

Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to our new Parents and Carers and welcome back to those of you who already know us well! I hope you had some opportunity to relax over the summer.

The children have settled incredibly well into their new classes and routines; a special mention to our Year 3 pupils who have shown remarkable resilience and seem to be taking everything in their stride at the moment. Well done to them and a huge thank you to all of the other children for being such excellent role models!

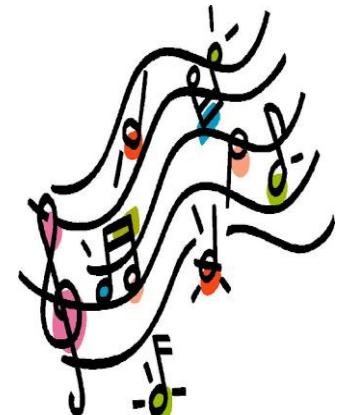


It is fantastic that children in Years 3 and 4 will begin their gardening sessions in our school garden next week. Our Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) 5 Star status is something that reflects how much we value this opportunity for Godwin children to develop their understanding of nature and enjoy the outdoors. This week our cook has been using some of the produce the children have grown in school dinners!

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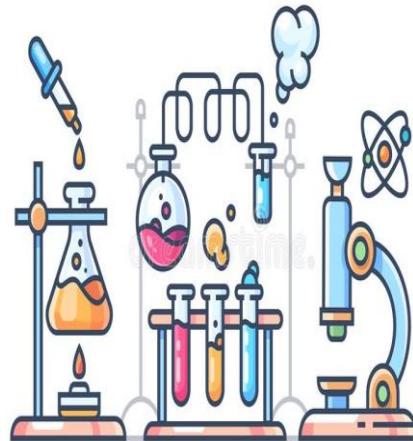
All Godwin children will once again have music lessons taught by a specialist teacher this year. We continue to invest in our music provision, and have created a music room to ensure that lesson time is maximised, with our wide range of instruments readily available and sufficient space for children to really enjoy the sessions.

We know how important it is for children to have the opportunity to discover what it is that they really enjoy.
UNCRC Article 29: Education must develop children's talents



At Godwin we do everything we can to make learning engaging, so that children want to find out more. Next week, Fab Science will be presenting a series of exciting workshops for each class. Our Primary Science Quality Mark shows our commitment to quality teaching and learning in science and from experience we know that opportunities such as this create a 'buzz' and enhance learning.

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Chess lessons will also be starting in Year 5 from next week. These sessions are another way in which our children encounter something which is new to most of them, learn from an expert and hopefully develop a love for the game which will last into adulthood. Perhaps we might even have the next Grand Master in our midst!

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Some Year 4 children will start their swimming sessions next week and I'm sure will enjoy either learning or further developing this important life skill. Parents and carers of 4Y and 4T have been notified - please ensure that your child brings everything required on the correct day.

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On Tuesday 13th September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl's birthday by dressing up as our favourite characters from his books. Please check an email sent to you earlier this week with suggestions for easy costume ideas – please don't buy anything new – the fun is in being creative!

We have also invited our children to design a new cover for one of his amazing books – please encourage your child to enter and bring their drawings in by Tuesday.

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There are many other exciting things on the horizon to share with you – hopefully we have given you a flavour of what is to come! Please see the Curriculum Newsletter for your child's year group, which is being emailed to you separately from today's newsletter.

In school today, we marked the death of Queen Elizabeth II through looking at her reign and service to the nation using age-appropriate resources. If children and young people are upset, Minded is a source of information to support children and young people to manage death and loss. Advice is also available from Child Bereavement UK.

With best regards for a happy weekend.

Meet the Team Meetings

These year group meetings are taking place next week and will last 15-20 minutes. Please do come along if you are able, so that you can meet your child's class teacher and teaching assistants and find out general information.

Monday 12th September 3:40pm Year 5

Tuesday 13th September 3:40pm Year 4

Friday 15th September 3:40pm Year 3

Individual Parent/Carer Conferences will be taking place in October – dates to follow.

School Council Elections

Next week sees the British Value of Democracy in action at Godwin! Our pupils will be electing two representatives per class to ensure that UNCRC Article 12: Every child has the right to express their views and have them taken seriously.

Year 6 Secondary School Meeting

Parent/Carers of our Year 6 pupils are invited to a meeting to collect the 'We Are Going To Secondary School' booklet and also to find out more about the application process.

This really is a vital meeting to make sure that you know how to apply for a secondary school place.

The Year 6 team will begin the meeting with their 'Meet the Teacher' session.

We look forward to seeing you!

Thursday 15th September 4:30pm



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are:

4T and 5J

Congratulations to these classes!



ATTENDANCE LADDER

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



Please speak to the school if you have any concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality.



**PLEASE PUT
DONATIONS
HERE**

DRIED PASTA

RICE

BREAKFAST CEREAL

WASHING UP LIQUID (SMALL)

WASHING DETERGENT (BLOCKS)

BISCUITS

LONGLIFE MILK

TEA

JAM

COFFEE

SUGAR

SQUASH

Please ensure everything is in date.

Article 24: You have the right to clean water, healthy food, a clean environment and good healthcare

Article 22: If you are a refugee, you have the same rights as any other child in the country.

Article 6: You have the right to life, to grow up and reach your full potential.

2 ZERO HUNGER



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.

Remembering Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

1926 - 2022



We are inviting everyone in our community to plant a bulb at the front of the church building on Saturday 10th Sept (10am - 2pm).

This will be a symbol of the new beginning with HM King Charles III and as an act of thanksgiving for the life and service of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Saturday 10th Sept

Church open
10:00am - 2:00pm

Join us at any time for quiet reflection, personal prayer, lighting of candles, writing messages of condolence and bulb planting.

