



Autumn 13
3rd December 2021



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

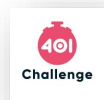


"The weak can never forgive, forgiveness is the attribute of the strong" - Mahatma Gandhi

Latest News

GJS 401 Challenge Stage 2 Target: 2,048m

Year 3	524
Year 4	1000
Year 5	1156
Year 6	1383



Ofsted Readiness

You may be aware that Ofsted visits are in full swing since COVID brought about a pause in inspections. GJS is due to be inspected imminently and one of the sources of evidence they use to determine judgements are the outcomes of ParentView. Therefore we ask you visit ParentView and log your views of the school [here](#).

10R—Human Rights Week

Our next 10Richment week takes place next week and we will be focusing much of our work during this week around 'Rights Respecting' activities. This will also provide valuable evidence for our 'Silver Award' bid which takes place in February 2022.

Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge

We still would like the children to log their miles this half term in support of Ben and his 401 USA Challenge. Most year groups achieved the Stage 1 target of 1,000 miles and now stage 2 requires year groups to make it to over 2,000! We will continue to update the children during our weekly assemblies and it is never too late to log the miles and be active! Remember 'Happy Legs, Happy Head'. As we have our hall display of the 401 Challenge now, we would like photos of the children engaging in their physical activities! You can find out more about Ben's epic challenge [here](#). This morning Year 5 were the recipients of 'Mr Samson's Miles' for November so they will now be 130 miles better off!

GJS 'HeadSpace' Surgery??

Due to changes to our hygiene protocols on indoor events, we are postponing our Reading surgery session until Monday 11th January

Writer's Club

The Upper School Writer's Club had a special visitor this week. Mr Empringham, who works in publishing, came to talk to the children about the history of publishing books and how to design a catchy front cover. The children have designed excellent front covers for the stories they are currently writing and Mr Empringham is jazzing them up to make them look like real-life best-sellers! We're always so grateful for parent support.

TT Rockstar Champions

Huge congratulations to the following top performing 'rockstars' in our most recent event. Highest earner awards went to John, Mia, Peter, Aaron, James, Thomas, Mary and Murdo. Most improved were awarded to Betty, Josh, Kai, Artemis, Ella-Rose, Bethany, Rosie and Grace.

COVID Update

With the number of local cases continuing to rise we must continue to be vigilant. We have sent letters out to classes who have been affected by positive cases. This letter will be resent after ten days should there continue to be new cases within the class. Current guidance can be found [here](#). If your child is showing any COVID symptoms they should self-isolate straight away and take a PCR test as soon as possible. Tests can be booked via [this link](#). Following a negative PCR test result they can return to school. Confirmed positive case numbers continue to be small across the school and it is imperative the school is made aware of positive test outcomes as soon as possible. Unless there are symptoms in children and they are absent whilst awaiting PCR outcomes, the children must attend school otherwise risk being logged as an unauthorized absence as insisted by the local authority. Though not a requirement for junior age children, Lateral Flow Tests are readily available if you feel this is necessary.

Christmas Carol Assemblies

We hope to showcase our year group carol assemblies outside to parents later this term. We have amended the start time to 9.15am each morning to allow parents dropping siblings at other schools time to arrive. Each year group will focus on the theme of *Forgiveness*. We are asking that parents wear face coverings, carry out lateral flow tests before attending (obviously not attending if there is a positive result) children will be performing under the canopy on the front playground. Please contact the school office if you would like a space. The assemblies will be about 30 minutes long.

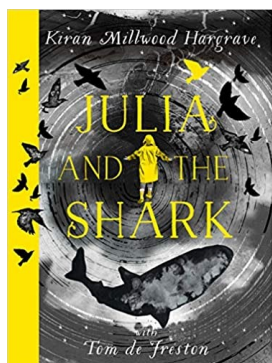


House Points

Saturn	1107
Neptune	1001
Saturn	989
Jupiter	979



Waterstones Book of the Year



PTA News

We can't wait to welcome you to the The Godalming Junior School Outdoor Christmas Fair tomorrow 4.00pm to 7.00pm. We kindly ask that you take a lateral flow test before hand and wear a face covering when in close proximity with others. Most importantly, we want everyone to have a great time!

Please remember the bar and food stall will be cash only and all other stalls will run using tokens (eco-friendly and reusable) rather than cash. The value of each token is 50p and the stalls will cost either 50p or £1, so either 1 token or 2. If you haven't already purchased tokens, they can be purchased at the fair.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM - Sophia C
3EC - Theo B
4EM - Millie M
4GS - Alfie
5SD - Maisie M
5CJ - Digby
6JP - Joe M
6RH - Tom B



Pupil
Awards



Attendance Winners: 4EM - 97.7%

RESILIENCE Values Champions

3CM - Daniel
3EC - Alexander
4EM - Toby
4GS - Freya
5SD - Jasmine
5CJ - Sydney
6JP - James
6RH - Emma



Sports News

On Tuesday, Y4 and Y6 took part in an inter-school benchball tournament at Broadwater. Both teams performed brilliantly! Our Y6 team managed to achieve an amazing 2nd place! Our Y4 team managed to win the tournament and bring home the medals!!! Well done to all the out players who represented our school so well - Congratulations to Devonte, Kaelyn, Naomi, Joshua, Matthew, Ben, George, Thana, Arlo, Alexa, Marija, Cassidy, Joseph, Eleni and Harrison.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2021

December

3rd:

6th–10th:

10th:

13th:

13th:

14th:

15th:

15th:

15th:

16th:

17th:

17th:

PTA Christmas Fair

10R–Human Rights Week

[Human Rights Day](#)

RE Day

Yr5 Carol Assembly @ 9.15am

Yr3 Carol Assembly @ 9.15am

Yr6 Carol Assembly @ 9.15am

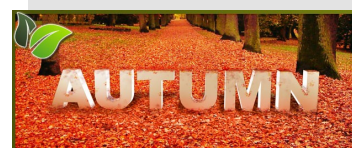
Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

Yr4 Carol Assembly @ 9.15am

House Mufti

END OF TERM @ 1.15pm



Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

~~Monday 1st November 2021~~

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022