



Godwin Newsletter - 15th December 2023

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

Happy Hanukah to everyone who is celebrating the festival at the moment. I have learnt a lot whilst preparing for this week's assemblies and it has been great to share the experiences of some of our children. Please ask your child what they remember about the festival.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Year 5 and 6 performances today. We hope to see many more of you on Tuesday for Year 3 and 4's turn!

Wishing you a restful weekend

We wanted to share with you the positive feedback we had from the team who interviewed a small group of Godwin pupils for a programme called FYI, which is broadcast on the Sky Kids channel:

"I just want to say that the children were an absolute delight. They were all extremely focused, emotionally intelligent and charismatic. It was an absolute joy of a Friday morning.

The section on hopes for 2024 will air on the Sky News channel at 10:30 and 16:30 on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th January. I will also send you a link the following Monday for you to share with the school community. We don't have a date yet for the AI section but I will keep you updated as soon as we have it scheduled in.

Please keep in touch and encourage any of the children to write in if they have an idea for a story!"

Thank you to the children who participated - they were excellent ambassadors for our school. We can't wait to see them on air!

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: Jessica Morrison

Age: 43

One important fact about you is:

My first job was working in a bakery. I had an important role: putting the jam in doughnuts. I used to get free doughnuts!



What's your day job? I am a government lawyer and I work on subsidies for renewable electricity generation. It's really interesting, but no free doughnuts.

Why did you become a Governor? I wanted to make a positive contribution to the school and community; and to use the insight of being a parent (I have a child in Year 5) and my skills and experience to support the school.

What is one thing you appreciate about Godwin? The excellent staff and how hard they work for the children.

Autumn PTA fundraising

As you can see below, the PTA have raised a huge amount of money since September. Thank you to everyone who has given their time and talents to these efforts, as well as all those who have brought in prizes and donations. This money will make an enormous difference to all the children at Godwin. If you feel you can give some of your time, please email godwinpta@gmail.com to get in touch.

Cake Sale: £392.62

Bags2School and Toys4Life : £265

Hot Chocolate: £423.94

Winter Fayre: £1771.08

Grand Total = £2852.64



Here are the timings for the remaining class performances on

Tuesday 19th December:

9:10 - 9:30 - 4I

9:40 - 10:00 - 4B

10:10 - 10:30 - 4K

1:50 - 2:10 - 3K

2:15 - 2:35 - 3Y

2:40 - 3:00 - 3J

3:05 - 3:25 - 3Z

Please come and join us for a mince pie and some festive cheer whilst you support your child!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES



Forest Gate Library, Woodgrange Rd, London E7 0QH

Monday 18th December

Console Club 3-4pm Come and play on the Nintendo Switch. Age 7+.

Christmas Arts and Crafts 4-5pm Pinecone garlands - come and make your very own pine cone garlands to decorate your homes. All ages

Tuesday 19th December

Under Fives Christmas Rhyme Time 11-12pm
Join Becky Clause for a Christmas story and some fun holidays songs Age 5 and under

Christmas talent show /fashion show 4-5pm
Dress in your best festive clothe and come show us your talents, prize for the winner. All ages

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Bingo 3- 4pm Fun family bingo session with Christmas prizes to win. All welcome.

Christmas Fun Time with board games and puzzles 4-6pm Family time - come and join various Christmas activities. All ages.

Thursday 21st December

Under Fives Rhyme-time and Christmas Fun 10-11am Join us for a festive story and sing along with a fun simple craft activity. Ages 5 and under.

For more information contact the Forest Gate Neighbourhood team on **020 3373 0856** or email CN.Forestgate@newham.gov.uk

2 minute games 3-4pm Come and enjoy various physical activities, such as Polo, sumo fight and more. Are you up for the challenge, How many 2 min games can you win? Age 4+

Family Table-Tennis 1-4pm
Table Tennis for all. All welcome.

Friday 23rd December

Ginger bread decorating 3-4pm
Decorate your very own gingerbread man to take home. Age 5+ with adult supervision

Christmas LEGO 4-5:30pm
Prize for most festive creation! Join us and use your imagination to see what you can build at our Lego Club. All welcome.

Saturday 24th December

Max out your card 12am-12.30pm
Winners will be notified by either a phone call or an email. Please make sure we have your current contact details. All welcome.

Christmas Cards Crafts 4 - 5pm
Make and decorate a card to give to someone special. All ages.

Family Christmas Movie time 12.30- 2.15pm
Come and watch a classic holiday film that will get you into the Christmas spirit. All welcome.

Due to limited spaces, please arrive early to avoid disappointment. Adults are asked to stay and supervise any children under the age of 8 years at events and activities. All activities are free.

Ready, set, winter read!



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Winter Mini Challenge

1 December 2023 - 19 February 2024

The Winter Mini Challenge is here again in your local library, for children of all ages this winter. Become a champion and collect rewards for your reading.



The London Children's Flower Society are excited to announce the launch of their 'Front Cover Competition' where they invite London schoolchildren to design the front cover of their next Annual Report. The report is sent out to schools, donors and supporters around the city.

This competition is open to all London children to enter. Designs should be A4 sized and any medium can be used such as paint, pencils & crayons. They are looking for a colourful, bright design that represents the joy gardening can bring.

All entries should be either posted to their head office:

The London Children's Flower Society
61a High Street
Orpington
Kent BR6 0JF

Or scanned and emailed to: londonchildrensflowersociety@outlook.com

The closing date for all entries is **6th January 2024**.

Please ensure all entries include details of the Child's Name, Age and School.

The winner will receive a prize and their design will be published on the society's website.



Article of the Week



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Article 14 states that children have the right to think, believe, and practise their religion without infringing on the rights of others. Governments must recognise and respect parents' rights and duties in raising and guiding their children.

Who or what influences the way you think about the world and shapes your thoughts and beliefs?

November and December are important months for many religions. Can you think of some festivals and events that take place at this time? See how many you can think of. You could write a sentence, draw a picture, or write a story about a child celebrating a festival or special day.



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

“By living in harmony with nature one gains a healthy mind and body.” Anon



Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	96%
3Z	92%
3Y	93%
3J	94%
4K	97%
4B	88%
4I	89%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5V	90%
5O	94%
5T	94%
6W	94%
6K	97%
6M	86%
average	92%

for the week
beginning
Monday 4th
December



Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 4K and 6K on their 97% attendance.

Please help your child to be here every day so they can learn.



Punctuality Cup

4K and 6K won the cup this week with every learner on time each day.

Congratulations to them!



Times Table Rockstars and the winners of the Lining Up Cup will be announced during Monday's assembly.



It's a new year, it's a new start, we're here for you!



Getting back to school after the festive holidays is an exciting time when we can all make a fresh start. We are looking forward to seeing your child back at school on the first day of term.

Happy New Year.



Godwin Junior School 2023-24

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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Godwin Junior School 2024-25



School Holiday	Bank Holiday	Pupil Day	INSET Day
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