Sunday 11th Sept

10:30am
Join us for a special service for all ages.

4:30pm
Join us for a short Holy Communion service.



St. Mark's Church
Lorne Rd, Forest Gate, E7 0LJ
@stmarksforestgate

Achievement Awards

3Z – Goldie- for considering her choices in class and working extremely hard. .

3K –Zoe – For persevering in all lessons especially in English.

3B – Marnie – for embracing her mistakes in her learning this week.

3I – Love – for working collaboratively with others and being a fantastic Learning Partner.

4Z – Yunus – for considering his choices in maths and English.

4Y – Douglas – for persevering to follow the class rules.

4K – Stanley – for being a good role model and collaborating with his peers.

4T Ayaan – for considering his choices and sharing a commitment to learning.

5J – Jace – for making choices that have allowed him to make an excellent start.

5M – Sofia- for fantastic collaboration and demonstrating curiosity in science.

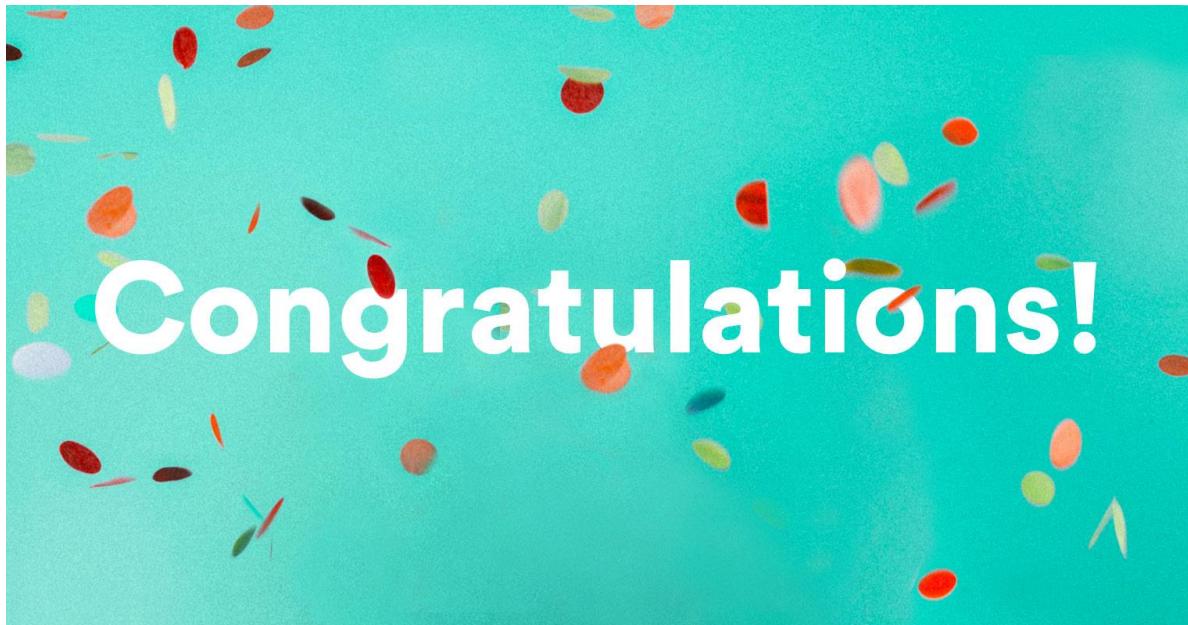
5V – Tayrino – for collaborating and following the class rules.

6B – Musa – for being curious, asking questions in maths to deepen understand

6O- Henry – for modelling all of the Learning Powers at the start of the school year.

6W – Jacob – for clearly explaining his reasoning.

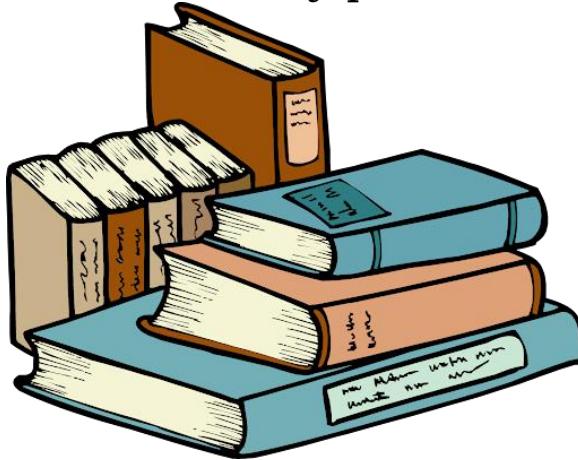
6K – Georgina – for displaying a positive attitude on returning to school.



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:

THE SAMARITANS

<https://www.samaritans.org/>



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 why it is important to be curious.

1. Humans are naturally curious! We can see this in the way babies explore their surroundings and the questions toddlers ask. We want to encourage and praise this curiosity so that our pupils carry it into their adult lives.
2. Curiosity caused early humans to explore the planet and develop the origins of technology and science. It literally shaped the world we live in. Curious learners can become the scientists and engineers of tomorrow, improving lives and solving problems.
3. Curious learners achieve better results in school because they are more engaged and enjoy their learning more.
4. Did you know that curious people are happier? Research has shown curiosity to be associated with higher levels of positive emotions, lower levels of anxiety, more satisfaction with life, and greater psychological well-being.
5. Curiosity can expand our empathy. When we are curious about others and talk to people outside our usual social circle, we become better able to understand those with lives, experiences, and worldviews different than our own.

So next time your child shows their curious side, remember to say well done!

