



Godwin Newsletter - 20th January 2023

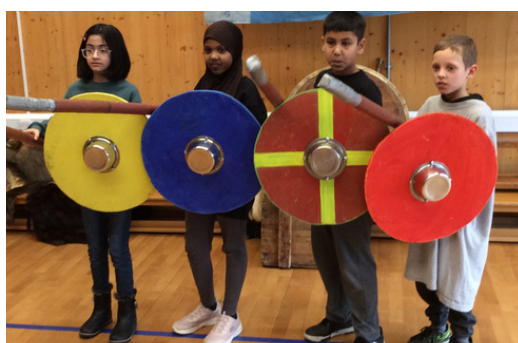
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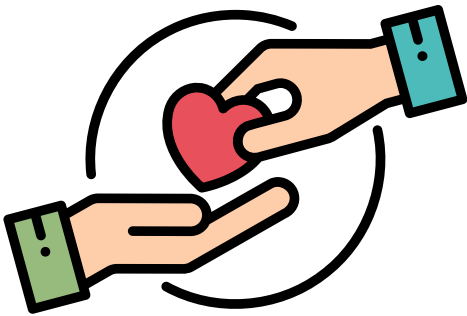
Head Teacher's Message



At Godwin we know how enrichment opportunities such as our History Days enthuse and engage our children in the period they are studying. Our Year 3 pupils loved finding out more about the Romans, and Year 4 the Vikings, through story-telling, drama and games led by a specialist. Opportunities such as these are made possible through fundraising activities. Please help us to continue to provide these by supporting our fundraising appeals.



A Huge Thank You



With budgets strained everywhere, the generosity of parents, carers and the whole Godwin community is making a bigger impact than ever.

The recent maths sponsored event raised £316! The children who took part should feel extremely proud of themselves and we are extremely grateful to the friends and family members who sponsored and encouraged them. This money will be spent on maths resources for the school.

Additionally, many parents and carers dropped a donation into our collection bucket at the Christmas assemblies. We raised £286.45 and will be using this money to help us pay for enrichment activities such as the recent History Days enjoyed by Year 3 (Romans) and Year 4 (Vikings).

The delicious hot chocolates organised by year 6 have already raised £123, which will be used to subsidise their visit to Fairplay House.

Future fundraising this year will be used to help afford other enrichment activities. We appreciate every penny.



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance matters

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to achieve their absolute best. There is clear evidence that poor attendance has a direct effect on how well children do at school, both academically and socially. Children with poor attendance or those who are regularly late for school miss out on valuable learning and do not reach their full potential. Time missed in school can lead to gaps in knowledge that become difficult to fill. So how do we support good attendance and punctuality at Godwin?

Celebrating good attendance and punctuality

As good attendance and punctuality provide the first steps to success, we celebrate them. Punctuality is recognised in our weekly celebration assemblies in which we award trophies for the best whole-class punctuality record.

Regular school attendance

If a child's attendance falls below 95%, or we have concerns, we will send an letter home to notify their family. This can be a useful reminder as days away can quickly add up.

If a child has attendance of 90% or less they are regarded by the government as a persistent absentee. Where this happens, we invite parents and carers to meet us and discuss ways in which we can work together to ensure improvement. In cases where a child's attendance continues to cause concern and an improvement is not seen, a referral will be made to the Local Authority.

Attendance at 90% means losing the following learning time:

**1 whole day every fortnight
3 whole days every half term
1 school month every year**

Missing time from the school day all adds up!

**5 minutes late every day = 3 whole days of lost learning over a year
15 minutes late every day = 2 weeks of lost learning over a year**

School Start Times

Children can arrive from 8:45am, 10 minutes before their registration times, to settle in their classrooms and start their learning. This smooth start to the school day has a really positive impact on children's focus and general wellbeing. All children are expected to be in class for registration at 8:55am. If a child arrives after this time, he/she will be recorded as late..

Term Time Leave

Term time is for education. In order to help the school to ensure our children achieve the very best that they are able to, the Governing Board has agreed that requests for holiday absence during term time will continue to be declined except in exceptional circumstances.

Penalty Notices

It is a legal responsibility for parents/guardians to ensure their child comes to school on time everyday. Keeping a child away from school without good reason is an offence in law. The Local Authority has a duty to take action against those who do not ensure that their children are receiving an education. A Penalty Notice of £60 per child per parent/guardian may be issued when:

- parents/carers take their child on holiday during term time.
- children have poor attendance that is unauthorised.

Help your child to achieve good attendance and punctuality.

- Ensure your child knows that YOU expect him/her to attend school every day
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time every day
- Speak to your child's class teacher regarding any issues that may affect his/her attendance
- Inform the school before 8:45am if he/she will not be attending school for any reason
- Wherever possible, make medical and dental appointments out of school time

We can help

If you are concerned about your child's attendance or punctuality please speak to your child's class teacher, the Deputy Headteacher (Ms Aslam) or the Senior Admin Officer (Ms Yates). Our Attendance Policy is available on request from the school office or on our school website: www.godwin.newham.sch.uk

On page 6 you will find a copy of the term dates for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024. We hope these are useful when booking your holidays.



