

Summer 10
9th July 2021



Godalming Junior School



Newsletter

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have" - Maya Ange-

Latest News



Au revoir

As we draw nearer to the end of another eventful year, we will be saying farewell to Madame Harvey-Williams after 20 years service at Godalming Junior School. I am sure you will join me in saying *merci beaucoup* to our wonderful MFL teacher for her tireless commitment to the school after so many years. The MFL curriculum will be taught by class teachers from September and we will be introducing Spanish to the upper school curriculum with French being taught in the lower school. We believe giving greater variety modern foreign language provision will prepare them for secondary school and life in a multicultural nation!

Parent Survey

The school governors are immensely proud of our school community and the positive way you have all responded to the challenges over the last year. As another school year draws to a close, we would like to gather your views about GJS and we would very much appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the [short survey](#).

Thank you

Michael Guest, Chair of Governors

A Year in Review at GJS

Mr Samson and the school leadership team, would like to invite parents to an online 'Year in Review' talk on **Wednesday 14th July @ 6.30pm** via Zoom to share reflections of the last 12 months, navigating through the COVID pandemic and recovery plans from September. This will be an ideal opportunity to find out what the 'Comeback Curriculum' will look like at Godalming Junior School from September. Logging on details are below:

Zoom Meeting ID: 889 3504 2531

Zoom Passcode: GJSReviewW

Blue Peter Badge Awards

The Y5 children (and staff) all took part in a special Blue Peter challenge. Over the course of two weeks, we committed to three eco-friendly pledges: Plastic, Power and Plants. We all made an effort to take part in order to make a difference to our local and global environment. As a result of our hard work, we received a limited edition supersized 'Climate Heroes' green badge. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

Y4 Bake Sale in aid of Orangutan's and the World Land Trust

After learning about the effects of palm oil, Year 4 wrote persuasive letters to friends and family encouraging them to use less products containing palm oil. However, Christie, Jazz, Jess, Lilah, Lorca and Merryn in Year 4 wanted to do more to protect the rainforest and save animals. On Sunday 4th July, they hosted a bake sale at Chippy Park, aiming to raise £100 to protect an acre of rainforest through The World Land Trust. They smashed their target and raised a whopping £571.43. Thank you to all who supported. The girls would definitely do it again: "It was awesome, we had a huge line half way across the park!"

International Week Reminders

Next week we will be our International Celebration! Some cooking reply slips and £1 contributions are still outstanding, please refer to the letter sent via Parentmail on 29.6.21. Also, on Friday 16th July we will be celebrating with a traditional African lunch. **Please complete the form on Parentmail for ALL children no later than Monday 12th July** including those that have lunches on a regular basis. We do have to keep to this deadline for catering purposes and cannot accept any meals after this date. **Payment of £2.40 should be made in advance via Parentmail (PMX).**

Teacher led After Clubs

A reminder that all teacher led before and after school clubs have now finished this term.

Covid Testing Reminder

In response to the transmission of variants of concern, Public Health England (PHE) South East, is advising **all close contacts of COVID-19 cases** to get a full COVID-19 PCR test (ideally 5 days after exposure or day five of isolation) whether or not they have symptoms of coronavirus COVID-19. In addition, should your child or household member develop COVID symptoms, do not use the symptom-free LFD testing. Instead [book a PCR test](#) or call 119. Please refer to the email sent via Parentmail for further details.

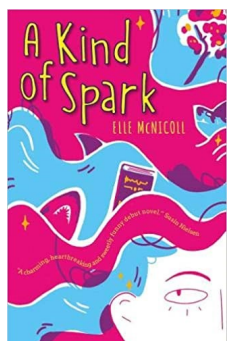
Dates for 2021-22

We are beginning to pull together dates for next year which you can see on the reverse of the newsletter and these will be added to over the coming weeks.

House Points

Neptune	848
Saturn	719
Jupiter	674
Mars	576

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

More news to come

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3CM - Samuel
3SD - Sia
4EM - James
4GS - Jasmine & Lorca
5CJ - Nathan
5EC - Heidi
6JP - Gabi
6RH - Amber



Attendance Winners: – 3CM 100%

TRUST –Values Champions

3CM – Eva
3SD – Chloe
4EM – Thomas
4GS – Riley
5CJ – Sofia
5EC – Alexa
6JP – Tim
6RH – Josh



Sports News

Sports Day

After their third attempt the Y5 Sports Day went ahead on Monday which had a major effect on the overall results. **Neptune** were victorious for Y5 which meant **Neptune** were overall winners!

Year Group Winning Houses

Neptune Y3 Winners
Jupiter Y4 Winners
Neptune Y5 Winners
Saturn Y6 Winners

African Nations Inter House Football Tournament

As part of International Week, we will be running our own African Nations Cup Football Tournament next week. **Mars** will become Morocco, **Saturn** will become Senegal, **Neptune** will become Namibia and **Jupiter** will become...Mauritania. There will be a round robin tournament for all year groups running throughout the day next Friday. If your child signed up, please ensure they have their house t-shirt (still available to purchase via the school office for £2) and the rest of their PE kit.

Good Luck England!

Godalming Junior School will be wishing Gareth and the boys the best of luck in the Euro 2020 Final against Italy on Sunday. IF England should be victorious we will be having a **red**, white and **blue** (including England clothing) mufti on Monday!



Diary Dates

Summer Term 2021

July
12th–16th International Week
13th & 15th Y6 End of Year Production—Charterhouse School
14th 'Year in Review a GJS' Zoom Call
21st GJS Talent Show
21st End of term @ 1.15pm

Autumn Term 2021

September
1st: GLP Inset Day
2nd: Start of Term
8th: House Elections
8th: Year 3 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
Year 4 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
9th: Year 5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
Year 6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
17th: PTA Year 3 BBQ



Inset Days 2021/22

Wednesday 1st September 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021
Monday 21st February 2022
Tuesday 19th April 2022
Friday 27th May 2022