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Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

Latest News

GJS 401 Challenge Stage 3 Target: 2,540m

<u>Year 3</u> 223

Year 4

Year 6

<u>Year 5</u> 2,170

512

3,002

40)

'Blue and Yellow' Mufti Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. It was great to see so much blue and yellow around the school today. We will share the total raised in next week's newsletter. The Just Giving page remains open here so please give whatever you can to help support the ActionAid teams who are working around the clock to get critical care to those who need it most, both in Ukraine and its bordering countries. We are also aware there are children running additional fund raising events including the cake sale last Friday which raised an amazing £362. Thank you to Erin, Lilian, Isla and Christie in Year 4 for their outstanding fundraising initiative!

10R-Science Week

Goodness! What a fun week we have had! After requesting a Chemistry theme this year, all children spent the week participating in a range of enquiries where they could see and understand different chemical reactions. Across the school, so much has been explored! There have been fruit volcanoes, effervescent rockets, classification of acids and alkaline, rainbows made of skittles, lava lamps, rubber eggs, rainbow water and even a cheeky extra kinetic energy activity for Year 6. As if this wasn't exciting enough already, Year 5 were very lucky to have some visitors from Charterhouse School who produced a truly incredible and exciting demonstration on the chemistry behind fireworks. The whole school has been filled with a real buzz of awe, excitement and wonder and it is clear that we definitely have a number of budding, young scientists at GJS!

House Points This Week

<u>Neptune</u> <u>1305</u> Saturn 1145

Jupiter 971

Mars

Last Week

970

 Neptune
 1603

 Saturn
 1562

Mars 1415

Jupiter 1114





Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge-Stage 3

We have had a 'sneak peek' at the distances children have been entering and amazed that we have Year 6 who have already exceeded the stage 3 target with 2 weeks to spare! Overall, in Year 6, there have been 134 additional entries registered, by far the highest in the school. As you can see, Year 5 are also very close to the 2,540 target for stage 3. Year 3 and 4 still have some way to go but as always, it is never too late to log the distances you have been walking, running, swimming, cycling or however you have been moving! In Year 3, 4 and 6 there have been over 60 different respondents, which would indicate most of the year group has logged on at least once! Individual congratulations to Elena in Year 3, Aaron in Year 4, Thomas in Year 5 and Noah in Year 6 for regularly logging in and inputting your distances! Well done, keep up the great work and lets see if ALL year groups can meet the target by the time we break up for Easter!

GJS 'HeadSpace' Surgery—'How we tackle bullying at GJS'

As we work towards our Anti Bullying Alliance accreditation, we would like to share with parents what we do at GJS to tackle bullying during our next Headspace 'surgery' session on Monday 25th April. Mr Samson will lead this session and will share what the role of our Anti Bullying Stars are, how we address bullying, how we educate the children and he will be on hand to answer any questions on what constitutes bullying behaviour. Once again, the session will start at 9.15 and refreshments will be available. Please contact the office to register.

TT Rockstars Winners Announced

Huge congratulations to 4EM who won our lower school trophy and to 5SD who were crowned upper school champions! Both classes retained their titles since our last festival! Honours were also awarded to the following top performing 'rockstars'. Best performer awards went to: John M, Mia D, Aaron P, Peter W, Cleo K, Seb B, Murdo L and Mary W. Most improved awards went to: Ollie H, Alistair D, Freya G, Scarlett B, Ayden S, Rosie S, Tessa H and Charlotte H.

Y3 Local Walk

On Thursday, Year 3 went for a walk around the Chippie park as part of their Local Area Geography unit. Over the past few weeks, the children have been discussing how improvements could be made and wanted to go up to Chippie park for a scout about. Each group focused on either litter, plants, accessibility, bins or equipment and after making careful observations, discussed the good things that they could see and the ways that the park could be improved. The children felt very passionately about how the local area could be improved and are keen to present their findings in the coming weeks!



PTA News

Hurry, hurry, tickets are selling fast for Godalming's biggest social occasion on the 25th March. Get your quiz team together quickly, or simply confirm you would like to attend and we can help create a team on the night. We have a paying bar organised and food planned for each table. We are genuinely excited to see our quiz night back! By demand we will also accept online payments. Account details are: sort code 40-22-12 account number 41052624. Please put full name as payment reference and note the payment as online when you return flyer to school reception.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week: This Week

Last Week 3CM -Kira Oscar 3EC -Henry Lulu 4EM -Tilly **Florence** 4GS -Noah Ted Toby Kalin

5SD -5CJ -Harry Macy Heidi 6JP -Mary 6RH -Tessa Sofia

Pupil Awards

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Attendance Winners:

This Week 6JP - 96.6% Last Week 3CM - 98%

Anti Bullying Stars Break time Champions: This Week – 6RH Last Week— 4EM & 4GS FRIENDSHIP Values Champions

3CM - Wilf

3EC - Eli 4EM - Charlie 4GS - Toby W

5SD - Lorca

5CJ - Harry 6JP - Joe 6RH - Sienna



Sports News

Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Tournament

Congratulations to the Y3/4 Girls football team who played at their football tournament yesterday. They played brilliantly and scored a hat full of goals! Well done to Amberley (Y4) who spearheaded the attack and managed to grab 7 (SEVEN!) and Grace (Y3) smashed in 4 great goals! With Arty (Y4) and Freya (Y4) solid in defence and Millie (Y4) saving a penalty onto the crossbar, we were proving to be a team that would not give much away. The midfield engine consisted of Ophelia (Y4) and Flo (Y4), who did not stop running all tournament! We managed to finish 4th overall! Well done girls!!!



Diary Dates

Spring 2022

March

10R-EARTH WEEK

21st—25th: 21st—22nd: Y3 & 4 Hedgehog Rescue Visit in school Parent-Teacher Meetings (6.00-8.30pm) Parent-Teacher Meetings (3.30-6.00pm) 22nd: 24th: Y4 Swimming each week until 31st March PTA Quiz Night—7.30 to 10.00pm 24th:

25th:

26th: Earth hour

April

END OF TERM (House Mufti) 1st:

19th: **INSET DAY**



Inset Days 2021/22 Wednesday 1st September Monday 1st November 2021 Monday 21st February 2022 Tuesday 19th April 2022 Friday 27th May 2022