

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 7
25th February 2022



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

Latest News

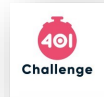
GJS 401 Challenge Stage 3 Target: 2,540m

[Year 3](#)

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Ofsted Report

Our most recent Ofsted report from Her Majesty's Inspector Catherine Old, who inspected the school last month, is now available on the school website [here](#). The report will be published on the Ofsted website within 8 working days from today. We are pleased with the outcome and feel it reflects the efforts made and the quality of the fully rounded bespoke curriculum the children enjoy at GJS. Despite the immense challenges faced over the last 2 years during the COVID pandemic, the school has continued to move forward, keep the children safe and show clear appetite and capacity to improve further. Needless to say, the highlighted areas to improve will be 'front and centre' in the School Improvement Plan which is beginning to be pulled together now ready to be shared with parents next term. Mr Samson is presenting an information evening for parents who would like to find out more about the inspection itself, the finer detail and how this will inform school priorities moving forward on **Wednesday 2nd March at 6.00pm via Zoom**. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend and receive the entry details. Thank you to everyone who accessed ParentView before or during the inspection and for your continued support in extremely challenging times.

10R-Book Week- 28th February-4th March

Our next 10richment week of the year comes thick and fast NEXT week in the form of Book Week! This includes our annual celebration of World Book day on Thursday, this year celebrating it's 25th Birthday! As usual, children are invited to come to school as their favourite literary character. As an added challenge, this year the staff and willing children, will be adopting the theme of **Villainous Characters** from books. Any child wishing to follow suit are more than welcome to come as a 'baddie' on this day too!

Living with COVID Update

Following the government's announcement yesterday the key message to maintain a healthy school community states that pupils should continue to stay at home if they are generally unwell. Should they display COVID symptoms your child must still have a PCR test and stay at home, avoiding contact with other people for at least 5 full days and continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. For further information on the government's new 'Living with COVID' guidance please click [here](#) (page 22).

Writing Competition Award Winners

Before Christmas, some of the members of our Year 5 and 6 Writers Circle entered a writing competition held by the Rotary Club. They had to compose a piece of writing - poetry or story - linked to our environment. We are very proud to announce that both first and second place winners came from Godalming Junior School. A big congratulations to Jazzy W in Year 5 for second place and Heidi in Year 6 for first place. Heidi's entry now goes through to the 'next round'.

GJS 'HeadSpace' Surgery-E-Safety-9.30-10.15am

On Monday we will be bringing back our 'Monday Morning Surgery Sessions' for parents wanting to find out more about the topics on offer. Our next session is on the topic of **E-Safety** and what you can do at home to ensure your child is accessing online content as safely as possible. There will be tips given by our Computing Subject Lead, Miss D and Mr Samson, as usual, will be on hand to support. It is a great opportunity to find out what the school does in this area, meet other parents over a tea and a biscuit and speak to subject leads and the headteacher on school matters. If you are interested in attending then contact the school office. Miss Martin will be leading the session on **Monday 7th March** on how to help you child with reading at home. Again, contact the school office if you wish to attend this session too!

Spring Term Parent-Teacher Consultations

The appointment booking system is now open. Please register via Parentmail.
Tuesday 22nd March - 6.00pm to 8.30pm and Thursday 24th March - 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Homework Club Returns

Next week homework club will be returning for those who may need extra time and a quiet space at school to get ahead with their homework. This will take place on a **Tuesday** lunchtime in **6JP** and will be run by either Mr Samson or Mrs Wilkinson. The club is a 'drop in' service for anyone throughout the school who would like to attend.

Godalming Library World Book Day Competition

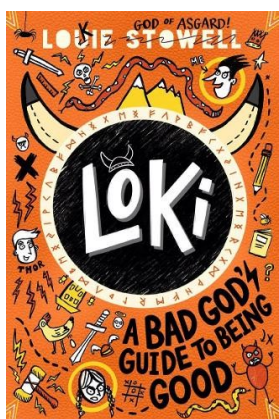
Godalming Library are running a Character Competition to celebrate World Book Day and asking children to draw their favourite book character. The best entries will be part of a display in the Children's Library and prizes for the winning entry. The entry form is attached to the newsletter and closing date is tomorrow, **Saturday 26th Feb**.

House Points

Saturn	1112
Neptune	1081
Mars	1051
Jupiter	890



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 - Alex
 3EC - Alfie
 4EM - Simona
 4GS - Grace
 5SD - Phoebe
 5CJ - Isaac
 6JP - Florence G
 6RH - Evie



Attendance Winners: 4EM - 100%

Anti Bullying Stars Break time Champions: 4GS

FRIENDSHIP Values Champions

3CM - Wilf
 3EC - Eli
 4EM - Charlie
 4GS - Toby W
 5SD - Lorca
 5CJ - Harry
 6JP - Joe
 6RH - Sienna



Sports News

Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge—Stage 3

Keep logging the miles as NEXT WEEK we will be sharing where each year group has got to in Stage 3 of the challenge. The number of miles will also be logged in the newsletter. Remember, each year group is 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!) 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.

Diary Dates

Spring 2022

February

28th:

E-Safety Parent Headspace Surgery

March

28th—4th:

10R—BOOK WEEK—VILLAINS

1st:

Y3 & 4 Sports Hall Event at Broadwater School

2nd:

Parent Information Evening Ofsted Report (via Zoom)

3rd:

World Book Day—'Villainous Mufti'

3rd:

Y4 Swimming each week until 31st March

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 (6.00-8.30pm)

24th:

Parent-Teacher Meetings (3.30-6.00pm)

25th:

PTA Quiz Night

26th:

Earth hour

April

1st:

END OF TERM

19th:

INSET DAY



Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

~~Monday 1st November 2021~~

~~Monday 21st February 2022~~

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022