



Newsletter

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

Latest News



Curriculum Evenings

It was great to see so many of our families attend our 'in person' Curriculum Evenings this week. We hope you found them informative and you had the opportunity to meet your year group teams and also other parents. More information can be found in the Parent Information section of the school website.

Clubs

Well done to all the children who signed up for clubs as we return to a full programme this year! There are 17 clubs on offer this term and there is something for everyone! We look forward to starting these next week. Please ensure, for after school staff run clubs, online forms are completed before the day of the club.

House Elections

Well done to ALL the children who put themselves forward to represent their house this year from Year 6. Never an easy task voting for just 2 children and everyone who spoke should be very proud of themselves. This year the houses will be led by:

Mars - Captain: Flossie and Vice Captain: Noah

Saturn - Captain: James and Vice Captain: Ruby

Jupiter - Captain: Darcy and Vice Captain: Murdo

Neptune - Captain: Josh and Vice Captain: Tess

GJS Surgery Sessions

A new feature this year will be the running of 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 slots on different matters throughout the year. The first session will see Jackie Farrow, our Emotional Literacy Support Assistance, offer some tips on helping children 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 of 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..

School Lunches

The cost of a school meal is £2.45 from Wed 2nd Sept. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please contact the school office. Weekly cost will be £12.25 and the cost for this half term will be £88.20. We would like to remind you that it is Surrey County Council policy that school meals should be paid for in advance. Please remember to top up your account on Parentmail regularly. Many thanks.

Food Bank Donations

Once again we are welcoming donations to the GJS Food Bank, a 2017 School Council commitment. Our 'bin' will be at the Hallam Road gate on Mondays throughout the rest of September. We are particularly keen to receive dry good, toiletries and cleaning products and would be very grateful if you could make a donation for vulnerable families in our community.

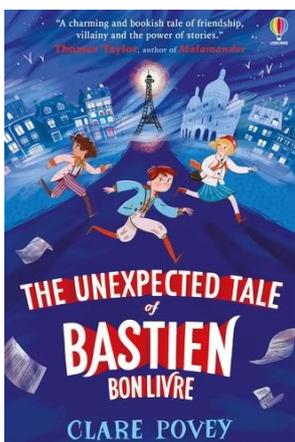
Catering Team Vacancy

Do you have a passion for catering and would like to work with a great team at GJS? For further details please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

House Points

Neptune	1064
Jupiter	1044
Mars	833
Saturn	813

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Quick reminder that we are still looking to fill the x 2 class rep roles for year 3- please let me know if you are interested (simoncrparry1970@gmail.com). The Year 3 welcome evening - Bar and BBQ food is Friday 17th September - 5.00pm to 7.00pm - we're looking forward to seeing you there! These events have been hugely enjoyable in the past, a great way to socialise at the start of school - we are excited to be hosting our first school event in a long time!

Other key dates for the calendar:

30th September - 8.00pm PTA AGM - venue to be confirmed.
20th October - school disco - details and timings to be confirmed.

Watch this space for more information.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM - Sebastian
3EC - Felicity
4EM - Kai
4GS - Josh
5SD - Rafael
5CJ - Jessica
6JP - Rosie
6RH - Hugh



Attendance Winners: 100%

3EC 4EM 6RH

Sports News

Inter House Cross Country—29th September

We are pleased to announce our first Inter House event of the year is the return of the Inter House Cross Country run at 'Chippie' Park. This is open to ALL children who can sign up by simply completing the relevant online Microsoft Form below:

[Cross Country Online Form](#)

More information on the course and distance of the run from Mr Poole will follow and ALL children taking part earn house points for their house. He hope to see as many children taking part as possible!

Diary Dates

Autumn 2021

September:	
17th:	PTA Year 3 BBQ Evening—5.00—7.00pm
30th	PTA AGM 8pm (venue TBC)
October:	
4th:	GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Resilience in Children
4th—8th:	10R—Poetry Week
7th:	National Poetry Day
10th:	World Mental Health Day
11th—15th:	10R—Healthy Week
15th:	#HelloYellow Mufti Day for Young Minds
20th:	PTA Disco—TBC
22nd:	INSET DAY
25th—29th:	HALF TERM
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
18th:	Pupil Progress Evening - Early
December	
6th:	GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Reading at Home
6th—10th:	10R—Human Rights Week
10th:	Human Rights Day



Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

Friday 22nd October 2021

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022