



# Newsletter

*"Life is about our growth, not our trophies" - Bear Grylls*

## Latest News

### GJS 401 Challenge

<u>Year 3</u>	72
<u>Year 4</u>	290
<u>Year 5</u>	249
<u>Year 6</u>	316



### 10R—Healthy Week

Thank you to everyone who donated to Young Minds and it was great to see so much yellow around the school today giving everyone a boost! We will share the total raised in next week's newsletter. In today's world, it is imperative that we monitor and look after our mental health and wellbeing and Young Minds is a charity that does incredible things to help young people that are struggling. If you want to find out more about this charity or you are looking for some support for your child, please visit their website <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>. After learning about how the 'chimp part of the brain' responds to stress, we spent time this week working out what personal mindfulness activities help us feel better. We will use our chosen strategies in the future to help us feel good. Look after yourself and do something that you love today!

### Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge

Well done to all year groups, especially Year 6, who continue to build up miles and online entries during stage 1 of our 401 Challenge. They have clocked up over 100 entries between them. Next week we will share the total miles that have been achieved and hope half term is an opportunity to get outside and see the wonderful colours! You can find out more about Ben's epic challenge [here](#).

### School Value

Continuing with our focus on core values, we will be concentrating on the value of **RESILIENCE** this term. The children will have weekly assemblies encouraging them to reflect on what this value 'looks like'. They will learn about how we all need **RESILIENCE** in order to be successful, particularly when beginning a new school year! There will also be follow up sessions in class. We also ask that they are referred to and reinforced at home as well as school. If there is anyone you feel we should be learning about who was or is a role-model for resilience then please let your class teacher know!

### 10R—Remembrance Week

With 2 10R weeks down, our attention now turns to Remembrance week in November. We are excited to welcome back Will from 'ChickenWired' who will be running sculpture workshops with all the children (supposed to happen 2 years ago but due to the COVID pandemic this had to be cancelled twice). More details will follow!

### GJS 'HeadSpace' Surgery

There are still a few spaces remaining on our next 'surgery' session on **Monday 8th November** with Corina Mayhew sharing some helpful tips on how to help your child with maths at home. This is a great opportunity to speak to either Mr Samson, Mrs Sutton or Ms Mayhew on any matters you wish to raise too. To book a slot, simply contact the school office.

### House Point Mufti

Having met with the School House Captains, it has been agreed that at the end of each half term, the house with the most amount of house points will enjoy a PRIZE mufti day. Congratulations to **NEPTUNE** who finish this term on top! As school is closed next Friday, the winning house will have their mufti on **Friday 5th November**.

### School Direct Teacher Training—with the GLP and Winchester University

Applications are now being taken for our 4th cohort of trainee teachers who wish to study in one of the GLP schools as well as attend Winchester University from September 2022. The course continues to go from strength to strength and offers a unique training programme. More information is being sent out with the newsletter this week and if you would like to find out more, or know someone who might, then contact Mr Samson via the school office for a chat about the course.

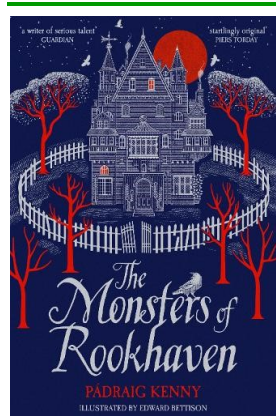
### Board Games Donations

We would like to offer the children the opportunity to access a board game club at lunchtimes at GJS and would welcome any board game donations. The games need to be in good condition and with all the parts.

### House Points

Neptune	4607
Saturn	4327
Jupiter	4285
Mars	4120

### Waterstones Book of the Month



## PTA News

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for the **Autumn Disco on 20<sup>th</sup> October!!** Still time to buy tickets for those that don't want to miss out!! Tickets only £4 (includes refreshments). Payment can be made by cash or via PayPal using the following link: - <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8tdp8x3g2Y>

The event will be ticketless, names will be added to our disco register for check in on the night....so please be sure to include your child's name on the slip if paying by cash!

We need to recruit the position of Chairperson for the PTA as our current chair Simon Parry has tendered his resignation, given it is his last year as a GJS parent. Naturally Simon will continue in the role until a successor / successors are in place (it could be a shared role) It is important that a new Chairperson is in place as early as possible in this academic year so there is a reasonable time for transition. If you are interested in the role, or would like more information about what's involved please email [simoncrparry1970@gmail.com](mailto:simoncrparry1970@gmail.com)

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3CM - Daniel  
3EC - Oscar  
4EM - Kaelyn  
4GS - Marlowe  
5SD - Cleo  
5CJ - Olafur  
6JP - Charlotte  
6RH - Grace



Attendance Winners: — 4EM—100%

## Sports News

There is still time to sign up to the Cross County Event being held at Glebelands School in Cranleigh on **Saturday 13th November 2021**; all children are invited.

The race distances are as follows (approximates only): Years 3 & 4 - 700m - Years 5 & 6 - 1300m. Followed by prize giving and team awards. For further details on timings please refer to the cross country information sent out via Parentmail.

If you would like your child to take part would you please complete the consent slip sent with the information on Parentmail and return to school as soon as possible.

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2021

<b>October:</b>	
19th:	Y6 Football Tournament at Tillingbourne School 1-4pm
20th:	PTA Disco — Y3&4 5.30-6.30pm / Y5&6 6.45-7.45pm
22nd:	<b>Queen Jubilee Bank Holiday—School Closed</b>
25th–29th:	<b>HALF TERM</b>
31st:	Secondary School Application Deadline
<b>November</b>	
<b>1st:</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
2nd–12th:	Y6 Bikeability
3rd:	Y3 Haslemere Museum Trip
5th:	Y4 Greek Day
8th–12th:	<b>10R—Remembrance Week</b>
8th:	GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Maths at Home
<b>11th:</b>	<b>Armistice Day</b>
13th:	Cross Country Event at Glebelands School (all years)
15th–19th:	TT Rock Festival Week
16th:	Pupil Progress Evening - 6.00-8.30pm
17th:	Flu Vaccinations
18th:	Pupil Progress Evening - 3.30-6.00pm
<b>December</b>	
6th:	GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Reading at Home
7th:	Y6 'Born Free' Evening—6JP
9th:	Y6 'Born Free' Evening—6RH
6th–10th:	<b>10R—Human Rights Week</b>
<b>10th:</b>	<b>Human Rights Day</b>



### Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

**Monday 1st November 2021**

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022