

Love

Article 31:
'Every child
has a right to
be happy'

Live

Article 19:
'Every child
has a right to
feel safe'

Learn

Article 28:
'Every child
has a right to
an education'

Spring 4
28th January 2022



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

Latest News

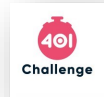
GJS 401 Challenge Stage 3 Target: 2,540m

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Ofsted Inspection

Thank-you to everyone who supported the school this week during our Ofsted Inspection by Her Majesty's Inspector Catherine Old. Whether it was logging on to ParentView or whether it was your words or emails of support; all were very much appreciated and helped keep morale up during an extremely thorough exploration into the workings of GJS. We will be in touch with the official outcome when it is made available.

10R—Arts Week—21st—25th February

Our next 10richment week of the year will take place after half term. The theme is around the arts and children will be taking part in art, DT, drama or music activities, which further 'enriches' areas of the curriculum they are studying. The children will also be taking part in our whole school art project in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge—Stage 3

We still would like the children to continue to log their miles this half term in support of Ben and his 401 USA Challenge. We now look ahead to each year group trying to achieve the mammoth total of 2,540 miles in Stage 3 (that is about 40 miles a child...at about 8 miles a week!) 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.

GJS 'HeadSpace' Surgery

As COVID numbers decline nationally, locally and internally, we are confident that our surgery sessions will resume once again after half term. We therefore will be running our 'Keeping children safe online' session on **Monday 28th February** after which will then return to the format of holding the sessions on the first Monday of every month. We will run our 'help your child with reading' session on **Monday 7th March**. These sessions will start at 9.30am and if you are interested in attending one or both of these sessions, then please contact the school office.

School Value

This term we continue to focus on the value of **FRIENDSHIP**. The children continue to learn about what **FRIENDSHIP** means to them, what makes a good **FRIEND**, discuss occasions when **FRIENDSHIPS** have been tested and ways they can be better **FRIENDS**.

Data Collection Sheets

We are still awaiting the return of a number of data collection sheets. Would you kindly check your child's school bag for any documents that may need returning. With thanks.

'Food Bank Friday'

Once again we are asking for food bank donations of dried goods such as tinned goods and cereals as well as toiletry products such as toothpaste and shower gels. Our Food Bank bin will be outside the Hallam Road gate each Friday morning at drop off for the next 2 weeks. Once again, any donations are greatly received and will be of real benefit to our families

And Finally...

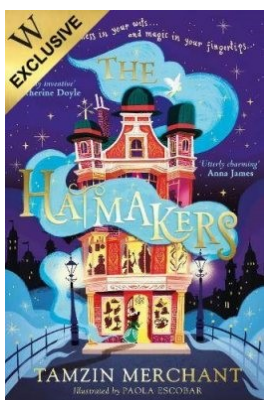
At the end of this half term we will be sadly losing Karen Sutton as our Home School Link Worker. Karen has worked with our families and been an invaluable member of the GJS pastoral team for over 10 years and leaves a significant pair of shoes to fill! I am sure you will join us in thanking her for her contribution and offering best wishes for the future.

House Points

Mars	1396
Jupiter	1125
Neptune	909
Saturn	901



Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Quiz Night. Please save the date - Friday 25th March and look out for more information in the coming weeks.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM - Harry
3EC - Isabella
4EM - Indigo
4GS - Amelia
5SD - Jack
5CJ - Rosie
6JP - Bella
6RH - Max



Attendance Winners: - 6RH 98.7 %

Anti Bullying Stars Break time Champions: 6RH

FORGIVENESS Values Champions

3CM - Ethan
3EC - Molly
4EM - Peter
4GS - Eric
5SD - Merryn
5CJ - Ella-Rose
6JP - Harrison
6RH - Grace



Sports News

Sports Festival at Broadwater

On Wednesday a group from GJS took part in a Sport Festival at Broadwater School where they got the opportunity to take part in various sports including trampolining, benchball, badminton and hockey. They had the chance to try a new sport or improve on one they were already familiar with. Ella-Rose, Jasmine, Thomas, Sebastian, Sienna, Charlotte, James, Barnaby, Murdo, Billy, Tess, Hugh, Sophie, Mary & Amber were great sports ambassadors for the school and we thank the Broadwater School Sports Leaders for hosting and instruction!

Inter-House Football Tournament

GJS enjoyed a fabulous Upper School and Lower School GJS Football Tournament today! It was such an exciting event! We had nearly twice as many entries as last year, so there were huge amounts of house points given away! We saw some superb goals, dribbling skills, some excellent last-ditch challenges and real controversy as we saw each house take home some of the glory! The two finals were packed with drama. The Lower School final was tense and, even with extra time, the teams could not be split. Congratulations to both winners: **MARS** and **NEPTUNE!** There was controversy in the Upper School final with the big question of 'did the ball cross the line?'. Without the use of VAR, referee Mr Poole, had no TV screen to consult with and deemed the ball NOT to have crossed the line! Again, this final was too close to call and ended honours even after extra time. Congratulations to both **SATURN** and **JUPITER!**

Well done to Kai, Ted, Grace, Ethan, Henry, Alex, Aaron, Poyraz, Darcy, George, Felicity, James, Max, Barnaby, Harry, Seb, Murdo, Tom, Charlotte, Ethan & Freddie!

Diary Dates

Spring 2022

February

1st: UNICEF RRS Silver Award Accreditation Day (Postponed)
2nd: Y6 SATS Parent Information Talk (Zoom) @ 5.00pm (Date Change)
3rd: Y5 Football Tournament at Tillingbourne School
7th–11th: Y6 Mock SATS Week
7th: E-Safety Parent Headspace Surgery (Zoom) @ 9.15am (Postponed to 28th Feb)
8th: E-Safety Assembly
11th: House Mufti
14th–18th: **HALF TERM**
21st: **INSET DAY**
21st–25th: 10R–ARTS WEEK
28th: E-Safety Parent Headspace Surgery

March

28th–4th: 10R–BOOK WEEK–VILLAINS
3rd: World Book Day–'Villainous Mufti'
7th: 'Help your child with reading' Parent Headspace Surgery
7th–11th: TT Rock Festival Week
14th–18th: 10R–SCIENCE WEEK
21st–25th: 10R–EARTH WEEK
22nd: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late) TBC
24th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) TBC
25th: PTA Quiz Night
26th: Earth hour

April
1st:

END OF TERM



Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

~~Monday 1st November 2021~~

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022