



Godwin Newsletter - 3rd November 2023

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

Our Year 6 children immersed themselves in a whole day of learning about World War II on Monday, with an expert on this time period leading workshops to pique pupils' curiosity and really engage them in learning more about this era. Thank you to everyone who entered into the spirit of things and dressed up for the occasion.



Year 3 participated in fantastic science workshops on Tuesday, linked to their new topic of rocks and soils. The children really enjoyed creating metamorphic rock out of chocolate and this has helped them to remember subject-specific vocabulary as well as consolidate their understanding of the different types of rock. This bodes well for next week's Year 5 science workshops!



Best wishes for the weekend.

MEET OUR GOVERNORS

Our school governors play an important role in leading Godwin, helping to determine strategy and ensure our pupils have a happy and successful education with us. Each week we will introduce you to a different member of the team.

Name: Qudrat Khan

Age: 29

One important fact about you is: I have never broken a bone in my body (and hopefully never will!)

What's your day job? I am an External and Government Affairs Manager for Nissan.

Why did you become a Governor? I became a Governor to put my skill set to good use and learn about the community my family were once part of.

What is one thing you appreciate about Godwin? I really like the diversity of learning that goes on at Godwin; from chess to garden, it seems like there's something for every child to get involved with.





BBC 500 Words is the UK's most successful children's writing competition. And it's back in 2023!

Children of all abilities will use their creativity and imagination to write a story. Their story can cover any topic or theme. And, best of all, children don't need to worry about grammar or punctuation. It's all about the storytelling!

All the stories must:

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be prose, not rap or a poem

Stories will be judged on characterisation, plot, originality, language and enjoyment.

The closing date is the 10th of November.

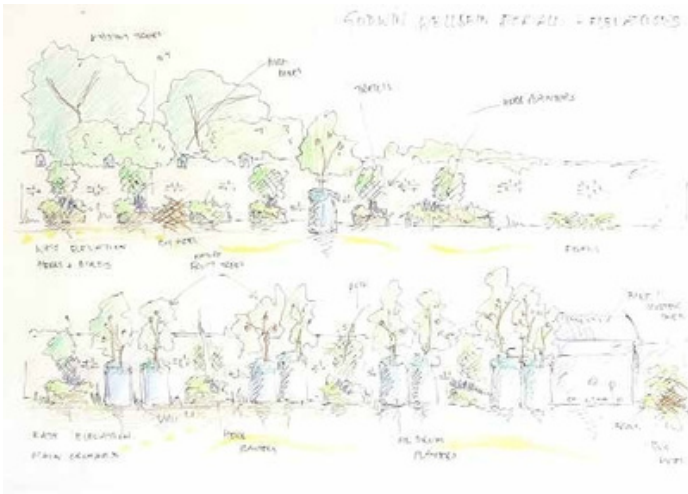
Click [here](https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/submissions-fe/index.html#/profile) to enter your child:
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People
Powered
Places

21 October -
12 November

The BIG Vote

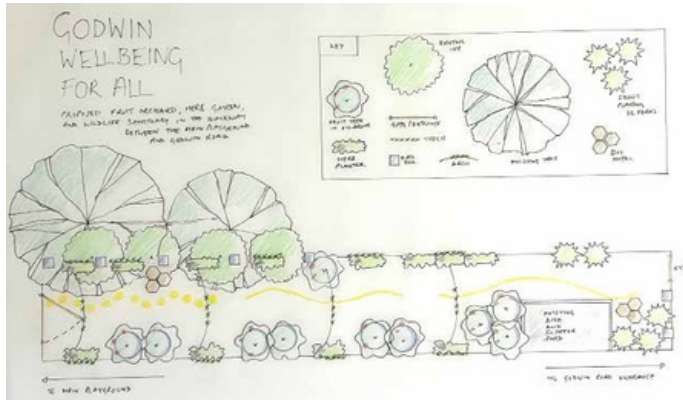
Godwin Junior School could win £20,000 of funding for our wellbeing project, 'Godwin Wellbeing for All'. Combining art, poetry and gardening, this project would benefit our pupils and offer free nature-based workshops and volunteering opportunities for the whole community.



We won't succeed without your help! Online voting ends on the **12th November** so please don't delay.

