



Spring 12
31st March 2023



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter



This year we are supporting

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" - Dr Martin Luther King Jr

Latest News



Community Values Champions

Today we were visited by Councillor and Godalming Mayor, Shirley Faraday who helped present our Values Champion Awards this morning. These were awarded to children who have truly embodied the value of COMMUNITY this term, either in or out of school. This is always an extremely difficult task for class teachers, made even more difficult as there are so many GJS children who do reflect the school values in the way they interact with each other, in the way they care for each other and how they are respectful to each other. Congratulations to all the children and thank you to our Mayor Shirley Faraday, a respected member of the local COMMUNITY, for gracing us with her presence.

Eco Club Sale

Thank you to everyone who attended our Eco Club recycled goods sale last Friday in the Art Studio. Ably led by Mrs Nash and members of the Eco Club, the sale was a huge success and managed to raise a fantastic **£346** to fund environment projects around school. We hope there will be a stall at this year's Summer Fair next term if you would like to buy more trinkets and support the wonderful cause!

Easter RE Day

Thanks to Andy Poulson and his Trinity Trust Team, GJS held yet another successful RE Day using the theme of Easter. Ably assisted by Mrs Loveland, our Humanities Lead, the children had a thought provoking, reflective and enjoyable day listening to the story of The Three Trees and finding out about how the time leading up to Easter is important to Christians. All staff were impressed by the ideas and reflections shared by the children!

Anti Bullying Break-time Champions

Well done to 5SD who have been awarded our termly break-time champions after staff identified them as being the most inclusive in their games, playing fairly and by following the playground rules.

Attendance Award

Well done to 6EM for having the highest attendance this term with 97.3%. We all know that attending school is the single biggest indicator of long term success for children. We are fortunate that we continue to have very high attendance across the years which is consistently higher than national, local and similar school averages.

GJS Music Works Showcase

This week, we were excited to put on the very first GJS Music Showcase that featured a number of talented musicians at our school. It's a real treat to experience live music so GJS collaborated with The Music Works to put on a fantastic performance where the choir and children who've been having drumming, guitar and keyboard lessons could show us what they've been learning. A big thank you to all the teachers from The Music Works who put an incredible amount of effort into teaching our wonderful children and joining in with their teacher band. We will be hosting the next showcase in the summer term which parents will be invited to attend. The link below shows a small clip of one of this performances. <https://youtu.be/eILJWXDBrw>

Summer Uniform

As we move into the summer term children may return to school in their smart summer uniform. You can find the school uniform policy [here](#) and please note that though winter uniform is still an option, the children are required to wear a tie IF they are wearing the 'winter' shirt. Please can you inform the school office or your child's teacher if for any reason you are experiencing any uniform issues and ensure all uniform is named. Should you require any additional 'nearly new' uniform, including summer dresses and shorts, please contact the school office as we have stock available in our second hand shop. **Please also note that children must be dressed in full winter uniform on 18th May when their class photographs will be taken.**

And Finally...

Today we say farewell, good luck and best wishes to Mrs Sawyer who leaves the GJS family today after Years at the school. Mrs Sawyer has been a fantastic servant to GJS and has been instrumental in leading our PSHE and Unicef Rights Respecting Work. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Sawyer all the best as she enters the next exciting phase of her career. We are excited to formally welcome Miss Leal who will be taking over in 4GS. Miss Leal has been working alongside Mrs Sawyer for the last few weeks, coming into school and finding out more about the school and the children in 4GS. We are sure she will be made very welcome and hit the ground running next term.

Happy Holidays

All of us at GJS would like to wish all members of our school community a restful, safe and enjoyable Easter holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back on **TUESDAY 18th April**.

Spring House Points



Jupiter	17,159
Saturn	15,694
Mars	15,393
Neptune	14,569

GJS Staff 'Reads of the Year'



**Our Designated
Safeguard Lead is:**
Mr Samson-HT

**Our Deputy Designated
Safeguard Leads are:**
Mrs Wilkinson-SENCO
Mrs Munz-Bursar
Mrs Kirby-HSLW
Mr MacIver- Deputy HT

PTA News

A huge thank you to all those who attended and helped out at the PTA quiz last Friday. Again it was a close finish with the winning team clinching first place by 4 points. The night itself raised just shy of £1000 (£977) which will be going towards funding IT equipment. So a massive thanks to all those thirsty attendees!

The next confirmed PTA event is the **summer fair on Friday 14th July**. Please pop the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM— Flynn
3EC— Solomon
4JL— Nathan
4GS— Henry Ch
5SD— Indigo
5NM— Christie
6EM— Harry
6RH— James



Attendance Winners: 6EM— 97.3%



Spring Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5SD

COMMUNITY Values Champions

3CM— Farley
3EC— Molly
4JL— Elena
4GS— Thea
5SD— Seth
5NM— Erin
6EM— Ethan
6RH— Felix



Sports News



Diary Dates

Spring 2023

March	
31st:	END OF TERM @ 1.15pm
April	
17th:	INSET DAY
24th—28th:	TT Rock Festival—Summer
May	
1st:	School Closed—Bank Holiday
8th—12th:	SAT's Week
8th:	School Closed—King Charles Coronation
12th:	Y6 Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
15th—19th:	Scholastic Book Fair
15th:	Y5 Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
18th:	Class Photographs with Imago
23rd:	Y4 Sports Day (am) - Y3 Sports Day (pm)
24th:	Y5 Sports Day (am) - Y6 Sports Day (pm)
25th:	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
26th:	INSET DAY
29th—2nd:	HALF TERM
June	



Inset Days 2022/23

~~Thursday 1st September 2022~~
~~Monday 31st October 2022~~
~~Friday 10th February 2023~~
Monday 17th April 2023
Friday 26th May 2023