

Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting

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'True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart' - Helen Keller

Latest News



Friendship Values Champions

Well done to all our VC's for their work in upholding the value of **Friendship** this term. It was great to hear how well the recipients are modelling how to play outside, how to work with others in class, be a great 'talk partner', resolve issues quickly and are generally kind, thoughtful and caring members of their class. ALL Friendship Values Champions can be found on the reverse of the newsletter!

Online Parent Support

Mindworks Surrey, in conjunction with the Community Wellbeing Team, are providing a series of free online courses on supporting your children with worries, emotional management and transition to secondary school. Please click here to see more information and booking requirements.

Internet Safety

On Tuesday, we celebrated <u>Safer Internet Day</u>. This year's theme was 'together for a better internet' which focused on how technology changes over time and how people are influenced by what they see online. The children took part in a whole school assembly and did activities around change and influence. They gave fantastic responses in their sessions and reflected on their own technology use. For more information on E-Safety and how to keep your child safe when using technology, please refer to the flier attached and also <u>Internet Matters</u> which has a range of advice and guides for parents and carers.

AB Star Break-time Award

Well done to 4JA who were the first recipients of the AB Break-Time Award of 2024 for how well the year group play at break and lunchtimes. They have been recognised by those on duty, how well they have included others in games, have played with fairness and kindness and ahev looked out for others if they have been on their own!

Happy February

If you're in and around the school, you might notice some rather colourful calendars appearing! As a school, we have recently started using the 'Action for Happiness' wellbeing calendars in order to encourage children to take a few mindful moments each day. We're delighted that they've just launched 'Friendly February' where we're reminded to 'Be friendly to others and give your relationships a boost!'. It's as if it was made for GJS and our current value of Friendship! Why not explore the calendars at home or have a chat with your children during the week about what their 'Happy February' calendar 'challenge' was that day!

Godalming Learning Partnership's GET Teaching Programme

Why not GET Teaching with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University? The Godalming Learning Partnership is a large group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. We are a strong collaborative group with a long history of working closely together to achieve more for our young people, schools and community. We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University

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The one year school-led GET Teaching PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our current trainees are teaching and training across all our schools ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings.

If you are interested and want to know more e-mail Rachel:

coorditor@godalminglearning.org.

Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are: Mr MacIver- Deputy HT

Mr MacIver- Deputy HT Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo Mrs Munz—Bursar Mrs Kirby—HSLW

'It's everyone's business'

Godalming Library

Godalming Library will be holding a range of events over the half term. Please see the poster attached for information about these events. We think that the 'Dungeons and Dragons' taster session will be particularly interesting to many of our pupils!



House Points

Mars 1125

Jupiter 1064

Neptune 882

882 685

Saturn





SAFEGUARDING

Our Designated

Safeguard Lead and Operation Encompass Key Adult is: Mr Samson—HT



PTA News

Huge "Thank you" to all those who attended and helped out at last nights school disco. Plenty of dancing and singing from enthusiastic children, and a few parents! "The kids at this school are lovely. They are so well behaved and I love DJing here" Lee the DJ. Have a fun half term and see you at the next PTA event.

<u>Future Events</u>

Friday 22nd March—Parent's Quiz Friday 14th June-Parent's Casino Night Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th July-Year 6 Play Friday 12th July—Summer Fair

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week 3AR — Rosie 3EC — Darcy 4JA — Ella Darcy 4RH - Reuben 5SD - Juno 5NM - Alistair 6EM - Ophelia 6TA – Jemina



Attendance Winners: 6TA – 98% ANTI-BULLYING **ALLIANCE**

FRIENDSHIP Values Champions

3AR — Rosie 3EC — Jacinta 4JA — Zak 4RH — Amelia 5SD — Saanvi

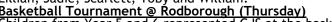
5NM — Izzy 6EM — Christie 6TA — Poyraz



Autumn Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 4JA

Sports News

Netball Tournament @ Rodborough (Monday)
On Monday a group of Y6's took part in a netball tournament at Rodborough. It was their first tournament and they played brilliantly, with so much confidence and enthusiasm. We had a solid tournament and they played brilliantly, with so much confidence and enthusiasm. We had a solid tournament at Rodborough. They started on a high, heating The Chandler 4 wall of defence and our attackers were incredible. They started on a high, beating The Chandler 4 - 3, then a magnificent win against Wonersh of 9 - 0. They then lost at the whistle to St Edmunds 2 - 3, and finally just missed out on a draw with St Barts at 3 - 4. This all resulted in us coming 3rd in our group, which was an awesome achievement. It was wonderful to see such positive attitudes and they clearly all enjoyed the event. Very well done to Amberley, Amelia, Erin, Freya, Lillian, Sadie, Scarlett, Toby and William.



Basketball Tournament @ Rodborough (Thursday)
Children from Year 5 and 6 represented GJS at the basketball tournament on Thursday afternoon.
Both teams played outstandingly well and their teamwork was impeccable (and noticed by other staff and adults in attendance). All of the children left the sports hall with big smiles on their faces and Year 6 left with the title of 'second place'!





Diary Dates

Spring 2024

February

INSET DAY Half Term 12th-16th:

March 4th-8th: 10R-Book Week

4th: SATs Information Talk @ 5pm

7th: World Book Day

8th: Dance Festival® Broadwater 9th: Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse

10R-Science Week Y6 WWII Workshop 11th-15th: 12th:

Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late) TBC 12th: 13th: **GLP Board Meeting**

14th:

Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) TBC

18th-22nd: 10R-Earth Week

18th: Y4 Multiplication Check Talk @ 5pm

Y5 River Trip PTA Quiz Night 20th: 22nd:

28th: End of Term @ 1.15pm



<u>Inset Days 2023/24</u> Friday 1st September 2023 Monday 30th October 2023 Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 15th April 2024 Friday 24th May 2024