



Godwin Newsletter - 23rd February 2024

preparing pupils for lifelong success



Head Teacher's Message

Our second group of Year 6 children have been having an amazing time on their residential visit this week, despite the terrible weather! The Learning Powers of Collaboration, Resilience and Perseverance have been abundant as our intrepid pupils have made and cooked on camp fires, swung from dizzying heights in the Essex countryside, balanced on high ropes and taken part in manoeuvres in the dead of night! This fantastic experience not only creates life-long memories, but also helps to develop children's self-confidence and teaches them about mixing with others in preparation for secondary school.

Here are some quotes from our returning pupils:

About bushcraft, in which they learnt to light a campfire without matches and cook a pancake over an open fire: "I didn't expect that I'd be able to light a fire just from nature - it was brilliant!"

About the high ropes, in which they developed the confidence to trust in themselves and their harness as they negotiated their way around a treetop course: "I can't believe that I actually did that! My mum will never believe me. Can we have another go?"

About 'the swing', in which they worked as a team to haul two peers to the top of a frighteningly high trapeze with fantastic views over the local countryside and then release the cord and soar: "We were really encouraging each other because it's so high and it takes a lot of courage to release the break. When you do, you feel like you're on a rollercoaster - but it's so much better because you just keep going!"

A huge thank you to our extremely dedicated staff, without whom these visits would not be possible.

Important Dates

Friday 1st March

PTA Friends of Godwin Cake Sale

Thursday 7th March

Debate Mate Competition at Godwin (3:30 to 5:45)

World Book Day

Monday 11th - Friday 15th March

Year 5 Bikeability lessons

Friday 15th March

Comic Relief

NO NUT OR SESAME PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Please never send food containing nuts or sesame to school with your child. This includes lunches for educational visits and after-school snacks.

The only acceptable snacks for break time or before clubs are fresh fruit and vegetables. Please do not allow your child to bring other items.

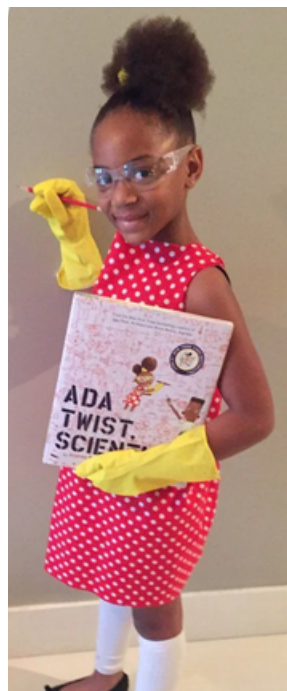
World Book Day



World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March. At Godwin, our celebrations will include dressing up and we would love everyone to get involved.

We thought we would share a few costume photos this week to get everyone thinking.

Click [here](#) or [here](#) for more ideas.





FRIENDS OF GODWIN PTA PRESENT

Bake Sale

**Friday 1st March,
at 3.25pm After School**

**DROP OFF- THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY AT 3.25PM
FRIDAY 1ST MARCH AT 8.45AM**

**NO NUTS/SESAME
PLEASE LIST INGREDIENTS AND LABEL CONTAINERS**

New Writing Competition



The Barking to Gospel Oak Overground Line (soon to be the Suffragette Line) carries thousands of passengers each day, passing right by our school playground.

Who are the people on board? What are they thinking? What amazing stories could they tell? Do they notice us in the playground?

You could write from the point of view of a passenger, a driver or even the train itself!

You could create a story, poem, letter, news article or anything else you choose.

Entries should be returned to Ms Smith and a winner will be chosen each Friday.

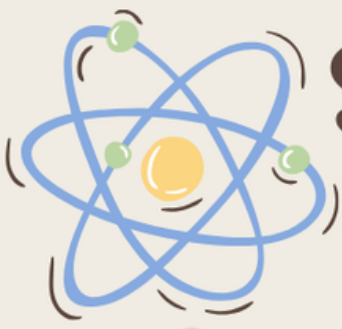


BIG BATTERY HUNT

Big we win, we get money to upgrade the playground!



Deadline: Wednesday 12th June 2024
If we collect the most batteries per student (on average) we will win **£3,500** for our school playground.



SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION



The British Science Week 2024 poster competition is open now!

The theme this year is 'Time', – there are loads of STEM topics to explore!

You could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. What about going futuristic and show us how you think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature: lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation.

Nature is full of timely topics!

Posters must be submitted to class teachers by Wednesday 20th March 2024. Please write your name and class on the back of your submission.

See a full list of prizes and rules here:
<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>





At Godwin, we are celebrating Children's Mental Health Week this week. The theme this year is 'Your Voice Matters'.

Article 24 of the UNCRC ensures that every child has the right to the best possible health. It further states that governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, a clean environment and education on health and well-being so children can stay healthy. Article 12 states that you have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.

What could we do as a team to make something happen in our school?



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>

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you." *Walt Whitman*

Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	97%
3Z	95%
3Y	89%
3J	93%
4K	98%
4B	90%
4I	93%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
5V	92%
5O	93%
5T	96%
6W	96%
6K	94%
6M	92%
average	94%

for the week
beginning
Monday 5th
February



Whole school attendance for the year to date is currently 93.8%. This is more than 2% below our target. Please help us to reach our target by ensuring that your child is in school every day.

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 4K on 98% attendance last week. Fantastic!



Punctuality Cup

5O won the cup this week with every learner on time each day.



Times Table

Rock Stars

6W take the trophy this week. Keep it up!



Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 3J, 4K and 6M.





Achievement Awards

3Y - Muif: for considering his choices

3J - Louis: for choosing to use his free time to learn all his times table facts

3K - Lukas: for considering his choices and demonstrating good learning behaviours

3Z - Asiya: for being a curious learner this week in English

4K - Eva: for being curious about her learning during a visit to the National Gallery

4I - Tobi: for considering his choices and making the right ones all week

4B - Rusne: for persevering in her maths lessons this week

5O - Ayaan M: for incredible efforts to explain his reasoning within maths

5V - Alina: for persevering in all areas of the curriculum and seeking to explain her reasoning better

5T - Kiyaan: for consistently considering his choices and embracing his mistakes

Year 6 - Ayan: for considering his choices during art

Year 6 - Ibrahim: for carefully considering his choices



Godwin Junior School 2023-24



School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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