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%	Concerned
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Very concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Local Authority involvement

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



Godwin Junior School 2022-23

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day



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Godwin Junior School 2023-24

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Pupil Day

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preparing children to thrive online

Parent/Carer Workshop

Wednesday 8th February

3:40pm - 4:40pm

At Godwin

The workshop is designed to support parents with the the following five main concerns:

- preparing for social media and use of social media
- the importance of privacy settings
- avoidance and how to address inappropriate content
- how to navigate group chats
- discuss the pros and cons of gaming

Come along and benefit from the advice of our expert visitor.



SEND SURGERY

Your space to ask advice about SEND services.

Please book an appointment at SEND Surgery if you are a Newham parent or carer of a child or young person, aged 0-25 years, and you need advice and guidance about the following;

- EHCP plan
- Social Care
- Therapies
- SEND Travel Assistance
- Family Support
- General Info

To attend, please book 1 ticket only via the eventbrite links below so that we can continue to support as many families as possible.

Dates for this term are:



- **Wednesday 18th January 2023**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/414597390957>

- **Wednesday 8th February 2023 - Evening Surgery**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/513848112537>

- **Wednesday 22nd February 2023**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/510568172147>

- **Wednesday 22nd March 2023**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/510569205237>

Our General Info sessions are a great option if you are unsure about the different services available. Sessions are 15 minutes and run between 10am- 12pm.

Representatives from Newham Parents Forum are available to support parents and offer further information about their role.

If you would like additional support in requesting an appointment, please contact: **07495 021 062** or info@newhamparentforum.co.uk

Future Writers' Competition

This half term our competition invites each pupil to think of themselves as future writers. This week's winners are Amelia from 5M and Shafin from 3K. Amelia would like to write a book about humans and vampires learning to coexist, while Shafin wants to write a story which encourages people to persevere and meet their goals. Well done to you both!



FUTURE WRITERS' ENTRY FORM

NAME Amelia CLASS 5M

IF YOU WERE WRITING A BOOK, WHAT WOULD IT BE ABOUT?
WRITE ALL THE DETAILS BELOW.

BOOK TITLE: Vampires: The Very Misunderstood Creatures

GENRE (TYPE OF STORY): Mystery and supernatural

SETTING (WHERE IT HAPPENS): In a forest

MAIN CHARACTERS: Scarlet, Nally, Olivia, Matt and Mark

SYNOPSIS (WHAT IS THE PLOT? WHAT HAPPENS?): Scarlet and her friends get lost in the forest and arrive at a house full of vampires. Scarlet and her friends realize vampires are nice and Scarlet tell everyone so humans and vampires become friends.

WHO WOULD LIKE THE BOOK?: Children ages 9 and over

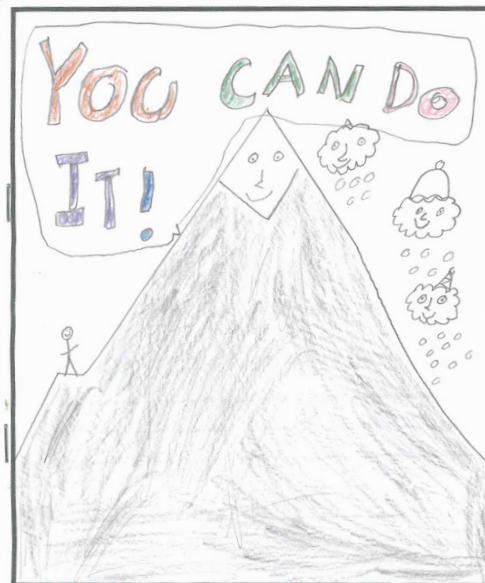


RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM TO MISS SMITH. ONE WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN EACH FRIDAY.

FUTURE WRITERS' ENTRY FORM

NAME SHAFIN CLASS 3K

BOOK TITLE You can do it!



IF YOU WERE WRITING A BOOK, WHAT WOULD IT BE ABOUT?
DRAW THE FRONT COVER IN THE BOX ON THE LEFT.



RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM TO MISS SMITH. ONE WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN EACH FRIDAY.

