



Newsletter

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

Latest News

GJS 401 Challenge

<u>Year 3</u>	23
<u>Year 4</u>	69
<u>Year 5</u>	51
<u>Year 6</u>	3



Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge

Well done to all year groups who have got off and 'running' in stage 1 of our 401 Challenge. We are also asking for pictures of the children taking part in the range of activities. These will then be displayed in the hall next half term, as our Values board becomes our 401 US Challenge board! It is not too late to start either and the link to the forms for each year group will now be found in the table by hovering over the year group (☞)

You can find out more about Ben's epic challenge [here](#).

GJS 'Head Space' Surgery Sessions

There is still time to book a place on our new 'drop in' morning surgery sessions attended by Mr Samson and Mrs Sutton, our Home School Link Worker. The purpose of the sessions will be to answer any questions you may have over a cup of tea or coffee in our DT Kitchen area. We will also run special information segments on different matters throughout the year. The first segment will see Jackie Farrow, our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, offer some tips on helping your child be more resilient in school and at home. The sessions will run for an hour from 9.00am on the first Monday of every month. The first session will be on **Monday 4th October** and if you are interested in attending then please contact the school office as spaces will be limited due to our COVID hygiene measures.

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!

10richment

One of the unique features of the GJS curriculum is our 10richment programme. Over the course of the year, we run 10 theme weeks which link to either a local, national or global event or day. This is a wonderful opportunity to expose children to matters that fall outside the formal curriculum and invite guests to the school, be immersed into projects and generally be creative. We will be keeping you updated when these weeks come around through the weekly newsletter, with hyperlinks to relevant websites. First up, to coincide with National Poetry Day on the 7th October, is our Poetry Week, commencing on the 4th October. The children will be exposed to wonderful classic and contemporary poetry and will also be encouraged to take part in our Inter House Poetry Competition. More information will follow..

Flu Vaccinations - Wed 17th November 2021

Flu Vaccinations are being held at school once again this year. The deadline for completion of online consent is **4pm Wed 10th November 2021**, if you have not submitted your e-consent form by the deadline and wish your child to be immunised you will need to call the Immunisation Team directly. See email sent via Parentmail to access the consent form.

Secondary School Applications

The deadline for online applications for September 2022 is **31st October 2021** which is during the half term holiday so we advise you submit your application by Thursday the 21st October (Friday is an INSET). Visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to access the application form and more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools.

Parking Reminder

There have been reports that some parents are parking irresponsibly around the school at the beginning and at the end of the school day. We do ask that if you are picking up or dropping off your child by car, that you park safely, avoid blocking access to roads and consider other road users, local businesses and members of the public.

Dogs on Site

We would like to remind parents that ALL dogs brought onto the site **MUST** either be carried or you **MUST** wait by the **Meadow Gate** at the end of the day

Mobile Phones

If you feel it is necessary for your child to have a mobile phone in school, a request in writing must be sent to the Headteacher and, if accepted, the phone must be kept in the school office all day.

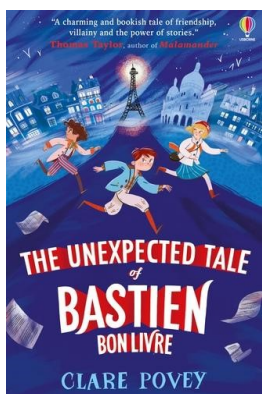
Koosa Club

If your child is attending an after-school club, please inform Koosa that your child will be arriving after the club has finished. With thanks.

House Points

Mars	982
Saturn	967
Neptune	939
Jupiter	804

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

A huge thank you to all that attended the Year 3 welcome evening last Friday. It was fantastic to hold a PTA event at school for the first time in ages! Everything aligned for us - perfect weather, great turnout and over £500 taken in bar and food sales! A great kick off to the school year. Next up on the agenda is the **PTA AGM on September 30th - 7.30pm at GJS**. Everyone is welcome. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we may plan accordingly - simoncrparry1970@gmail.com. After that, next key date for the calendar - **Autumn Disco 20th October**, look out for the flyer on Parent mail and the posters at school!! Finally, thanks to everyone for volunteering / re-confirming for the class rep roles - all of which are now filled, with the exception of class 4EM - please do let us know if you would like to volunteer so we can fill this gap!!

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM - Jacob
3EC - Alexander
4EM - Sebby
4GS - David
5SD - Lilah
5CJ - Sam F
6JP - Jacob
6RH - Barney



Attendance Winners: – 6RH 98.2%

Sports News

Inter House Cross Country–29th September

Good luck to the all the children taking part next week and earning valuable house points. Just a reminder to all those taking part that the children need to come to school in PE kit including House T-Shirt. House t-shirts can be purchased from the school office. Payment can be made via Parentmail and t-shirts sent home with your child.

Results will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2021

September:	PTA AGM 8pm (@ GJS)
30th	
October:	GJS Morning Surgery–9.00am–Resilience in Children
4th:	10R–Poetry Week
4th–8th:	Y4 & 6 Hockey Tournament at Broadwater School
5th	National Poetry Day
7th:	World Mental Health Day
10th:	10R–Healthy Week
11th–15th:	#HelloYellow Mufti Day for Young Minds
15th:	PTA Disco–TBC
20th:	INSET DAY
22nd:	HALF TERM
25th–29th:	Secondary School Application Deadline
31st	
November	
1st:	GJS Morning Surgery–9.00am–Maths at Home
1st–5th:	Y6 Bikeability
8th–12th:	10R–Remembrance Week
11th:	Armistice Day
15th–19th:	TT Rock Festival Week
16th:	Pupil Progress Evening - Late
17th:	Flu Vaccinations
18th:	Pupil Progress Evening - Early
December	
6th:	GJS Morning Surgery–9.00am–Reading at Home
6th–10th:	10R–Human Rights Week



Inset Days 2021/22

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