



# Newsletter



*"It takes nothing to join the crowd. It takes everything to stand alone" - Hans F Hanson.*

## Latest News



Thank You!



### Message From Mr Samson

As another year comes to an end I would like to thank everyone for continuing to support this wonderful school. It has been a very busy year but one that has been full of highlights, trips, visitors and events. The dedication of the staff, support from the parents, commitment from our governors and the hard work of all the children continues to amaze me and makes me so proud to be Headteacher here. Though we continue to strive to improve there is so much that we should treasure and celebrate. I wish every member of the school community a restful, fun and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in September and welcoming new families to the GJS community.

### Year 6 'Hoodwinked' Production

There could not have been a more fitting end to the year than for Year 6 to perform such a wonderful production of 'Hoodwinked' this week. The energy levels they have shown all year has been astounding and ably led by both Miss Holcombe and Mr Poole they produced such an entertaining show. Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible including Mrs Nash who produced such lovely back drops and props AGAIN! The whole show was an absolute joy!

### Goodbye and Good Luck!

Today we say farewell to Year 6 as they begin their next exciting chapter at their new secondary schools. We wish them all the best for the future, thank them for all their hard work and we look forward to seeing them again at future school events. We also say goodbye to teachers Miss Jones, Miss Pulleyn and Miss Redrup who leave us. They have contributed so much to life here at GJS and we wish them all the best for the future.

### Year 4 Visits

Over the last few weeks Year 4 have had some special visitors coming in voluntarily to discuss their specialisms. Firstly, Year 4 welcomed Jamie Holder who is a physicist from the University of Delaware. Jamie told the children all about constellations and the planets, which inspired them to learn more about space, ready for this topic in year 5. This week, year 4 welcomed Niall, Mya's grandfather, who served in the RAF for many years. He spoke about the planes he has flown and even when he had to use the ejection seat! The children asked some fantastic questions which really reflected their enthusiasm for learning.

### GJS Talent Show

Wow! What a show! Last Friday, some very brave and extremely talented pupils took to the stage in front of the whole school to showcase their talents. This year we had gymnastic routines, singers, dance acts and musicians. Mrs Johnson and the house captains then had the almost impossible task of picking a winner. Third place was Poppy Juniper and Kaylin Reed who performed a dance routine to Beyonce. Second place was Matthew Chalmers on the guitar and singing 'A million dreams' from The Greatest Showman. And the winners were - Too kool 4 skool - GJS's own rock band made up of Dylan Costa, Jamie Vacher, Jasper Mason, Dillon Puttock and Toby Carmichael-Parsons who performed tracks from Muse and The White Stripes. Congratulations to the boys and a massive thank you and well done to all the performers! You were all amazing and Mrs Johnson is proud of all the hard work and professionalism you all showed during auditions and rehearsals as well as the show!

### Letters from Zimbabwe

As part of their Autumn RE topic on Christianity, Year 3 had a visit from the Ratidzo Trust, a Godalming-based charity supporting communities in Zimbabwe. We learnt about the differences between schools there and in the UK, and each child wrote a letter to a pupil to tell them a little about school life here. This week we were very excited to receive beautifully illustrated replies from the pupils of Wozhele school in Zimbabwe, telling us about their favourite subjects, animals and hobbies!

### House Points

Mars	16,134
Saturn	15,734
Jupiter	15,255
Neptune	13,587



### Waterstones Book of the Month



For more summer reads visit-  
[www.worldbookday.com/2018/07/summer-reads-8-12](http://www.worldbookday.com/2018/07/summer-reads-8-12)

## PTA News

The PTA wish all the GJS families and friends a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you all at our welcome back BBQ on Friday 14th September.



## Message from the Governors

As another school year comes to an end we would like to express thanks to our whole school community. We are immensely proud of the pupils and staff at our school and are pleased that the children and adults feel the same. During recent surveys, 81% of the pupils said they are proud to be a member of the school and 95% of staff said they would recommend GJS as a place to work. **Now we would love to hear what parents think**— please take a few moments to complete the short survey on Parent View [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/). Thank-you.

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3NJ— Jiya Sidhpura  
 3AJ— Karenza Corpez  
 4SD— Merryn Pasley  
 4EM— Jenna Discombe  
 5RP— Lily Girdler  
 5AC— Zak Mansfield  
 6RH— Jamie Vacher,  
 Jasper Mason, Dillon Puttock  
 6JP— Will Adaway, Thomas Rodger,  
 Luka Discombe



### INDEPENDENCE –Values Champions:

3NJ – Sam Gardiner  
 3AJ – Riley Dickson-Raines  
 4SD – Amelie Weaver  
 4EM – Zoe Martin  
 5RP – Mia Warrington  
 5AC – James Marchbanks  
 6RH – Amir Almazi  
 6JP – Anna Bradburne

Congratulations to our Values Champions this term who have been commended for their ‘Independence’. We continue to promote our school values, learning about them, what they mean to us and what they ‘look like’ in action. Thank you for reinforcing these values at home and encouraging the children to treat everyone with respect and to welcome everyone. There are no outsiders here!

## Diary Dates

### Summer 2018

July  
 20th: **SCHOOL FINISHES @ 1.15PM**

### Autumn 2018

September  
 4th: INSET DAY  
 5th: INSET DAY  
 6th: Start of Autumn Term  
 October  
 22nd-26th: Half-term  
 29th: INSET DAY

### Inset Days 2017/18

**23rd July 2018**

### Inset Days 2018/19

**4th and 5th Sep 18**

**29th Oct 18**

**25th Feb 19**

**23rd Apr 19**

Please be aware that penalty notices can be issued for unauthorised leave of absence for five days or more. Penalty Notices are issued per parent per child and the amount due is £60 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.