



Newsletter

"The highest result of education is tolerance" - Helen Keller

Latest News

House Points

Mars	839
Neptune	819
Saturn	703
Jupiter	487

Waterstones Book of the Month



A Pinch of Magic
By
Michelle Harrison

Eco-Warriors

Yesterday afternoon, the GJS Eco-Warriors made a positive change to their local environment. Working alongside Francesca from Roots for the Future, they planted six new trees in the Canon Bowrings recreational ground. The Eco-Warriors learned some startling statistics about deforestation and Francesca informed them about the important role that trees play on our planet. The children are encouraged to continue caring for their trees after school and at weekends. Perhaps next time you visit chippy park, you will spot them!



Arts Week

This week we enjoyed yet another one of our 10 enrichment weeks - Arts Week. Each year group focussed on a different Shakespeare play, including A Midsummer Night's Dream, As you like it and Macbeth, and created different pieces of work based on this. We were also lucky enough to be joined by actress, Shereena Gleam, who carried out some wonderful drama sessions. Year 3 and 4 looked at Macbeth and Year 5 and 6 focussed on Hamlet. Pupils acted out a short scene from these plays and took on board skills that Shereena shared with us.

Inter House Art Competition

This week saw the official launch of our annual Inter House Art Competition. Children were made aware this week of the event and the rules. The theme this year, appropriately, is TOLERANCE, our focus value this half term. The children are asked to interpret this value and create a piece of art to show it. This can be in the form of a painting, drawing, collage or even sculpture! ALL entries score points for their houses and there will be prizes on offer. More information can be found in the classes or on the house noticeboard.

This term our value of focus will be...TOLERANCE

Continuing with our focus on core values which were introduced three years ago, we will be concentrating on the value of **TOLERANCE** this half 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 the ability to be TOLERANT and how TOLERANCE links to other core values such as RESPECT and TRUST. 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.

Governor Vacancies

The governing body have two new vacancies and would like to hear from you if you are interested in finding out more about becoming a governor and supporting the school. They are particularly interested in hearing from anybody who has a Finance, HR or Safeguarding background although applications are welcome from all. Please email the clerk in the first instance at nbrough@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

Inset Days 2019-20

We are now pleased to share with you the confirmed dates for next years' In Service Training Days. They will be:

Wednesday 4th September 2019
Monday 4th November 2019
Friday 14th February 2020
Monday 20th April 2020
Friday 22nd May 2020

We are also pleased to say that 4 of the 5 above dates have been agreed with other local schools and we hope that Inset Days in the future continue to be broadly at the same time.

Mobile Phones

If your child brings a mobile phone to school please could you ensure that it is named (either on the case or in a named plastic bag) and handed in to the school office at the start of the day.



PTA News

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Family Film Night last Friday. We hope that you all enjoyed it! We are pleased to say that together we raised over £400 through ticket sales and takings on the night. All proceeds go towards enhancing the environment of the school and experiences for the children. Thank you again and we look forward to sharing details of our next events very soon which are:

26th April – GJS Quiz night
23rd May – Childrens' Disco Night on 23rd May

And thank-you to all those who helped raise money for **Comic Relief** either through making cakes or sending in money. The school raised a fantastic £371.54. Well done GJS!



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

4EM – Riley
4AJ – Freya
5EC – Daisy
5CP – Rose
6RH – Martha



Attendance Winners: – 4AJ

HONESTY – Values Champions:

3CM – Murdo
3SD – Alexander
4EM – Amelie
4AJ – Isla
5EC – Anwen
5CP – Bethan
6RH – Jake
6JP – Joe

Sports News

Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching

The next coaching session is for **Year 3 on Monday 25th March**. The full timetable is displayed on our Team GJS sports notice board and the children will be made aware of this in assembly. The children must have their PE kits in school for these sessions.

Tag Rugby Festival

Well done to the Year 6 children who took part in the tag rugby festival at Guildford Rugby Club on Wednesday evening. ALL performed superbly and represented the school, once again, with great pride and maturity! If you would like to take up rugby, feel free to drop by the club on Sunday afternoons!

Diary Dates

Spring 2019

March

25th: Yr 4 Farncombe Church visit
25th: Cricket Coaching Year 3
29th March: Yr 4 Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip

April

1st: Cricket Coaching Year 5
2nd: RE Day–Easter
4th: Guildford Tennis Academy Taster Day
5th: **END OF TERM @ 1.15pm**



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