Use the link below or scan the QR code

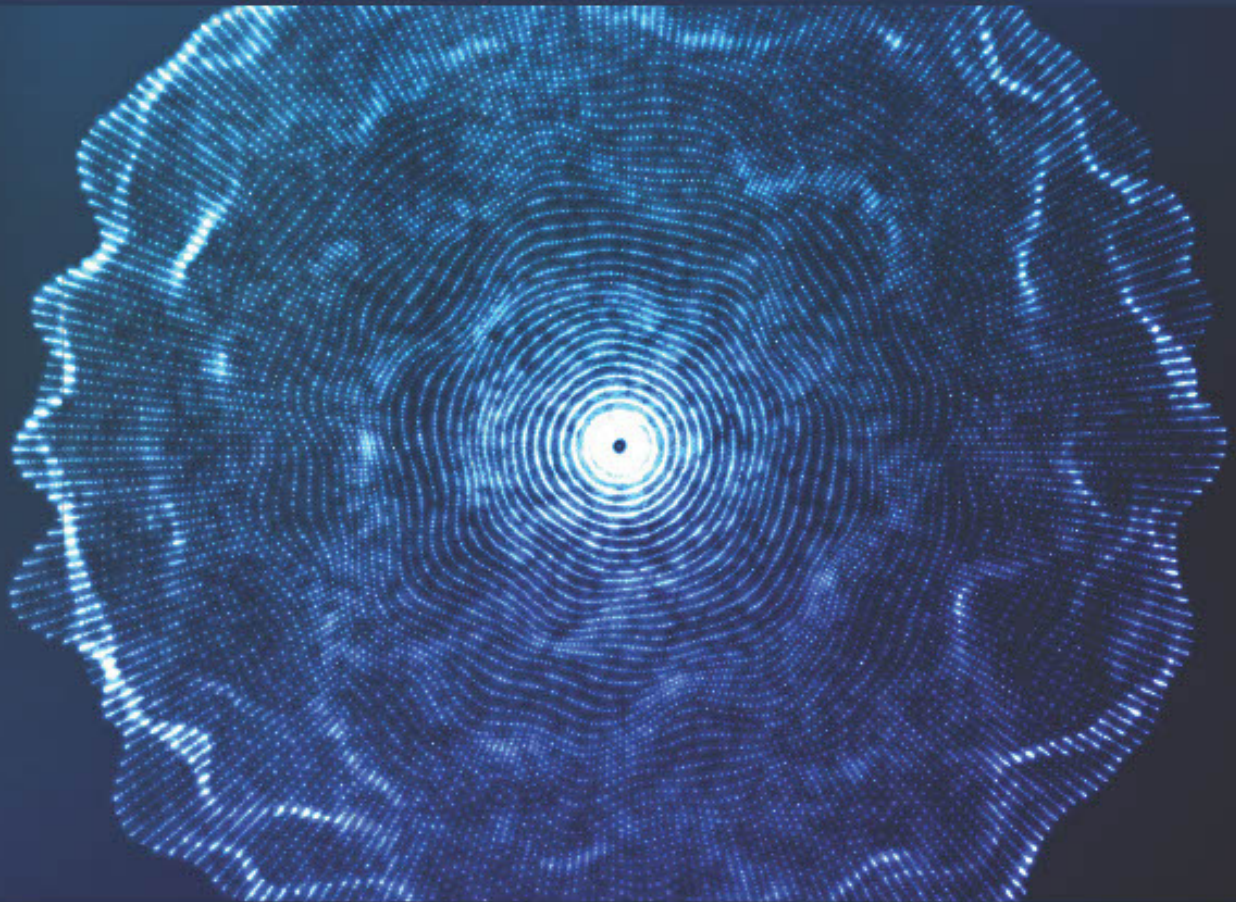
<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/peoplepoweredforestgate>



OR



Newham Future Fest: Unleash Your Potential in S.T.E.A.M



Join us on National STEAM Day
for an unforgettable evening of
discovery and inspiration!

8 November, 4-7pm
Stratford Library

Explore the World of STEAM and learn
from the best in the field! Gain insights
and get hands on experience from organi-
sations like UCL, LEGO, Barclays, Amazon,
and more to inspire your future career
path.

- Engage with Experts
- Participate in workshops
- Discover new career paths



Secure your spot by signing up at
newham.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=88083
Contact: digital.libraries@newham.gov.uk



This Christmas, the cost of living crisis means that disadvantaged children need more help than ever. The Childhood Trust and The Metropolitan Police are working in partnership, aiming to provide a Christmas present to every vulnerable or disadvantaged child in London. This includes children in foster care, residential care homes, refuges, and those from very low-income families.


How does it work?

You can donate presents and make donations for children from the online gift shop. Before Christmas, social workers will hand-deliver the presents directly to children's homes. Once all the children on their lists have been provided with gifts any remaining funds will be used to provide practical and emotional support for children in need throughout the upcoming year.

Please click the link below if you would like to contribute:

<https://metchristmastreeappeal.org/>



The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, is smiling and sitting at a table with several children in a school cafeteria. There are tables with food and drinks in the background.

The Mayor of London's Love Your Lunch Challenge

Join the challenge and win big prizes!

