

# GJS News

## Our Journey to Silver!

By Meg Lynes and Matthew Chalmers

This year at Godalming Junior School we are working towards becoming a Rights Respecting school. We believe that children's rights are extremely important as they keep us safe and happy.

In total there are 54 rights and this represents what we need to have a good and healthy childhood. Our rights are very critical in order to protect us but we must be responsible; for example we have the right to get a free education but we must respect the people who are giving it to us; the teachers. Furthermore, we have the right to live with our parents but we must help them and not expect them to be our servants.

The steps that our school has taken to get to silver so far are: set a plan on how GJS will achieve bronze, executed that plan and at this very moment we are focusing on how we can teach the pupils of our school all of the Rights Of A Child.

Every PSHE lesson which each class has once a week, the steering group that was set up by Mrs Sawyer,



listen to everyone's ideas, answers and writes them in our little blue books so that we can keep track of how much everyone understands their rights.

We want to encourage all children at GJS to try to contribute to class discussions as a special visitor will come in at the end of the year and will determine if we should receive the silver award!

If you feel as if your rights are not being met, tell a trusted adult and get help straight away. For example: your class teacher, Mr Poole, Mrs Sutton, Mr Samson or Mrs Crook.

Your voice should be heard and at GJS you will always be listened to. Your teachers are not only here to educate you, but to also keep you safe.

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## Eco Evolution!

Written by Lulu, Jemima, Amelie

We are Eco Evolution here to talk about how our school, GJS, has changed and could change to become a more eco- friendly school.

Already we have created an Eco Warriors club, which was established in 2018. This club mainly does litter picking at our school and at a local park. As well as that, all the Eco Warriors have contributed to making a recycling bin for crisps and another one for pens in order to reduce the amount of waste and dispose of it in the correct way. However, we would like to achieve a lot more.

We recently interviewed some of our school staff including: Miss Martin and Mrs Nash to discuss their thoughts on our Eco Evolution

**Miss Martin:**

*Why did you start Eco Warriors?*

“Because it is important for children to learn about the planet because they are the future “

*How can we get more eco friendly?*

“Turning lights and smartboards off.”

*Do you have any ways we can help the environment? How?*

“Yes, during Earth Week we will have a no board day and no paper day to reduce it being used. In addition we would like to welcome more visitors who can help us learn more about our world and how to look after it.”

eco warriors



**Mrs Nash:**

*How do you think we can be more eco friendly?*

“By being more responsible when turning off lights and closing the doors to keep the heating in the classroom.”

*Have you noticed any changes from when you started to now?*

“There is a lot more awareness throughout the school.”

In the future, we hope we can make a difference by using less plastic and entering more competitions that encourage people to make a difference. We would also like to have more enrichment weeks like Earth Week where there are no paper days and no -screen days.

To conclude, we are determined to become the most eco-friendly school in Godalming! This will take some time we will try our hardest to make it happen.

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## Brilliant Book Reviews

Written by Jenna Discombe

In this article I will be reviewing books that I think the children at Godalming junior school will enjoy reading. I have thought carefully about the book choices, making sure that they are age appropriate and high quality.

**Year 3 Book:** Bogwoppit

**Author:** Ursula Moray Williams

**Genre:** Fantasy

**Plot:** Orphaned Samantha goes to live with her strict, stern Aunt Daisy in her large house. What she doesn't know is that there is a Bogwoppit living there—a small, furry, black creature. But he's not the only one of his kind... And when Aunt Daisy disappears, Samantha sets up a big rescue operation to find her!

I recommend this book because it's fun, interesting and one of the first proper books I ever read!



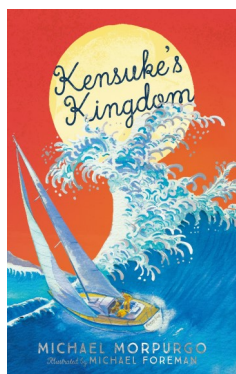
**Year 4 Book:** Kensuke's Kingdom

**Author:** Michael Morpurgo

**Genre :** Realistic Fiction

**Plot:** Michael and his parents decide to set out on a long journey around the world (with Stella Artois, the dog) on their boat, the Peggy Sue. But in the middle of a storm, he falls into the sea with his Dalmatian and is washed up on a desert island. He falls asleep, thinking he'll die, and wakes up with food and water next to him. Kensuke, a small, old, Japanese man, is living on the island too...

I recommend this book because Year 4 will learn about it, and because it's an amazing book.



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**Year 5 Book:** The Clockwork Sparrow

**Author:** Katherine Woodfine

**Genre:** Detective mystery

**Plot:** It's 1909, and Sophie Taylor has just started working at the magnificent, new department store in London, Sinclair's. She meets Lilian Rose, a fashion model at the store, and they quickly become good friends. When the precious Clockwork Sparrow is stolen, suspicion falls on Sophie—can she and Lil work together to clear Sophie's name and find the thief?

I recommend this book because it's a great detective novel and is exciting and intriguing.



**Year 6 Book:** Alex Rider, Stormbreaker

**Author:** Anthony Horowitz

**Genre:** Spy

**Plot:** Alex Rider is a just a normal school kid—until one day he discovers that his dad and uncle were both spies, recruited by an organisation called M16. He sets out on a dangerous mission to stop Herod Sayle's Stormbreaker project... before it is too late.

I recommend this book because it's full of action and excitement, and it's definitely NOT JUST FOR BOYS.

