

Head Teacher's Message

Like many school across the country we are now experiencing positive Covid cases at Godwin.

We all want children to be in school. The best way to achieve this is if everyone in the Godwin community works together and is cautious.

To help us minimise the impact on children's education, please:

- If your child has any of the Covid symptoms
 - Temperature above 38°C
 - New, persistent cough
 - Loss of taste or smell

Keep them at home.

- Take your child for a PCR test without delay
- Do not send your child to school until you receive a negative test result
- Inform the school via email of the test result – positive or negative
This is true even if your child has a symptom at the weekend and appears ok again by Monday.

Government guidance is:

Children who do not have symptoms do not need to isolate if a close contact either has symptoms or tests positive.

If someone who is a close contact has symptoms or tests positive, please take your child for a PCR test. They can continue to attend school unless they receive a positive result.

I know that guidance on this has changed, so I hope that this clarifies what the government is telling schools.



Our annual BIG Book Bash event is just around the corner. This is always amazing fun. At Godwin we want to promote a love of reading and have lots of things planned. Please do read with your child every day and talk to them about what they are reading.



Happy weekend!

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.



BIG Book Bash

Tuesday 5th October

Lots of reading fun for a whole day.....

Year 3: Twisted Fairy Tales (dress as a fairy tale character or a spooky creature such as a zombie or skeleton. Perhaps you can combine the two?)

Year 4: Robots and Androids (dress as an item of technology, a robot from a book or film or wear something silver)

Year 5: The Rainforest (dress as an explorer, a rainforest animal or maybe an exotic plant!)

Year 6: Space (aliens, astronauts, stars, planets and spaceships...the possibilities are endless)



Language of the Half Term

Our language of the half term, which children and staff learn simple phrases in and complete the register in, is Pashto - one of the languages spoken in Afghanistan. Over the next few weeks we will be developing our ability to say simple words and phrases in Pashto; if your family speak this at home, please support us by asking your child to let their teacher know so that they can assist!

Covid-19 Coronavirus Testing

There are four ways to get tested if you have symptoms in Newham:

- Walk through testing
 - Hilda Road, East Ham, E6 1DB
 - Kingsford Way, Beckton, E6 5JQ
 - Paul Street/Rokeby Street, Stratford, E15 4QB
 - McDowall Close, Canning Town, E16 1QY
- Drive through testing (Lea Valley Athletic Track and O2 Arena)
- Home testing kits
- Mobile testing unit (Gallions Reach - Details and availability on the online booking portal
<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-testing> or calling 119)

Booking is recommended for all testing options, and required for the drive through and temporary testing sites.



National Bike to School Week

27th Sept - 1st Oct

SUSTRANS would like to track families taking part and so are asking families to register their interest online. All who register will be entered in a draw for a chance to win £400.

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/bike-to-school-week-pledge/>



Bike to School Week 2021

Parent/Carer Conferences (Amended Dates)

Wednesday 13th October

Thursday 14th October

Please keep these dates in your diary for the first of this academic year's Parent/Carer Conferences.

Further details as to how to book your appointment will be sent out very soon.

SAVE THE DATE

Meet the Author

Thursday 30th September

6.30pm (doors open 5.30pm)

Stratford Library

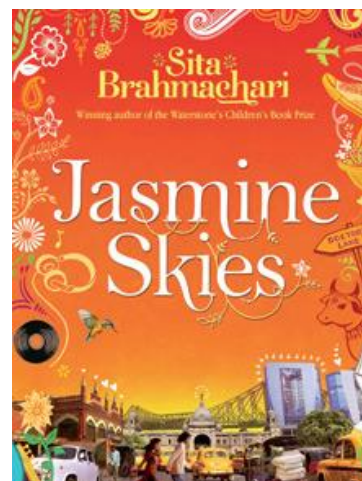
Onjali Rauf & Sita Brahmachari in Conversation

All are invited to attend this event to hear from these two giants of children's literature.

There will be refreshments, information stalls and Newham Bookshop will have a pop-up shop!

Tickets available on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-world-our-stories-tickets-168452282311>



Achievement Awards

3D – Madoc for considering his choices carefully.

3K – Stanley for always considering his choices and being a great role model.

3M – Shahriyar for being a curious learner during a science investigation.

3Q – Douglas for linking the British values to our English lesson.

4I – Kourtney for delivering a fantastic drama performance in her English lesson.

4K – Sidra for always working collaboratively with her peers.

