. Children can write an original poem of any kind on the theme of hope and the environment. Children received an entry form for the competition last week but ask their teacher for another one if they would like. Each Friday, one entry from Godwin will be chosen as our weekly winner and receive a prize. All entries will also be submitted to the national competition. The last date to hand in poems will be Friday 21st October.

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



This week we had two very worthy winners:

The Seasons by Amy (3Z)

Nature is beautiful.

Spring is when baby bunnies hop out of their burrows.

Summer is when flowers sprout out of the ground.

Autumn is when pretty brown leaves fall off the trees.

Winter is when all the different types of amazing birds fly south.

Change is Here by Megan (6B)

We need to **change** our ways,

Protect the **planet**.

Be the **difference**

You want to see.

Save it for those to come,

To make it **better**.

Things are **dying**,

It can be **stopped**.

Fumes have **killed**; you can **help**,

Animals **dead** but you can **save**.

You are **special**.

You are **great**.

We need to change,

Not make the climate change.

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. We recently created a music room to ensure that our children have a fantastic space to enjoy this subject, but need help with storing our ukuleles so that they are easily accessible. Something like this rack below would be perfect. If you have the skills and could make this for us, please let us know:

info@godwin.newham.sch.uk



Teachers2Parents App

The vast majority of our communication with families is via electronic means – either via email or the Teachers2Parents App.

We are still experiencing some difficulties with email communication with new Year 3 families as the data did not transfer smoothly from the children's previous schools so we are having to manually input contact details. Apologies for the delay with this and any inconvenience this may cause.

The Teachers2Parents messaging App is free to download.

1. Go to Google Play (Android) or App Store (Apple)
2. Search for 'Teachers2Parents'
3. Download the free Teachers2Parents App
4. Enter your mobile number
5. It will send you a verification code which you enter on the next screen
6. You will then be taken to the welcome message
7. Once completed (or skipped) you can use the App

We hope this will help you to receive our communications more efficiently and readily.



We still have a few spaces in the following clubs:

- Monday - chess (Y5 and Y6); Environment Club (all children)
Archery/Fencing (Y4,5,6)
Tuesday - Girls' Football (all year groups)
Wednesday - News Club (all children)

Please email the school office with your child's name and class if you are interested in a place: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk

Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are:

4Z and 5J

Congratulations to these classes!



Punctuality Cup

This week's winners are:

3B and 4T.

Congratulations for all arriving
on time every day!



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.

National Cycle to School Week: 3rd - 7th October

Cycle to School Week is a week-long event where families are encouraged to try cycling and scooting to school.

It's a great way to celebrate the vast benefits an active school run brings, including its positive impact on children's health and wellbeing, local air quality and carbon emissions.

We would love all of our families to join us in promoting sustainable, healthy travel.

All our children need to do is scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. In addition to this, at the school gates each morning, a member of staff will hand a GOLDEN TICKET to two children who are riding or scooting to school. This can be exchanged for a prize!!!

Make your pledge to do something this Cycle to School Week and you will be entered into a prize draw to win a brand new Frog City 61 Bike.

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek/>



UNCRC Article 24: Every child has the right to a clean environment

Jewellery

For Health & Safety reasons, children should not wear any jewellery to school (except for Kara and stud earrings).

Please help us to avoid accidents and upset by ensuring that your child does not wear necklaces, bracelets, rings etc to school.

Thank you.



Achievement Awards

3B – Usman: for making positive contributions to class discussions and always being kind and friendly to others

3K – Farhan: for persevering in Maths and demonstrating great reasoning

3I – Emmanuel: for making good choices with his learning and challenging himself

3Z – Peter: for excellent learning behaviour and working hard

4K – Lucy: for being an excellent role model and working collaboratively with her peers

4Z – Safa: for collaborating with her Learning Partner in English

4T – Stanley: for his curiosity and thirst for knowledge in history

4Y – Nameer: for clearly explaining his reasoning about negative numbers

5M – Amelia: for fantastic reasoning in her maths journaling

5V – Xyion: for considering her choices carefully

5J – Aeron: for working collaboratively across a variety of subjects this week

6W – Mihai: for clearly explaining his reasoning in Taught Comprehension

6B – Nayeem: for modelling excellent behaviour for learning and demonstrating all the Learning Powers

6K – Maria: for making considerate choices supporting her peers

6O – Aisha – for perseverance during PE lessons

Parent/Carer Conferences

Year 3

3Z: Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th October

3B, 3I, 3K: Tuesday 11th & Wednesday
12th October

Year 5

Wednesday 12th October
Thursday 13th October

Year 4

4K, 4Y, 4Z: Tuesday 11th October
Wednesday 12th October

4T: Wednesday 12th & Thursday
13th October

Year 6

Wednesday 12th October
Thursday 13th October

Due to staff training and after-school clubs that teachers are involved with, we are holding our Parent/Carer Conferences on different days of the week. Apologies if this causes any inconvenience.

Your child will be bringing home an appointment booking slip today. Please return this to school as soon as possible.



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>



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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:
YOUNG MINDS

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Say something positive and you'll see something positive.

Jim Thompson



Learning Powers

At Godwin Junior School we promote and encourage seven different learning powers:

Being curious, persevering, evaluating, collaborating, embracing mistakes, explaining reasoning and considering choices.

This week, we'll focus on explaining reasoning. What do we mean by this? Essentially, we mean that children can share what they think. This includes articulating their ideas clearly as well as constructing good arguments to show that their answer or idea is right.

1. Firstly, when children talk through their ideas, it gives adults valuable knowledge about what they know. In class, it also shows us their misconceptions and gaps in learning. This information helps us tailor lessons closely to their needs.
2. Explaining their reasoning to others also helps children to spot mistakes. Even those who are sure they've understood spot problems and errors when they start to speak aloud. When a child pauses halfway through explaining and says, "Oh no, wait..." we know some great learning is occurring.
3. According to research, humans learn 98% of what they teach. By talking through an idea or problem, children grasp the skills and concepts much more clearly themselves. Their understanding is more robust and they are more likely to remember the ideas long-term.
4. Additionally, we know that this kind of purposeful talk aids the development of language and provides opportunities for children to strengthen their social skills – this is needed to connect to their peers, their teachers, and other individuals in their life.

For all these reasons, we work hard to encourage all pupils to take an active and vocal role in their lessons.