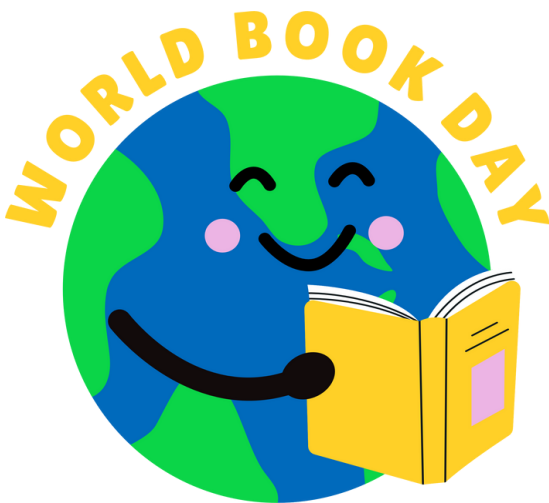
We will select another winner next Friday. Entry forms can be obtained from class teachers. Children can choose to write or draw; they do not need to complete both entry forms.



Next weekend (27th - 29th January) will see the Big Garden Birdwatch for 2023.

You don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your balcony or your local park will play a vital role in helping the RSPB understand how UK birds are doing. Get involved by clicking [here](#).

World Book Day.



This year, Godwin Junior School will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March.

We will be encouraging all our staff and pupils to dress up as the book character of their choice and there will be prizes for the best costumes!

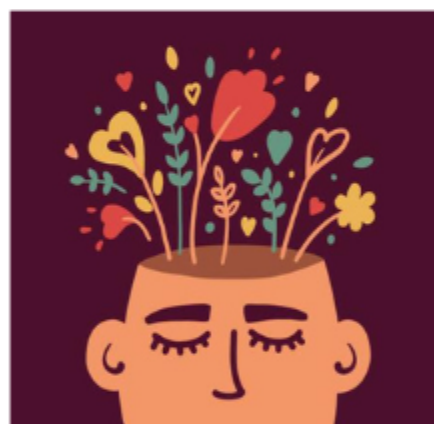


This year, to mark **Children's Mental Health Week**, we would like you to **design a poster that helps children** (and adults too!) **maintain positive mental health.**

What can we do to keep our mental health healthy?

Perhaps it is...

- Exercise
- Reading in a quiet space
- Spending some time playing games
- Watching TV
- Hanging out with a pet
- Connecting with friends and family



Your poster should be bright, bold and burst with simple ideas that can help all people keep happy and mentally healthy.

All posters to be submitted to your class teacher by:

Thursday 2nd February

Remember, there are prizes to be won!

Don't forget to write your name and class on the back.



THE BIG BATTERY HUNT IS BACK!

Start collecting your **AAA, AA, C** and **D** batteries! Great prizes to win!

Only collect these batteries:



This coming Monday (23rd) is the final day to hand in your artwork depicting the Elizabeth Tower. All entries must be with Ms Valle by that date.

Fourth Plinth Schools Awards 2023



Feeling artistic? Design an artwork inspired by the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square, and you could win a national prize! Entries can be in all art forms including drawing, painting, sculpture, collage and digital designs. Entries must be handed to Ms Taylor by 10th March 2023.



Article of the Week



*Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed on **January 16th** each year. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Baptist minister and a key figure in the American civil rights movement. This day commemorates his life and work. People are encouraged to reflect on how Dr. King championed for racial **equality** and **peaceful social change** on this day.*

***Article 2** of the UNCRC states that every child has the same rights regardless of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other views, national, ethnic, or social origin, property, disability, birth, or other status of the child or their parents or guardians.*

Well Done!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are:

3Z and 5J

Congratulations!

Punctuality Cup

With no late marks, this week's winners are:

4K

Well done for all coming to school on time!



Mindfulness Corner

Every Friday 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 Every Mind Matters from the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters>

"You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to swim."

Jon Kabat Zinn



EasyFundraising



Please consider raising funds for the school when you shop online. Just go through the Easyfundraising website or App and we'll receive a % of your spend as a free donation. Best of all, this will cost you nothing.

So far, our total is £579.99. One parent has already raised £321.29 this year. Imagine what we could do if everyone took part!!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofgodwinpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e1

We use this money for enrichment activities such as educational visits and special guests, so every penny benefits the children directly.





Achievement Awards

3B – Isabel: for persevering in her learning and maintaining a positive attitude

3K – Ain: for collaborating and sharing her ideas in whole-class discussions

3I – Frederick: for articulating his ideas well during class discussions

3Z – Amy: for excellent collaboration with her learning partner during maths

4K – Maria: for persevering while learning her times tables and using the knowledge in her maths lessons

4T – Yaseen: for persevering during English lessons and collaborating well with others.

4Y – Jason: for making good contributions and collaborating well with his peers.

4Z – Eloise for using excellent figurative language in her writing

5J – Aisha: for trying hard to explain the reasoning behind her work

5M – Aqib: for fantastic collaboration while orienteering

5V – Matthew: for persevering, working hard and trying his best in all subjects this week

6B – Isabelle: for enthusiasm and collaboration

6K – Luca: for showing all learning powers and being a good role model

6O – Ruben: for considering his choices and being a good learning partner in science

6W – Nusayb: for excellent collaboration during PE