4M – Ashley for having a positive attitude to embracing mistakes during Maths.

4V – Christian for collaborating well with his partners and being very helpful in class.

5J – Ieva for beginning to understand the choices to make in order to focus on learning.

5M – Rudi for thinking about his choices in class and maximising his learning time.

5T – Denikel for showing perseverance and a dedication to make the right choices when learning.

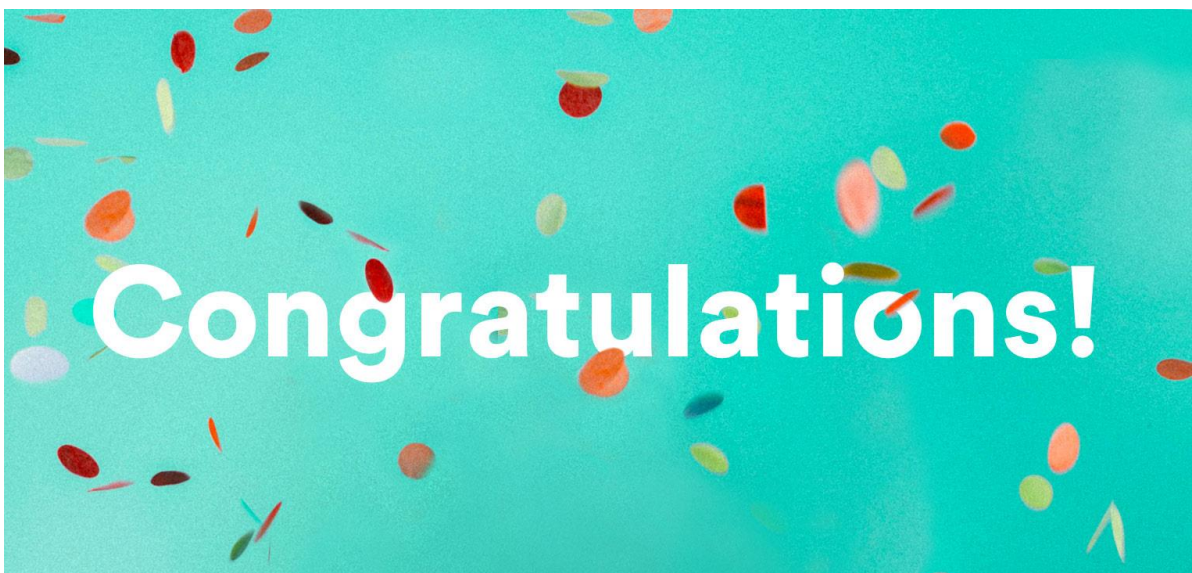
5Y – Zainah for continuously exhibiting all the Learning Powers.

6B – Jonuz for always putting in an amazing effort in PE and being a team player.

6C – Eisa for showing excellent team spirit and collaboration all week.

6W – Eesa for considering his choices and setting a good example to others.

6Z – Wassim for collaborating his Superhero ideas in English.



Mela in the City

Sunday 26th September

12noon – 5.00pm

Aldgate Square

A vibrant celebration of Bengali arts, culture and heritage

Bursting with live performances, fantastic food and interactive workshops, Mela in the City is a free and fun outdoor event that offers something for everyone.

For more details go to:

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events/mela-in-the-city>

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Mindfulness Corner

This week we feature:

MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak>



(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).

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 embracing mistakes. This is more than simply acknowledging that mistakes are inevitable - it is an understanding that mistakes are fantastic for learning and that we should welcome them. How can this be true?

1. Learners who make mistakes are being challenged – this is the best way to improve. It is natural to have misconceptions or to struggle when the skills and information in a lesson are new or tricky. Because of this, we praise those who have made progress and worked through mistakes as opposed to praising perfection.
2. Aiming to make zero mistakes and perform flawlessly is sometimes called 'performance mode'. This is great for tests, whether it's times tables, GCSEs or a ballet exam, but being stuck in performance mode over long periods of time can cause stress and anxiety.
3. If a classroom or home is a safe, pro-mistake environment, children feel empowered to take risks and attempt more strenuous learning. These children actually learn more quickly than those who are held back by a desire to be impeccable.

This week, pay attention to your own reactions when your children make mistakes. Are you worried, annoyed or frazzled? What about when you make mistakes yourself? Consider challenging yourself to greet mistakes with positivity – you might be glad you did.