The Mayor is asking young Londoners to join the conversation about free school meals by creating a piece of work in any medium that tells us about the value of nutritious school dinners.

The theme is:

'The best thing about school lunches is...'

Children are asked to reflect on the following questions:

- does eating school lunch provide an enjoyable moment to spend time with friends?
- does lunch at school help you to concentrate in your favourite afternoon lesson?
- does lunch at school give you energy to play your favourite sport?

The competition will close on 20 November.

Get Caught Reading

Our new reading competition is actually an old favourite which has been eagerly requested by many of our pupils.

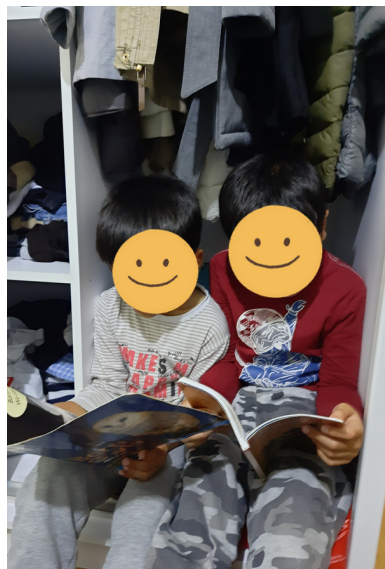
How do you enter?

Step 1: Find a place to read. Bonus points if it is strange, unusual or a little bit odd! No dangerous places allowed.

Step 2: Get a grown-up to take a photo of you reading in that place.

Step 3: Ask your adult to email the photo to info@godwin.newham.sch.uk with your name and class.

On Fridays, all the photos will be shown in assembly and one lucky winner will receive a prize, so get out there and get caught!





This week is *Road Safety Week* at Godwin, and we will emphasise the link between *road safety* and the *UNCRC*, particularly *Article 24*. Children have the right to learn about their well-being, including road safety. Unfortunately, every day accidents injure or even kill children, in violation of *Article 24*. This year's road safety week theme is *"Let's Talk About Speed,"* emphasising the dangers of fast traffic to children. To honour *Article 24* and protect children, Godwin was one of the first schools to implement the *School Streets Scheme*, which provides a proactive solution for our community to combat air pollution, poor health, and increase road safety. Furthermore, it promotes a healthier lifestyle and active transportation to school for families, resulting in a better environment for everyone.

This is also in line with *SDG 3*, which promotes health and well-being. Safe travel, especially for children, is critical. Let us work together to make roads safer, ensuring that no one is harmed, and thus upholding the *UNCRC* and *SDG 3* principles. *How will you make sure our roads are safe for everyone?*



Mindfulness Corner

Every Friday we will highlight a different group or organisation with resources for mental health and wellbeing. (We are not endorsing any particular site nor are we ambassadors for it - we are simply providing pointers towards sites that might be interesting/helpful).



This week we feature mental health support from Mind:
<http://www.mind.org.uk>

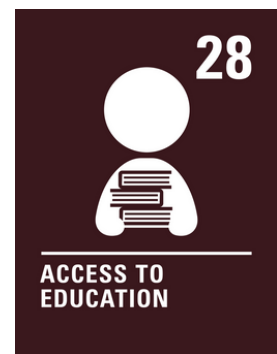
"Your well-being must never become an afterthought. It must be your first act." - Rasheed Ogunlaru

Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	98%
3Z	95%
3Y	87%
3J	90%
4K	93%
4B	86%
4I	93%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5V	95%
5O	94%
5T	98%
6W	89%
6K	99%
6M	96%
average	93%

for the week
beginning
Monday 16th
October



Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 6K on 99% attendance!

Unfortunately, absences have been worryingly high in many classes. Please help your child to be here every day so they can learn.



Punctuality Cup

3Y won the cup this week with every learner on time each day.

Congratulations to them!



Times Table

Rock Stars

4I and 6W take the trophies this week.

Keep it up!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 3Z, 4K, 5V and 6K

Congratulations!





Achievement Awards

3Y - Erica: for persevering in all areas of the curriculum

3J - Anmol: for persevering every day to improve his handwriting

3K - Melissa: for persevering in maths when multiplying using the column method

3Z - Eva: for explaining her reasoning in maths

4K - Liam: for persevering with his learning across all subjects

4I - Maya: for being an excellent learning partner and collaborating well with others

4B - Jewana: for persevering in maths and working hard to learn her times tables

5O - Penny: for demonstrating curiosity and collaboration in history lessons

5V - Sam A: for persevering, evaluating and concentrating during maths this week

5T - Saoirse: for persevering to write a mystery story

6M - Mason: for his perseverance and effort to improve his handwriting

6W - Alicia: for evaluating her learning during the WWII workshop

6K - Christian: for consistently making considered choices



Godwin Junior School 2023-24

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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